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 - 4 pm
Friday:
7 am - 2 pm

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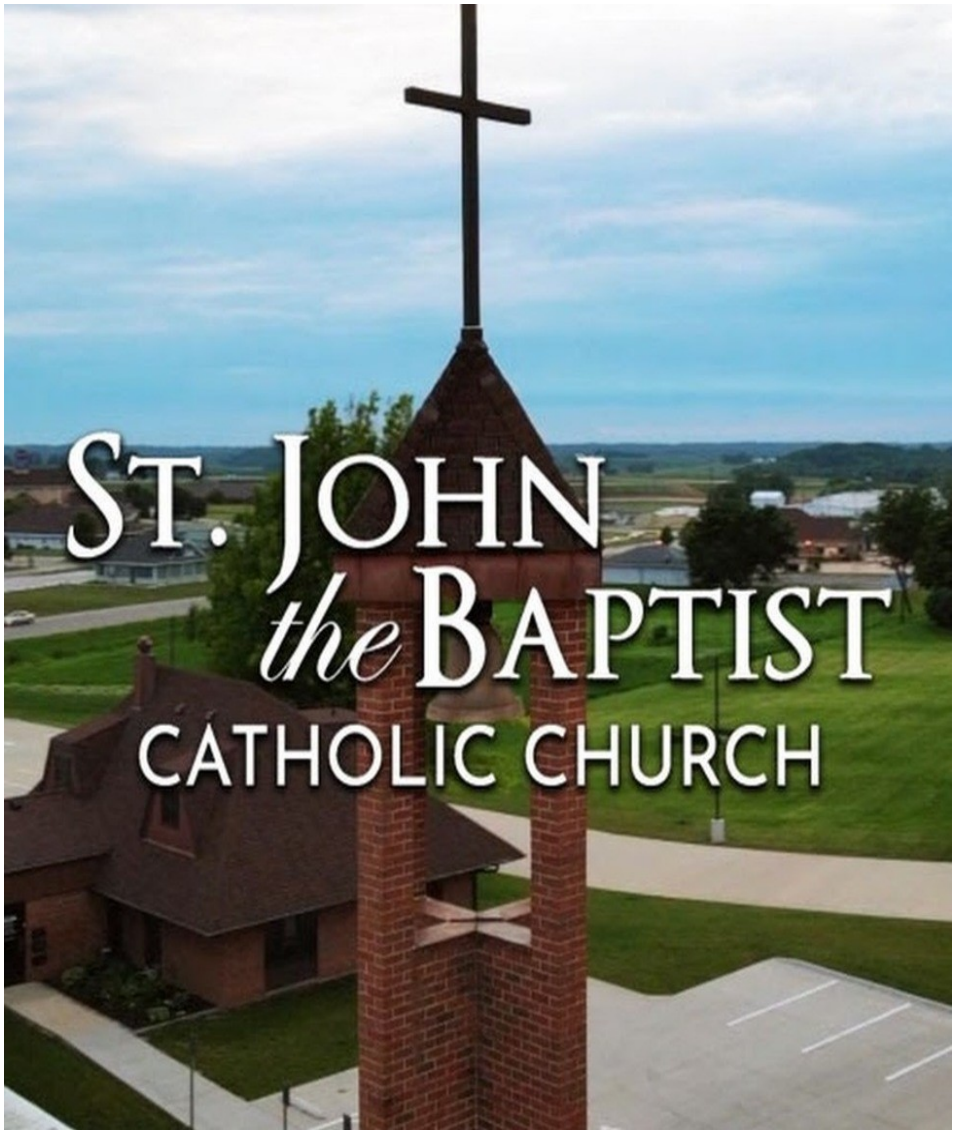
July 31, 2022
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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PARISH THEME: RETURN TO ME AND RENEW YOUR SPIRIT

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 31, 2022
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime "in the future" while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need?

We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don't work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. "Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom)." We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God.

Hello! My name is Cade, and I am the new Youth Minister here at St. John the Baptist. Recently, I was invited to help with the Totus Tuus program where kids and high schoolers learned to have their faith be "Totus Tuus" meaning "totally yours" or rather "totally theirs". At the beginning Totus Tuus, I participated in a skit where I used a TV remote to change the channel of the skit. I didn't know what I agreed to then, as the kids began to call me "TV Remote" for the rest of the week. So, if you see me around the parish and one of the kids calls me "TV Remote", let it be known that I accept the title and cherish my new identity.

I witnessed throughout the week how these kids and high schoolers learned about the Luminous mysteries as well as the Our Father and the meaning of its prayer. At first, I thought these topics were a bit too advanced as these were things I learned and went over in college. However, it struck me how quickly and deeply the kids internalized the message and meaning of the prayers. I also noticed how, through the games and skits of Totus Tuus, kids and high schoolers learn that their faith is applicable to their lives and something that can be fun and exciting.

Both of these things are very telling for St. John's. I believe that kids learn many things from their parents. So, this event from the beginning of the week leads me to understand that both the parents and kids are welcoming and accepting of others in their own special way. From the understanding of faith that these kids have, I can see that the parents and leaders of this parish have begun their work to introduce the person of Christ into their children's lives. Even the action of sending these kids to Totus Tuus and allowing them to grow speaks greatly to the faith of this parish community. Next year, I hope to see the community of this youth grow in fellowship and number with a continued deepening of faith.

Yours in Christ,
Cade

The Feast of the Transfiguration of The Lord is this Saturday August 6th.

Readings for the week of July 31, 2022

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
Mon: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/ Mt 14:13-21
Tues: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Weds: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
Thurs: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28
Sat: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16 -19/Lk 9:28b-36
Next Sunday:
Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/ Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/ Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Wednesday August 3rd,

8:30 am - Ed & Priscilla Bahl

Friday August 5th,

8:30 am - Ann Hufford

Sunday August 7th,

8:00 am - Margaret & James Lynch

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Tuesday August 2nd,

6:30 pm - Family Life Team Meeting (Lower Level)

Wednesday August 3rd,

7:- 9 pm - Adoration

Friday August 5th,

10:30 am - Family Life Team Meeting (Lower Level)

Saturday August 6th,

8:30 am - Women of Faith

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly contributions needed..... $5,817.30

Contributions Received

July 24, 2022

Budget, Adult	$ 665.00
Loose Coin/Currency	$ 195.00
Electricity/Fuel	$ 70.00
School Supplies	$ 75.00
Total Collected	$ 1010.50
YTD collection needed	$ 23269.20
YTD collections received	$ 13544.50
YTD	$ 9724.70

Liturgical Ministers August 7th, 2022

Sacristan: Brett Kimm

EM: Joe Lynott - Andy Moeller
Marylynn Murray - Chuck Murray

Lectors: Vicky Wieseler
Ellen Bentley

Servers: Laura Swart
Adam Swart
Michael Covington

Hospitality: Mike & Ruth Clark & Family
Dave & Lesley Panos & Family
Troy & Tracey Louwagie & Family

Faith Formation Registration for 2022 - 2023

If you have not signed your children up for Faith Formation Classes now is the time to do so.

https://www.myschoolsystems.com/ArchDBQ/DBQ137/

Classes start in September and materials and supplies need to be ordered. Thank you.

Question call or email Linda Hansmeier Director of Faith Formation. **DBQ137RE@dbqarch.org with any questions.**

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