

*Working Together To
Build the Kingdom of God*

Mass Schedule:

St. John the Baptist, Mount Vernon
Sunday - 8:00 am
Wednesday's and Friday's - 8:30 am

Parish Confession:

Sunday at 7:15 am or by appointment

St. Isidore the Farmer, Springville:

Saturday, 6 pm - Tuesday & Thursday 8 am

St. John Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:
8 am - 5 pm
Friday:
7 am - 3:30 pm

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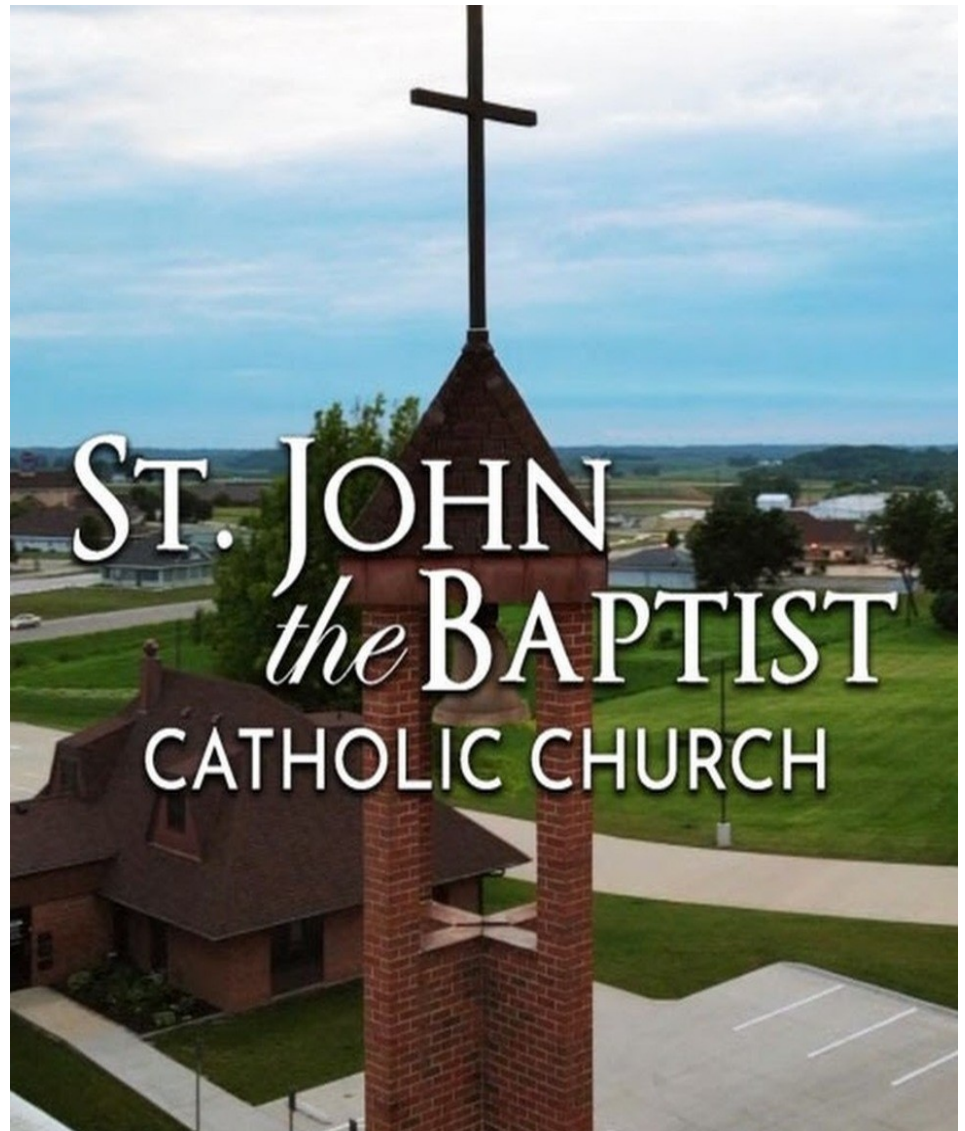
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*May 29, 2022
The Ascension of the Lord*



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PARISH THEME: RETURN TO ME AND RENEW YOUR SPIRIT

The Seventh Sunday of Easter *The Ascension of Our Lord*

This weekend is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of our Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. The Gospel is from the conclusion of the Gospel of Luke where Jesus assigns His disciples the task of proclaiming the word of God to the entire world.

As in the Acts of the Apostles, in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus' instruction is to await "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Before His ascension, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of His promise to send them the Holy Spirit, the Helper, a manifestation of His enduring presence among them and us too, until the end of time. *"Stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high,"* Jesus instructed them. That they who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus Himself has done.

God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Sunday Scripture readings. As always, our Sunday gatherings are an invitation to enter into the sacred history of which we, as church, are a part. Perhaps as we contemplate this feast, we can place ourselves in the unfolding story. Let us imagine ourselves placed within the 40 days following the Resurrection, where Jesus presented Himself alive by many proofs after He had suffered, speaking about the kingdom of God.

In His final moments with His beloved disciples, Jesus reveals once more the depth of His love, as He lay bare his promise to remain with them always. Also imagine your experience of those last moments with the One whose love was greater than you ever dreamed. Immersed in the reality of His departure, receiving His blessing, and the sight of Him being taken up to heaven, would your experience be one of unspeakable awe? Would your heart be broken open from the immeasurable love that you have received, with a desire to return it? And in that moment, might there even be unbearable grief for the departure of a love you came to know beyond your imaginings?

Perhaps the greatest opportunity of this feast is to place ourselves in the unfurling story of the Gospel. That we come to embody the homage the disciples demonstrated before the Lord. And that through acts of love and compassion in our lives, and in the world, we become an offering of praise and gratitude. And that we remember, as Jesus promised to accompany His disciples, so too, He remains with us as we strive to live the Gospel. May it be so.

Fr. Andrew

Ladies' Summer Book Discussion --
Letters to Myself from the End of the World
Slow down a little and pick up a good book!

Letters to Myself is a uniquely-written sequence of letters that the author (Emily Stimpson Chapman) wrote to her 25-year-old self at the start of the pandemic in 2020.

If you could talk to your younger self, what would you tell her? What would you say? Emily's letters reflect on our culture, social media, prayer, adoption, motherhood and more, weaving Catholic theology, biblical wisdom, and her own life experience into this witty and beautiful guidebook for women.

We will meet 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. on the following Saturdays for book discussion:

June 4
Read: Letters 1- 19

July 2
Letters 20 - 34

August 6
Letters 35 - 45

- Each letter is fairly short, so you can read a few pages a day. This is an easy read but thought provoking as well.
 - You can order your own book or let us order it for you. Cost is \$22. (Contact info below).
 - Bring your own beverage and a lawn chair. We will hopefully meet outside in the Mary Garden.
- Questions or to order a book:
Call Natalie (319) 551-7650 or De (319) 899-1937.

Wednesday, June 1st

8:30 am - Faye Pitlik

Friday, June 3rd

8:30 am - Steve Horton

Sunday, June 5th

8:00 am - Dan Vittetoe

MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK



Parish offices will be closed Monday, May 30th in honor of Memorial Day.

FYI: The parish Secretary/bookkeeper will be out of the office from May 31st through June 6th.

If prayers are in need for someone please contact:

Thelma Rife at jtbr2@q.com



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

FAMILY: We welcome Daniel and Barbara Pederson and their daughter Nicole to our parish. The Pederson come to us from St. Isidore's parish.

Readings for the week of May 29, 2022

Sunday: **Ascension:** Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 **Seventh Sunday of Easter:** Acts 7:55-60/ Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Wed: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: **Morning:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: **Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 **Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Saturday, June 4th

8:30 - 9:30 am - Ladies Summer Book Discussion @ Mary's Prayer Garden

Wednesday, June 1st

8:30 am - Mass
7 - 9 pm - Adoration

Thursday, June 2nd

7:00 pm - Liturgy Committee Mtg.

Friday, June 3rd

8:30 am - Mass
9:00 am - Adoration
followed by food & fellowship

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly contributions needed..... \$5,423.08

Contributions Received

May 22, 2022

Budget, Adult.....	\$ 2,240.00
Loose Coin/Currency.....	\$ 158.00
Facility Up-Keep	\$ 10.00
Total Collected	\$ 2,408.00
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 254,884.76
YTD collections received	\$ 274,517.88
YTD	\$ 19,633.12

Liturgical Ministers June 5, 2022

Sacristan:	Brett Kimm	
EM:	Ruth Horton	Cindy Kendall
	Diane Kimm	Andy Moeller
Lectors:	Sarah Doyle	Sharon Grice
Servers:	Libby Dix	Dashtyn Caskey
	Kiersten Swart	
Greeters:	Jamie & Annalyn Elloren family	
	Dave & Natalie Klostermann	
	Darin & Charlene Vig family	

Congratulation to all of St. John's Seniors
(Our apologies if we missed anyone).

Owen Brase	Alex FencI
Aden Grudzinski	Ryan Naeve
Sara Rhomberg	Jenna Woodward
Elizabeth Dougherty	Mark Liberko
Celine Manternach	Elizabeth Quam
Jacob Russell	Stephen Wolfe
Ashley Elliott	Sean Pitlik
Johnathan Mallie	Josie Delancey
Michelle Hanna	



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