

*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 7:30 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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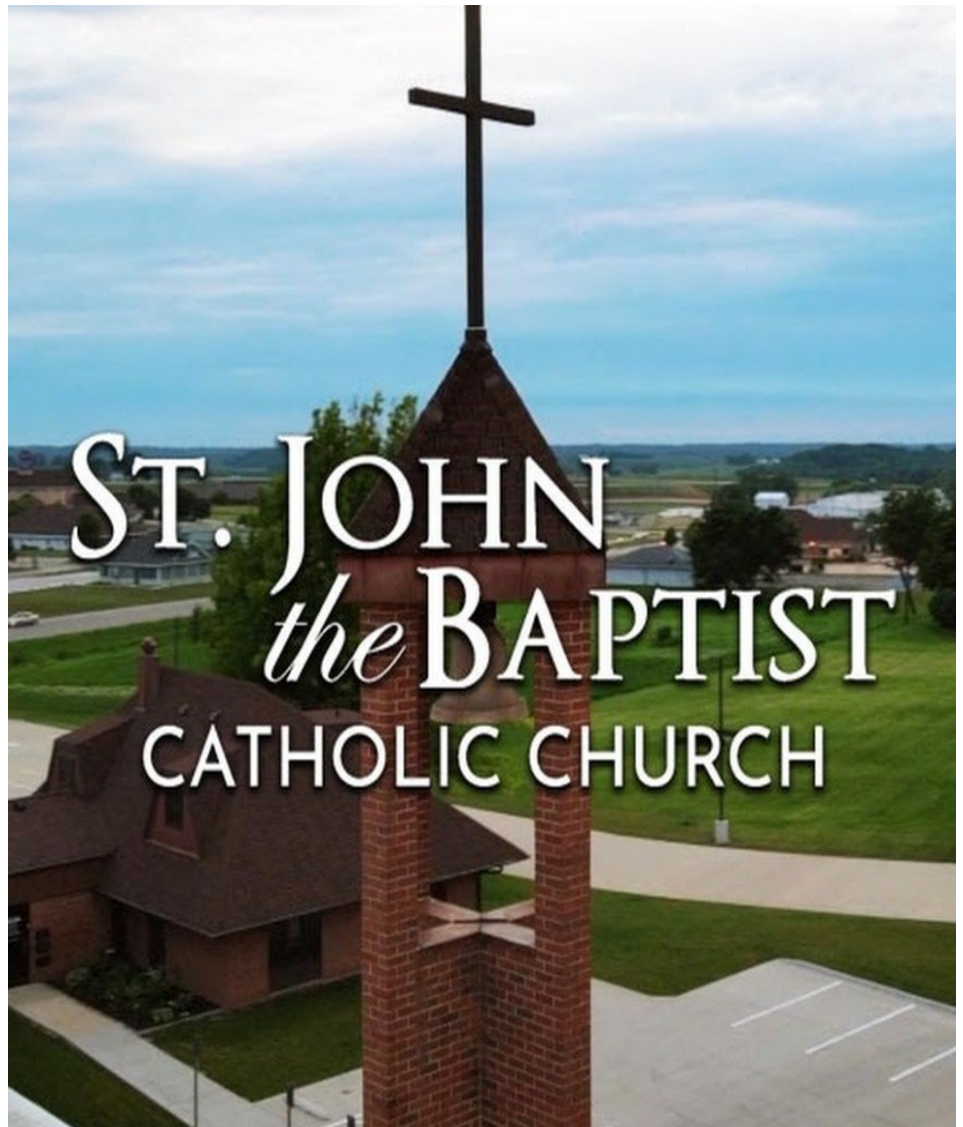
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*March 5th, 2023
Second Sunday of Lent*



LISBON - MOUNT VERNON, IA
AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES
Website: <http://www.stjohnmv.org>

Parish Theme: Building Our Parish Through Love, Prayer, Service, Community

Pastor Speaks

“Lord It is good that we are here” (Matt. 17:4)

This past week, we kicked into full gear the holy season of Lent. Also, we hosted Tim Francis, who came to preach our parish mission. Several other individuals from nearby parishes joined us and our sister parishes for the presentation.

I was personally impressed by the attendance. There is no doubt that word got out there! Indeed, parishioners invited friends and families to be in attendance as we had urged everyone to do so.

I will not exaggerate to conclude that everyone who came to listen to Tim enjoyed his presentation and the salient ideas he shared. These focused mainly on the Eucharist and miracles.

I understood the reason for the title of his message, *Signs from God*. Gosh! There is so much about the Eucharist and what Jesus is doing in the world of which I wasn't aware. And this is what I believe underpins Tim's evangelistic mission, to bring such happenings to our attention and cause us to develop a new appreciation for the Eucharist and Jesus' passion.

I learned and gleaned a lot from his presentation. Even priests must be more attentive to Jesus when in the church and at Mass. It doesn't matter if we are saying the Mass; there is more I must bring into it.

Here is how I invite you to let the message you heard from Tim sink in for you also. Tim highlighted several points about attending Mass not just to be there but to PRAY the Mass together with the priest. And if you missed the presentation you may view it from our St. John YouTube channel.

The Mass is Jesus' gift not only for the world but to transform lives. Watching the videos and listening to various teachings on the Eucharist, I realize that there is more Jesus hopes to give those who sincerely engage in respectful participation in the Mass than we experience.

It is my prayer that we can introduce some changes in our understanding, approach, and attitude towards the Eucharist for God to start revealing much to us about Jesus in ways that we can begin to say with Peter, "Lord, it is good that we are here" (Matt 17:4).

Go to our website stjohnmv.org to access FORMED!

Youth/Young Adult Ministry - Cade Naughton

As Cornell is starting their new block, some of St. John's college students have expressed interest in having a home-cooked meal. St. John's would like to extend our hospitality to our college students, however, volunteers are greatly needed. If you would like to open your house and extend hospitality to our college students, please email Cade at dbq137ym@dbqarch.org to schedule a meal and a time. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Return to God with Eucharistic Adoration the Lent:

Adoration will take place every Wednesday during Lent from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Spending time praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament is an intimate way to grow your relationship with Christ the Lent. You don't need to sign up and can stay for as little or as long as you'd like. We will begin after Ash Wednesday Mass on February 22nd.

Knights of Columbus Lenten Seafood Dinner:

Please join the Knights of Columbus for Lenten Seafood Dinners every Friday from February 24 to April 7th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The dinners will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall off of Highway 13, the prices will be \$15 for Adults and Children over 12, \$6 for a Kid's meal, and Free for Kids 5 and younger. Menu will be a choice between Baked Salmon/Tilapia, Vegetarian Lasagna, and Seafood Gumbo/Shrimp Alfredo on alternate weeks. The kid's option will be Mac and Cheese.

Social Justice Lenten Project:

Please Join us by donating new or gently used items to the Catherine McAuley Center. CMC serves immigrants, evacuees, and women in need by providing education, housing, transportation, and more. Some needed items include bedding, pots and pans, cleaning materials, hygiene items, beans, rice and canned goods. A complete wish list can be found on the parish website, Facebook page, and in the e-mail sent to all Parishioners.

Faith Formation by Linda Hansmeier

Spring break is right around the corner with many airplane tickets already purchased, vehicles rented, hotels rooms booked, people everywhere are looking forward to taking off and having fun for a good week. A week for rejuvenation. To restore bodies and gain back some sanity. I cannot help but wonder if Jesus ever went on a spring break?

Of course, the break Christ is concerned with is a spiritual one. Just in time to begin another Lenten journey, we were blessed to hear Tim Francis speak about the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist and, "Did you know it is a mortal sin to miss Mass?" We know it is important to stop and rest, to be renewed but knowing that only goes so far. We need true renewal.

For true renewal St. Paul instructs us in Colossians 3:12-17 to put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, love, forgiveness, wisdom, gratitude, peace of Christ, thankfulness, and care for each other. Let us not lose sight of the fact that the miracle of the Lenten Season is our spiritual spring break. Renewing ourselves means we put away our schedules and event induced stress and focus on our relationship with Christ and His people. This year the Haiti committees theme for Lenten Alms is "See, we are doing a new things this year!" What new thing can you do this Lenten season to help you grow in your relationship with Christ?

Readings for the week of March 5, 2023

Sun: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
 Mon: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
 Tues: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
 Wed: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
 Thurs: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
 Fri: Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 21:33-43,45-46
 Sat: Mi 7:14-15,18-20/Ps 103:1-4,9-10,11-12/Lk 15:1-3,11-32
 Next Sunday:
 Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2,6-7,8-9/Rom 5:1-2,5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or
 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



Wednesday March 8th, 2023:

8:30 AM: Dave Neuhaus

Friday March 10th, 2023:

8:30 AM: Jim Schemmel

Sunday March 12th, 2023:

8:00 AM: Dorothy Mullaley

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Tuesday March 7th,

6:00 PM - Stewardship Committee Meeting

Wednesday March 8th,

8:30 AM - Mass

6:00 PM - Faith Formation 5th - 8th

7:00 PM - Adoration

7:00 PM - Faith Formation 9th - 12th

Thursday March 9th,

6:00 PM - RCIA (Reconciliation)

Friday March 10th,

8:30 AM - Mass (Fellowship to Follow)

Saturday March 11th,

6:30 AM - That Man is You Men's Group

Sunday March 12th,

Spring Break No Faith Formation

8:00 AM - Mass



SEE, I AM DOING A NEW THING | ISAIAH 43:19

**Do a New Thing This Year,
Support Education in Haiti**

Click "Online Giving" on the home page and
choose "Haiti Education Fund" in the drop-down menu.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

Contributions Received Through February 14th 2023

Budget, Adult	\$ 1880.00
Loose Coin/Currency	\$ 249.00
Fuel/AC	\$ 135.00
Snow Removal	\$ 79.00
Facility Upkeep	\$ 20.00
Sacrificial Giving.....	\$ 15.00
Total Collected	\$ 2378.00
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 203605.50
YTD collections received.....	\$ 256052.95
YTD	\$ 52447.45

Liturgical Ministers March 12th, 2023

Sacristan: Trevor Gretten

EM: Heidi Ryan - Jacob Ryan
Nikki Sporrer - Anna Vavricek

EM (Cup): Allison Nissen - Dave Klostermann
Andy Moeller - Chuck Murray - Diane Kimm

Lectors: Tom Wieseler - Charlene Vig

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

Servers: Betsy Louwagie - Clara Vavricek
Rylan Sporrer - Libby Dix

News & Events

Adoration:

- 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the Month 7:00-9:00 PM
- Every Wednesday During Lent 7:00 - 9:00 PM
- After 8:30 AM Mass on First Friday of the Month

Reconciliation:

- Confessions are held 30 minutes before Sunday Mass at 7:30 AM.
- First Wednesday of the month 7:00-8:00 PM During Adoration
- They can also be made by appointment by contacting Father Andrew either call the office at 319-895-6246 or email dbq137@dbqarch.org to schedule.

Baptism: Baptismal Catechesis is done by Father Andrew.

Please contact the office at 319-895-6246 or email dbq137sec@dbqarch.org with any questions and to schedule a baptismal appointment.

Marriage Prep: Matrimonial Catechesis and preparation is done by Father Andrew. Please contact the office at 319-895-6246 or email dbq137sec@dbqarch.org with any marriage related issues or questions and to schedule an appointment.

Family Life Connections:

- On the 3rd Sunday of each month, join the Parish families for Family Life Connections immediately after Mass.

That Man is You Men's Group:

- Join the men of the Parish for Fellowship and discussions each Saturday at 6:30 AM in the lower level of the Church

Sisters of Faith:

- Join the women of the Parish for Fellowship and discussions the 1st Saturday of the month at 8:30 AM