

*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:
8 am - 2 pm

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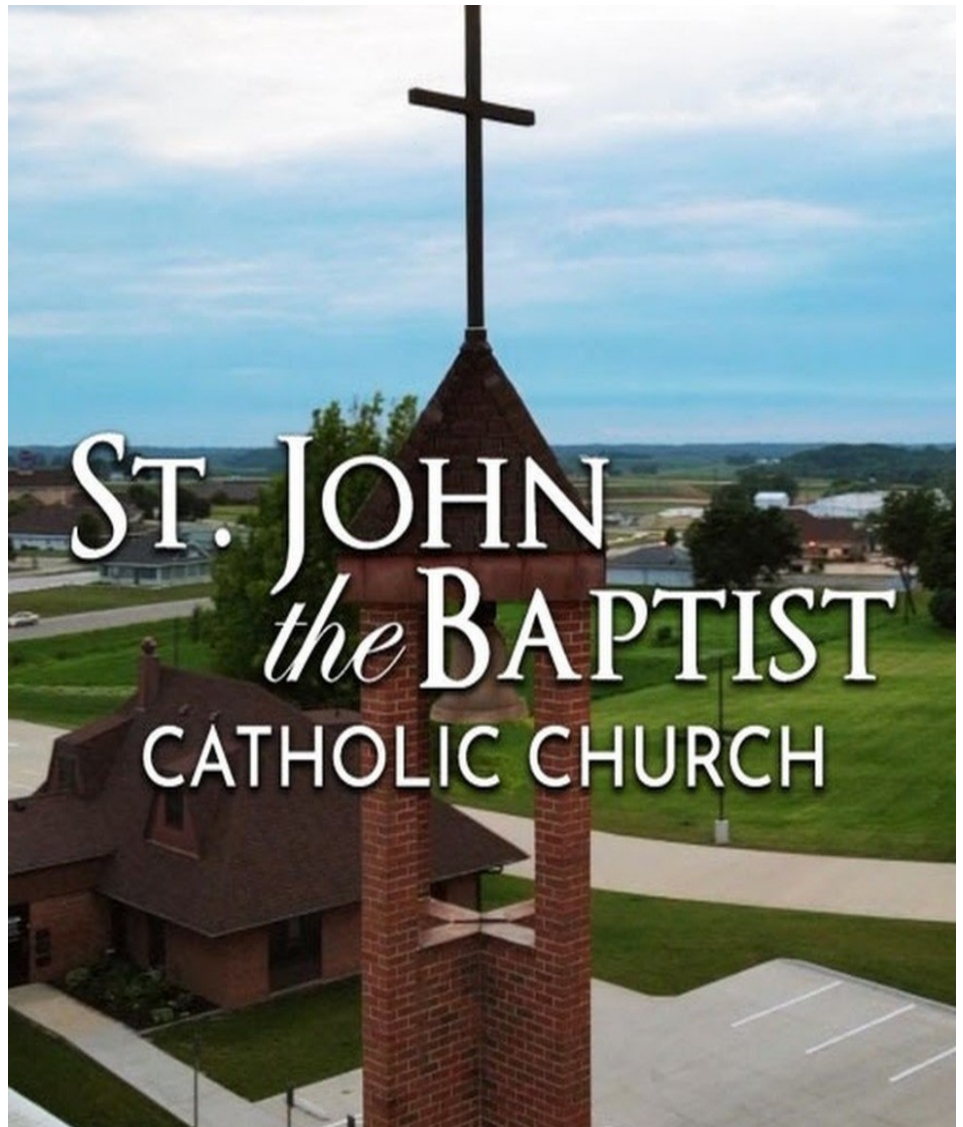
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*April 9th, 2023
Easter Sunday*



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

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

Pastor Speaks

Resurrection Sunday: HAPPY EASTER

Once again, the Lord of all goodness and life has blessed us with another celebration of Easter. The events of Holy Week and Easter have brought us together in our parish to reflect on our faith and what we all hold dear in lives and in the Church—the Holy Eucharist.

At the same time I believe it has enabled us to reset our perspective and align them with God's loving plans for our lives so that we can "those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died for them and was raised again" (2Cor 5:15).

Having spent the last three days to reflect on the Paschal Mystery, it is time to rejoice together and wish God's peaceful blessings on ourselves.

The story the Paschal Mystery begins with Jesus fulfilling His eager desire to eat the Paschal meal with his friends (*Luke 15:22*); it then continues with the journey made by the women to the tomb early Sunday morning so that they might honor the body of the Lord (Mark 16:2).

As they moved towards the tomb, the women were doing what most of us do, carrying many questions and concerns with us and wonder how can get around it. However, they soon would discover the meaning of Christ's death and the power of the resurrection.

God gave us His Son to die and rise again so that He can open the tombs of His followers and bring them with Him.

The Resurrection means that God has all the solutions to our concerns. He is always ahead of us with the good news we need to hear. But we must journey to the tomb to see it open. We must open our hearts to Him to hear Him. The tomb is always empty! But we need the Lord to point it to us.

As we plough through life, let us face the future with hope. Also let us turn our questions and concerns into prayer so that God will answer them for us even before we are ready for them or when we least expect it.

We also *congratulate* our brother **David Patten** who completed his full initiation into the Church.

Christ is Risen indeed! Happy Easter to you all!

Faith Formation by Linda Hansmeier

Last night, at St. John's Holy Saturday Mass, we welcomed and congratulate David Patten to our St. John community as a newly baptized Roman Catholic. As you continue your journey to enter God's Holy Kingdom, we look forward to joining you as we walk together.

Please keep our Confirmand Students and our First Communion Candidates in prayer as they continue to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Parent Corner: A mother was asked, "How did you persuade your child to read books instead of playing with smart devices?" She said, "Children don't hear us, they imitate us!"



**Join us for the next
Family Life Connections
on April 16 after Mass**

Family Life Connections is for everyone in the parish.

**We will talk about ways to serve
together as a family.**

Please join us in the lower level after Mass for breakfast. We'll have a presentation and a chance for discussion.

● Childcare is provided for all ages.



Readings for the week of April 9, 2023

Sun: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10
Mon: Acts 2:14,22-33/Ps 16:1-2a&5,7-8,9-10,11/Mt 28:8-15
Tues: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5,18-19,20&22/Jn 20:11-18
Wed: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2,3-4,6-7,8-9/Lk 24:13-35
Thurs: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab & 5,6-7,8-9/Lk 24:35-48
Fri: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 & 4,22-27a/Jn 21:1-14
Sat: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1&14-15ab,16-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:
Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-3



Wednesday April 12th 2023:

8:30 AM: Dorris McElmeel

Friday April 14th 2023:

8:30 AM: Virginia Kotzbauer

Sunday April 16th 2023:

8:00 AM: Tony & Dolores Fetter

News & Events

Adoration:

- 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the Month 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

Saint Anne's Circle:

- Saint Anne's Circle is for women of the Parish. They meet every other week on Wednesday after daily Mass

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

**Due to Bulletin due dates there were no major donations made between this and the last bulletin being submitted. Thank you all for your support of St. John's especially during this Lenten Season!
Have a great week!**

Liturgical Ministers April 16th, 2023

Sacristan: Hugh Scieszinski

Lectors: Trevor Gretten
Sharon Grice

EM: Marylynn Murray - Bev O'Connor
Richard Povey - Joey Rhomberg

EM(Cup): Larry Poduska - Judy Poduska - De Wagner
Lisa Thuerauf - Leona Smith Faoro

Hospitality: Brett & Diane Kimm
Nick & Allison Nissen & Family
Jeremy & Abbie Stolte & Family

Servers: Liliana Grosse - Luke Stephens
Natalie Thuerauf - Bailey Crock

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Tuesday April 11th -

7:00 PM - Social Justice Committee Meeting

Wednesday April 12th -

8:30 AM - Mass

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

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

Thursday April 13th -

6:00 PM - RCIA (Mystagogy - Pentecost)

Friday April 14th -

8:30 AM - Mass

Saturday April 15th -

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

Sunday April 16th -

8:00 AM - Mass

9:00 AM - Family Life Connections Session

9:00 AM - Faith Formation K-4th

2:00 PM - Jesus Day Retreat

3:00 PM - Quest Retreat Ends



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