

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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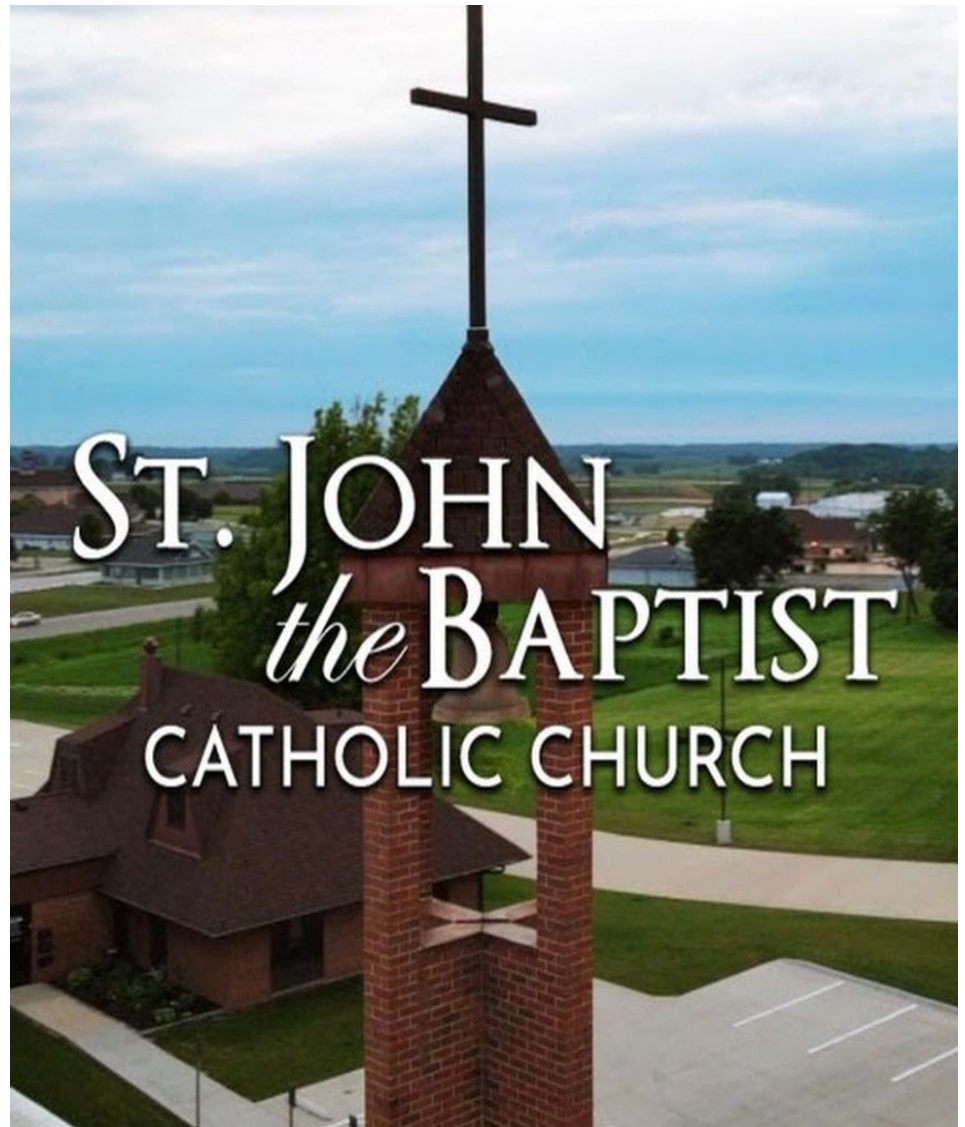
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July 2nd, 2023
Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time



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

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

Pastor Speaks

Restructured Parish Faith Formation

Dear Parishioners:

The Archdiocesan fiscal year 2022/2023 ends this weekend on June 30, giving way to the start of the 2023/2024 year. It is customary for parishes to plan according to the diocesan year to keep alignment with diocesan programs, events, calendar, and other expectations. Such planning may include restructuring of programs and processes through innovations and/or experimentations to discover what is best for the parish.

Towards that end, it has become necessary that we alter some aspect of our overall faith formation structure and process in the parish. As you recall, last year, thanks to the partnership of some gifted, concerned parishioners and the staff, we initiated the Family Life Connections program, a family-based approach to faith development and formation. It is our hope that this dynamic family-oriented response to continued development and growth of the faith in the family and the parish will become greater this year.

Additionally, there has been a change in the structure of our Religious Education Program. Again, as a parish, we want to move towards a greater Eucharistic appreciation. That is to say, becoming well formed in the understanding, practice, and appreciation of the Eucharist. Our focus will be creating a Eucharistic Catholic cultural identity. This focus will undergird all our religious educational instructions and celebrations. Every lesson the children learn in class will be tied to the Eucharist.

Another structural change that has taken place is the elimination of the Director of Faith Formation and the Youth and Young Adult Minister positions. In their place, a Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE) for K-8, a part-time position, and the Director of Youth and Adult Ministries (DYAM), a full time position, have been created respectively.

Concerning the parish staff that will be managing these new structures, Linda Hansmeier is the CRE and Marcy McElroy is the new DYAM. Trevor Gretten has been assigned with some of the administrative responsibilities that were performed by the previous Director of Faith formation. Also, Theresa Sundstrom is now had her position expanded to the Coordinator of Music and Liturgy.

My brief introduction of Marcy is that she joins the staff with a depth of knowledge and experience in Catholic faith development and growth gathered from her education. She has earned a Master of Pastoral Studies and a B.A. in Pastoral and Youth Ministry. She has worked in missionary services in Africa, and has over ten years of experience in two parishes in Dubuque. She may have more to say when she introduces her family to the parish in the next edition of the bulletin. Be sure to grab a copy next week too. We welcome Marcy and the McElroy family to our parish and the staff.

Faith Formation by Linda Hansmeier

It isn't too late to sign up for Totus Tuus! Go to <https://forms.gle/MtfJfggWMWU111iG9> or fill out a registration from that can be found in the gathering spaces at both entrances on the upper level or you can call Trevor or myself and ask us to send you a registration form by email. This week is an opportunity to have more fun than you can imagine while learning the Sorrowful Mysteries as well as having a good understanding of what Salvation History is.

We promise that you will be well fed both with food and with the Word of God, AND we get to go to Mass every day. So don't miss out on all the fun. On behalf of Michele, Conni, Natalie, Fr. Andrew, and me, we are looking forward to spending the week with you and don't forget, on the last day, bring anything that sprays water or anything that will hold water. At some point during the water games, you get an opportunity to cover one or more of the missionaries in shaving cream as well as getting soaking wet.

We can't wait to see you at Totus Tuus!

Michele, Conni, Natalie, Linda, Fr. Andrew

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	Grades entering 7-12 starts Sunday 7/9 thru 7/13 6:30 to 8:45 pm
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Register online soon!!

Program especially for teens.

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

stjohnmv.org



Readings for the week of July 2, 2023

Sun: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Mon: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Tues: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27

Wed: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34

Thurs: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8

Fri: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-5/Mt 9:9-13

Sat: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday:

Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-14/Rom 8:9-13/Mt 11:25-3



Wednesday July 5th, 2023:

8:30 AM: Joseph Lynch

Friday July 7th, 2023:

8:30 AM: James Lynch

Sunday July 9th, 2023:

8:00 AM: Pat Pisarik

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 27th, 2023

Budget, Adult	\$ 1280.00
Loose Coin/Currency	\$ 110.00
June ACH Donations.....	\$ 5030.00
Total Collected.....	\$ 6420.00
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 302499.60
YTD collections received.....	\$ 357195.46
YTD	\$ 54695.86

Liturgical Ministers July 9th, 2023

Sacristan: Hugh Scieszinski

Lectors: Ruth Horton - Cindy Kendall

EM: Tom Wieseler - Carol Woods Boren
Pete Bahl - Ellen Bentley

EM(Cup): Trevor Gretten - Diane Kimm - Andy Moeller
Theresa Patterson - Dave Klostermann

Hospitality: Chuck & Marylynn Murray
Tim & Abby Keegan & Family

Servers: Betsy Louwagie - Kiersten Swart
Rylan Sporrer - Libby Dix

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Wednesday July 5th -

8:30 AM - Mass

7:00 PM - Adoration

7:00 PM - Social Justice Committee Meeting

Thursday July 6th -

7:00 PM - Liturgy Committee Meeting

Friday July 7th -

8:30 AM - Mass (Fellowship to Follow)

9:00 AM - Adoration After Mass

Saturday July 8th -

10:30 AM - Church Reserved For Wedding

Sunday July 9th -

8:00 AM - Mass

6:30 PM - Totus Tuus Begins

Sisters of Faith

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY & FELLOWSHIP

Our summer book club is underway. Please join us for our July session on 7/15. We are reading a book by Chris Stefanik called *Living Joy*. The book is free, and you can grab one in the Parish Library. No worries if you missed the first session.

We meet outside in the Mary Garden (east end of parking lot), so bring your coffee and your own chair.

✿ Please feel free to jump in with us, even if you've never attended our gatherings. All ladies are invited!!

Meeting times for summer:

- July 15 -- 9 to 10:30 a.m. (Will discuss Rules 4 - 7)
- August 19 -- 9 to 10:30 a.m. (Will discuss Rules 8, 9 & wrap-up)