

**Daily Readings for the
Week of February 16, 2025**

Sunday, Feb. 16: Jeremiah 17:5-8/ Psalms 1:1-4, 6/ 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20/
Luke 6:17, 20-26
Monday, Feb. 17: Genesis 4:1-15, 25/ Psalms 50:1, 8, 16-17, 20-21/ Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday, Feb. 18: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/ Psalms 29:1-4, 3, 9-10/ Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday, Feb. 19: Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22/ Psalms 116:12-15, 18-19/
Mark 8:22-26
Thursday, Feb. 20: Genesis 9:1-13/ Psalms 102:16-21, 29, 22-23/ Mark 8:27-33
Friday, Feb. 21: Genesis 11:1-9/ Psalms 33:10-15/ Mark 8:34--9:1
Saturday, Feb. 22: 1 Peter 5:1-4/ Psalms 23:1-6/ Matthew 16:13-19

Schedule for Feb. 23, 2025

Lector: Margo
Greeters/Gifts: Moorman Family
Servers: Kevin/Declan
Money Counters: Sharon/Mary
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Margo/Ron



Today's Mass Intention

**Rosey Stephan, Paul Clasen and
Alverda and Vin Clasen**

Mass Intention Feb. 23rd
Dolores Eganhouse

Priest Visit to the Homebound
If you are sick or homebound or know someone who is, and would like Fr. Andrew to visit and pray, contact the main office at 319-320-5003 or email Fr. Andrew at DBQ137@dbqarch.org.

Prayer Corner

Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Bill Ihns,
Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen, Zoey Meyers,
Carrie Leeper, Larry Marek, Carl Koppes, Marsha Lasack,
Chris Gibbs, Wendy Larive, Fr. Andrew



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Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:00am-11:00am

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Tues.: 8:00am-5:00pm, Fri.: 7:00am-3:30pm

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6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Mark Denniston

PASTOR SPEAKS

SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL WHEN EVERYONE IS INVOLVED

Dear Parishioners,

In this Jubilee Year when the Church tells us to journey together as pilgrims of Hope, the following words of Pope Francis can inspire our collective understanding and action. The pope had this to say to us in the document that proclaimed the Jubilee Year of Hope, *Spes non Confundit*. "Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come."

Hope, by nature, has a universal meaning and application. It is something for everyone; it is to be extended to everyone and be received. Accordingly, we are to become people who possess hope and its radiating joy so that we can become bearers and channels of hope to others. *And* in this act of sharing hope, we become a part of something life changing.

Requesting Prayers for Deceased Family Members:

The hope we share in our journey together includes the *blessed* hope in the resurrection of *life*.

Considering this blessed hope as God's children then, we acknowledge that our parish membership extends beyond our parish boundaries to include family members of parishioners wherever they live. In this regard, whenever a parishioner loses a loved one outside of our parish, while we may not all be there to support the bereaved family, we can all express our support through prayers for them.

Accordingly, I would like to ask all parishioners that when their loved ones pass on outside of our parish, they should please bring it to my attention so I can include the deceased person in the prayers of the faithful. Even if the deceased person is not Catholic, or a Christian, it does not matter at all. Anyone who has a relationship with a member of our parish has a spiritual relationship with all of us also regardless of the faith they profess. As a parish family, the least we can do is to join for prayer on behalf of the faithful departed.

Requesting Prayers for a Special Anniversary

Along the same line, God blesses us with diverse reasons and times to celebrate and count our blessings, and marriage and family life are one such moment. Therefore, as believers who accept thanksgiving and prayer as a cornerstone for life and greater things to come, I urge families who celebrate the milestone anniversary of 10, 25, 50, 60, 75 years to ask for special blessings during Mass.

As your pastor, not only do I consider it a joy and privilege to lead the community to ask for God's blessings upon you, but it is because I strongly believe in the miracle and power of prayer and blessings, including milestone ones.

News

Support the Local Ministry of Catholic Charities: Did you know that your donation to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque stays in the 30 counties of the Archdiocese of Dubuque and serves the most poor and vulnerable in our local communities? Since its founding in 1931, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque has continuously evolved to respond to the ever-changing needs of people in our communities. Through these changes, Catholic Charities remains a leader in providing direct social services to families right here in Northeast Iowa. Join our community of hope today at <https://catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/donate>.

The spring/summer kolache bake will be on March 28-29. More information coming soon.

Sacred Heart has three students who will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation on March 9th, 2025. Please keep Declan Dies, Timothy Driver and Lucas Carlson in your prayers as they get closer to their confirmation date.

The CCD students and teachers have a spot for messages and words of encouragement located in the center of the hallway at the bottom of the mail slots for our parishioners. Please consider adding a message of support and encouragement to these awesome students and teachers.

Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated on March 7th for Sacred Heart OJ starting at 6pm with Stations of the Cross.



Feb. 9, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 215.00
Offertory	72.00
Candles	30.00
Energy Needs:	5.00
Memorial	1,363.76
LSH Bingo	100.00
TOTAL	\$1,784.76
Bldg.	5.00

Baptism Information

If you wish to have your child baptized, please contact Wendy Swan at (319) 320-5003 or e-mail dbq155sec@dbqarch.org.

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM