

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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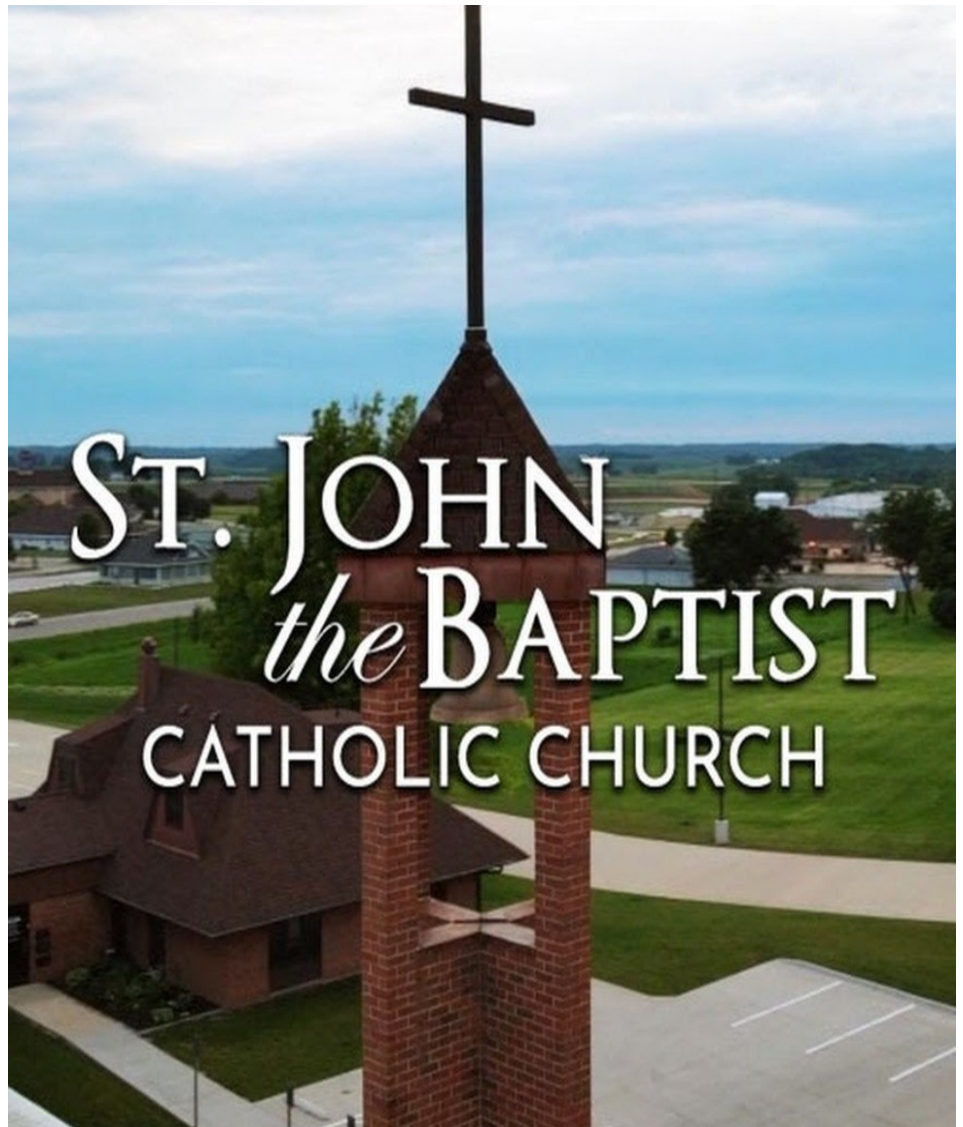
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*June 18th, 2023
Eleventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time*



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

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

Pastor Speaks

How to Last in your Christian Journey

Being a Christian is like running a marathon: how we start is necessary, but how we finish is even more crucial. One can not be a professional Christian, living and practicing the Christian faith and then retiring from it at some point and be done with it. Several lessons and illustrations can be drawn from the passages of the scriptures we read today to assist us in grasping the meaning of this idea of how to last in the Christian journey.

In the first reading the Lord spoke to Moses to announce to the people of Israel, "You have seen for yourselves how I treated the Egyptians...if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation." The passage indicates that the liberation of the people from Egypt was only a first step towards a calling for lasting relationship with God; the journey had just begun, but not completed.

Notice how God established the people of Israel as a holy community of priests. Notice again how membership was predicated on the people's hearing God's voice—their obedience to Him! In Christian theology this is the notion of the "common" priesthood of all the baptized. Just like the Israelites, our journey to be Christians and disciples of Christ is meant to last all of our lifetime. And it also calls for certain actions on our part. What are these actions? We shall discover them ahead.

In the gospel Jesus addresses His disciples about a major concern in His heart, the sustainability of the faith of Christians in these words, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." The abundance here refers to two simultaneous situations. The first is the people in the world who need to be reached with the Christian message. The second is how those who accept the good news and become Christians will last in their journey to the end. Both instances call for some actions.

Here are some of them: 1. Remember God's mercy and turn to it always; 2. Be truthful and honest in all you do towards God and others; 3. Be motivated to live for Jesus' sake, not out of selfish desires or motives to please human beings, 4. Don't forget every Christian is only human; 5. Develop sincere love for others; 6. Stay focused on the important things in life, including faith practices and not distracted by temporal and momentary concerns.

Living with these attitudes and behaviors can potentially humble us and lead us to keep running the marathon of life and faithfulness to the Lord Jesus Christ to the end. We belong to a kingdom of priests and holy people in the world.

TOTUS TUUS IS COMING BACK TO ST JOHN'S!

Have fun learning
about your faith!

Hey kids! Hope you come to this exciting week of Totus Tuus. There's something for young kids all the way up to high schoolers.

Totus Tuus is a special summer program brought to us by seminarians and college students. They bring energy, fun games, goofy songs and skits.

And they bring Catholic teaching in all of that!

Grades entering 1-6

starts Monday
7/10 thru 7/14
9 am to 2:30

Register online
soon!!

Grades entering 7-12

starts Sunday
7/9 thru 7/13
6:30 to 8:45 pm

Program especially
for teens.

Go to St. John's
website for details,
a video and
registration.

stjohnmv.org

Last Supper Mural:

Have you ever wondered about the origins of our beautiful last supper mural in the lower level of the Church?

In July of 1991 the Parish Council accepted an offer from one of our Parishioners, Charles Vittetoe, to have a Last Supper mural painted in honor of his wife Mary.

The Council hired Byrdena Ulrich of Lisbon and a member of the Parish to paint the mural. She began quickly and managed to complete the project less than 6 weeks later, finishing on September 20th 1991. Ms.

Ulrich was originally a bit intimidated to take on this project, it would be the largest undertaking she had ever worked on. The finished product was 30'x9'3".

However, after some strong encouragement from Father Louis Zee the Parish Priest at the time she decided to take it on. The Ulrich Family did a lot to serve St. John's, her husband Robert was a woodworker and designed several of our furniture pieces in the Church.

We are so grateful for Mrs. Ulrich's artistic gifts and that we are lucky enough to display her artwork here at St. Johns!

HAPPY
*Father's
Day*

Readings for the week of June 18, 2023

Sun: Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-3,5/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8

Mon: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42

Tues: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48

Wed: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thurs: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

Fri: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23

Sat:

Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-4a,5-6ab,15ab&17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3,13-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Next Sunday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10,14,17,33-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33



Wednesday June 21st, 2023:

8:30 AM: James Kottenstette

Friday June 23rd, 2023:

8:30 AM: Amanda Meeker

Sunday June 25th, 2023:

8:00 AM: Margaret & James Lynch



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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

Contributions Received Through June 13th, 2023

Budget, Adult	\$ 2125.00
Loose Coin/Currency	\$ 447.00
Sacrificial Giving.....	\$ 15.00
Total Collected.....	\$ 2587.00
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 290865.00
YTD collections received.....	\$ 347048.46
YTD	\$ 56183.46

Liturgical Ministers June 25th, 2023

Sacristan: Trevor Gretten

Lectors: Stephanie Brehm - Sarah Doyle

EM: Richard Povey - Joey Rhomberg
Luke Stephens - Heidi Ryan

EM(Cup): De Wagner - Andy Moeller - Chuck Murray
Leona Smith Faoro - Theresa Patterson

Hospitality: Jamie & Annalyn Elloren
Dave & Natalie Klostermann
Darin & Charlene Vig & Family

Servers: Andrew Dix - Liliana Grosse
Natalie Thuerauf - Bailey Crock

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Tuesday June 20th -

6:30 PM - Faith Formation Committee Meeting

Wednesday June 21st -

6:30 AM - Finance Council Meeting

8:30 AM - Mass

7:00 PM - Adoration

Friday June 23rd -

8:30 AM - Mass (Fellowship to Follow)

Sunday June 25th -

8:00 AM - Mass (Outdoor)

Have you noticed St. John's library?

Stop by for a look!



**Great selections
of topics.**

Self check-out is easy.

We have books about saints,
books about marriage,
pretty much all things Catholic.
We have lots of kids' books!
We even have free books.

With the change in seasons and kids out of school for the summer, it's a great time to pick up a book. Our new library has lots of books to browse and borrow. You can stop after Mass or during office hours.

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Friday: 8 AM to 2 PM