

*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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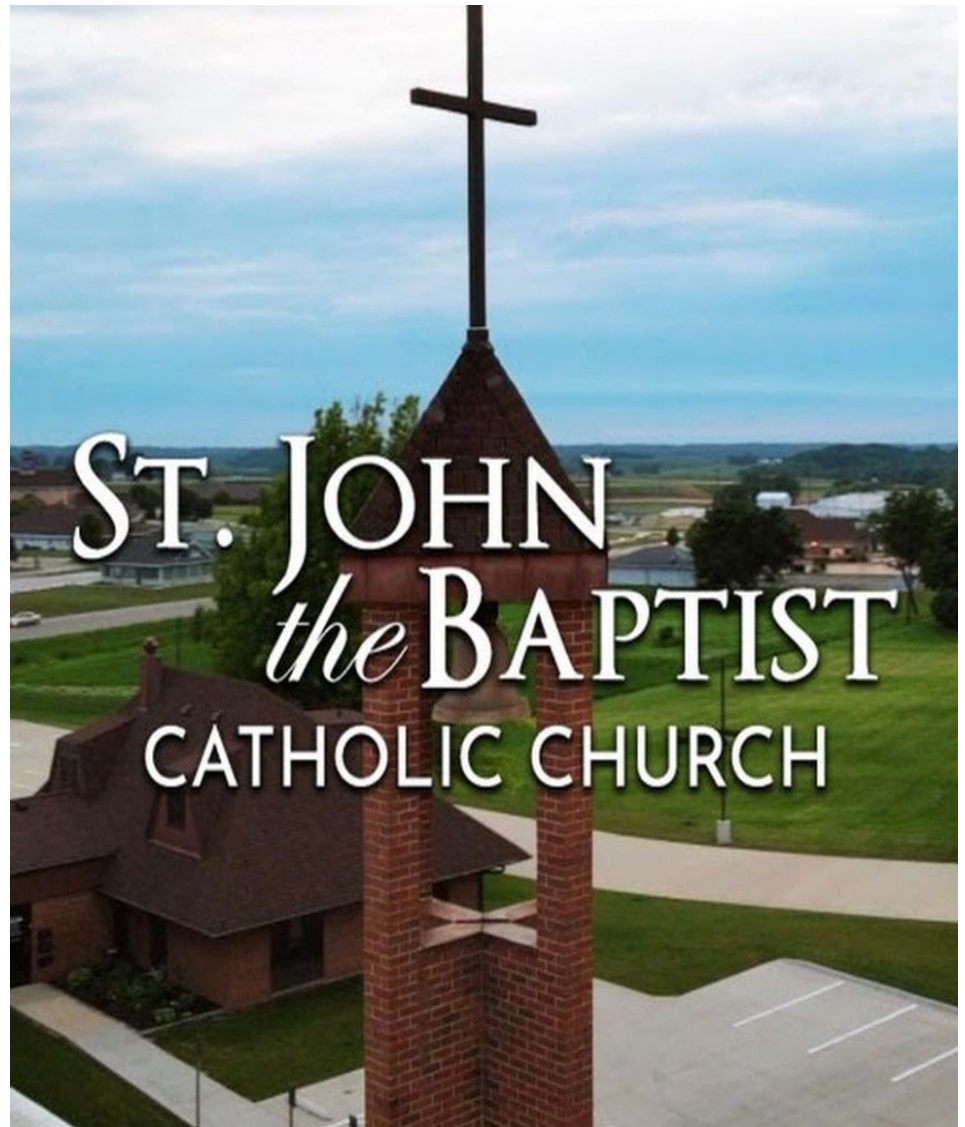
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*April 30th, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter*



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

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

Pastor Speaks

We Encounter Jesus with Others

Happy Easter Season! This weekend, we enter the fourth Sunday of Easter. As we are aware, the entire Easter Season is getting us warmed up and poised for two other spiritually illuminating feasts: The Ascension and Pentecost.

I encourage each one to keep the Easter experience, momentum, and spirit going. It is this experience that sustains our hope to live and receive from the risen Lord more **LIFE**, **JOY**, and **LOVE** and share them with others.

Talk about receiving and sharing God's gifts, last weekend was an exciting moment for eight of our second graders who received their First Holy Communion and their families.

As the children stood around the altar with me during the consecration, I watched them and noticed how special they appeared and how readily they looked forward to receiving the Lord in the Eucharist for the first time.

As they received the Precious Blood, I heard some of them make comments like "Oh that is not so bad," "That was cool," "It didn't really taste like real wine." I smiled hearing their innocent comments; I knew they were expressing experiences they were having with the Lord in those childlike comments.

Through their first experience with the Lord in the Holy Communion, these children were affirming and reminding us what we know but sometimes forget that Jesus is always cool, and that it isn't so bad to believe fully in Him, receive Him and follow Him.

This weekend, the parish will have another privilege to host families and friends of eight other children who will receive their First Holy Communion. It will be the last set of children to receive for the year.

Like their friends who received it last weekend, we pray for this new set of children to have their own personal experiences with the Lord.

We join their families to **congratulate** and **say** to them how proud we are of them as our young parishioners. We also pray for them and their parents to keep cherishing and sustaining their interest in coming to church to receive this **extraordinary GIFT** of God in Holy Communion.

Faith Formation by Linda Hansmeier



April 23, 2023: Eight St. John second graders received their First Holy Communion during our 8:00 a.m. Mass. Congratulations to Lincoln Stoner, Brendon Crock, Parker Davis, Skylar Simpson, Piper Walton, Grady Gardner, Caleb Loyd. In the back, Fr. Andrew and Gibson Gardner.

Join St. Patrick's Church in Anamosa May 1 & 2 for our Parish Mission!

This free and unforgettable event begins at 6:30pm each night, with a taco bar at 5pm on Monday before Jon begins his talk.

Evening One: Who is God and why does that matter? We cannot love someone we don't know. Therefore, to love God, we have to first know God. So how do we come to know God? We examine the ways he's revealed himself to us. And in understanding the ways he's revealed himself to us, we better understand who we are and the unique mission of holiness God has for us.

Evening Two: God's Dream for your Life

There is no other meaning, reason, or purpose to our lives than to be in Heaven with God for all eternity. We are called to become saints. How do we get there? We need a plan; a plan given to us by Jesus and his Church.



Why do we do
what we do?

Before Mass Minute



Sunday, May 7th, listen for the
new "Before Mass Minute."

Have you ever wondered why we do some of the things we do in the Mass? On the first Sunday of each month before Mass, we'll have a brief review on something related to our Eucharistic celebration. You might be surprised about some of the things you do each week!

Readings for the week of April 30, 2023

Sun: Acts 2:14a,36-41/Ps 23:1-6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
Mon: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18
Tues: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wed: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
Thurs: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25 & 27/Jn 13:16-20
Fri: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Sat: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:
Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12



Wednesday May 3rd, 2023:

8:30 AM: Irvin & Louise Clark

Friday May 5th, 2023:

8:30 AM: John Kottenstette

Sunday May 7th, 2023:

8:00 AM: Margaret Lynch

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Tuesday May 2nd -

6:00 PM - Stewardship Committee Meeting

7:00 PM - Social Justice Committee Meeting

Wednesday May 3rd -

8:30 AM - Mass

9:00 AM - St. Anne's Circle Meeting

7:00 PM - Adoration

Thursday May 4th -

7:00 PM - Liturgy Committee Meeting

Friday May 5th -

8:30 AM - Mass (Fellowship to Follow)

9:00 AM - Adoration

Saturday May 6th -

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

8:30 AM - Sisters of Faith (All Women Welcome!)

Sunday May 7th -

8:00 AM - Mass

Sisters of Faith WOMEN'S COMMUNITY & FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, May 6 -- 8:30 - 10 AM

All ladies of the parish are invited to this casual time of visiting and talking about our faith. We're introducing our book for the summer session, so come get your *free* book!

Coffee & Breakfast will be waiting.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

Contributions Received Through April 25th 2023

Budget, Adult	\$ 2125.00
Loose Coin/Currency	\$ 463.00
Fuel/AC	\$ 25.00
Total Collected	\$ <u>2663.00</u>
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 250143.90
YTD collections received.....	\$ 308189.75
YTD	\$ 58045.65

Liturgical Ministers May 7th, 2023

Sacristan: Trevor Gretten

Lectors: Dave Klostermann - Charlie Liberko

EM: Ruth Horton - Mark Kraus
Pam Kraus - Joe Lynott

EM(Cup): Andy Moeller -Chuck Murray-Lisa Thuerauf
Allison Nissen - Stephen Poduska

Hospitality: Larry & Judy Poduska
John & Amanda Rhomberg & Family
Tyler & Theresa Patterson & Family

Servers: Tommy Rhomberg - Laura Swart
Adam Swart - Ryne Moel

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