

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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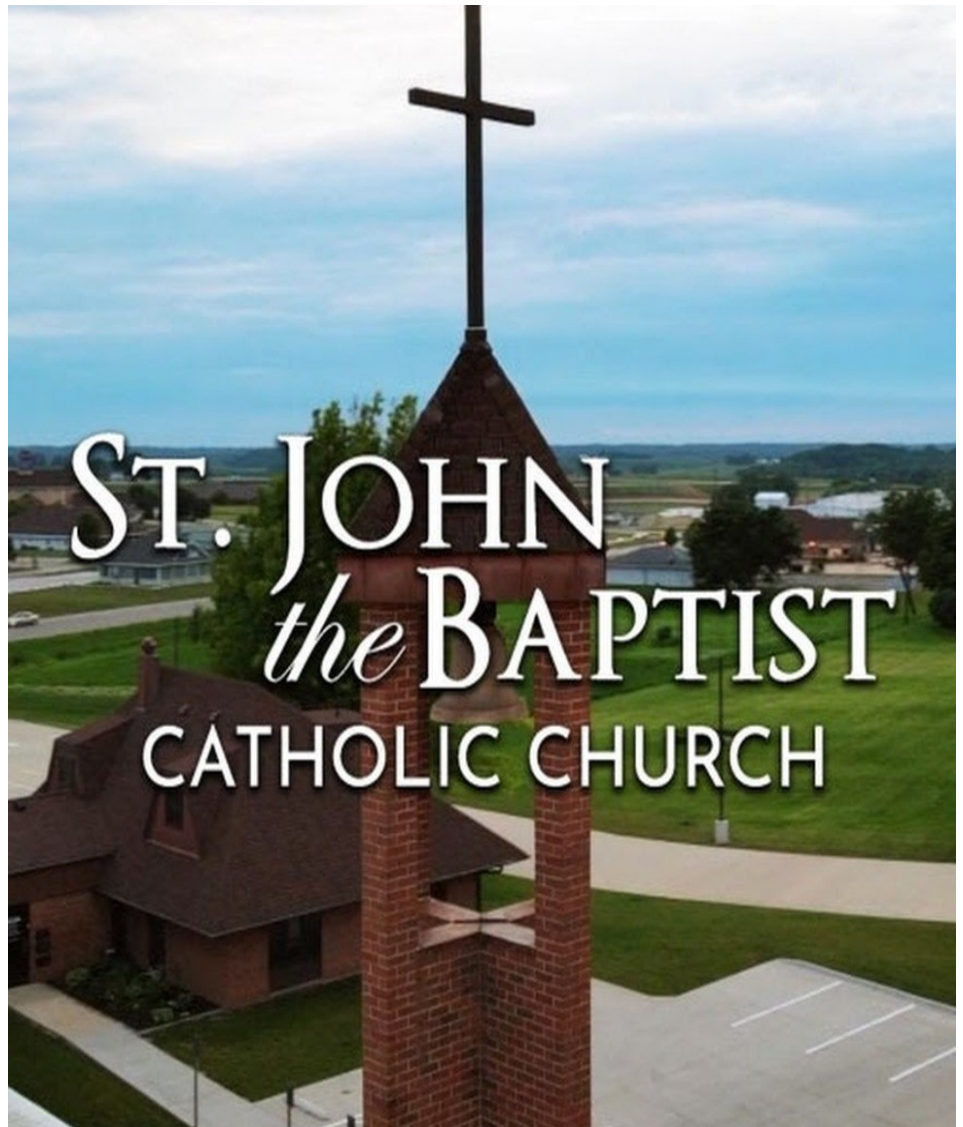
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August 13th 2023
Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time



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

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

Pastor Speaks

Setting and Implementing Parish Vitality Goals- Part 3

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In the last couple of weekends, I have been sharing with you the subject of **Parish Vitality Goals** for the 2023-2024 year. Once again, remember that the archdiocese has charged all parishes to work towards revitalization and create a more vibrant parish community within the archdiocese. This path to creating more harmonious, active parishes within the archdiocese is how we are taking steps towards the spirit of synodality that the universal Catholic Church is navigating.

Last week, we looked at parish growth as one of the two goals for the year. We also outlined some steps to help reach the goal. This includes participation in the Lisbon and Mount Vernon Community events. Also, we emphasize that parishioners personally invite others to church and church activities.

The other goal the council chose for our focus is “intentional discipleship.” What this means is that we approach the year with the understanding that each parishioner has a responsibility to engage in and support building our parish, creating unity among us, and concentrating on what unites and identifies us.

It was the intention of Jesus Christ to form intentional disciples, with each accepting his unique relationship with Him and being intentional to build and foster relationships with the other members through prayer, breaking of bread, and learning.

We will be encouraged to look for more ways to meet parishioners, learn and pray with and for them, and come to celebrate the Eucharist together. One step towards realizing this goal is the resuscitation of the small group formation that we adopted years ago. However, this time, we want to introduce a different program known as the **Discipleship Quad**.

Discipleship Quad is a well-prepared small group program by the Franciscan University of Steubenville. It’s a well-structured program meant for groups of four individuals. The content is rich and well-designed to give any group doing it the resources they need without having to reinvent any wheel. More details will be announced soon.

Another step towards this intentional discipleship is to strengthen existing stewardship of time and talent. Parishioners will be encouraged to find one or more age-appropriate and friendly ministries to engage in the church. By using our time and talents we will be responding with intentional discipleship.

Growing up no one would have referred to my family as a ‘domestic church family.’ My family was just that, the family I grew up in and the family I married into. It was in the 1950’s when families began being referred to as ‘nuclear’ families and from then on, different understandings of what constituted a family changed, but I was still part of a family, no more, no less. Understanding what it meant to be a Domestic Church family was not on my radar. Today, I want to share with you what “Becoming Eucharistic People” says about the importance of sharing domestic religious practices in your home and how they capture the imagination of your children.

As a Domestic Church family, when the love for Christ and the Church is present, the family is authentically a domestic church, where every member of the family is invited to experience the love of Christ in an imperfect communion of family; mom, dad, and children...gathered in prayer filled with lived experiences of good and bad, and Mom and dad’s biggest vocation is to guard LOVE.

As families we are not perfection, lots of days, a long way from it, no one is perfect, and mom and dad don’t always get everything right. Family life is complicated! Our memories as families, our understandings and desires of family must become saturated with the Eucharist. There are three ways as a family that you can contribute to the essentials for a Eucharistic Culture:

1. The family is a place of Eucharistic memory. It is within the family that the liturgical feasts of the Church become part of your daily life.
2. Families pray together. We go to Mass together but what happens at Mass goes with us, stays with us during the absence from Mass as we continue together in prayer and blessings in our daily lives.
3. We practice in daily family life all the dispositions necessary for Eucharistic worship of God. We forgive one another for transgressions both large and small. Each day around the dinner table we share what we are grateful for. We practice hospitality, welcoming friends, and neighbors into our home. And we pray, together, and by ourselves!

Yes, mom and dad, you really are the first catechists of your children, not because you are necessarily explaining doctrines to them but because as their first catechist you are explaining and showing them why the mysteries of Christ’s life are so important to the culture of your family as a Domestic Church family. (Becoming Eucharistic People, Timothy O’Malley, pg. 90-93)

Readings for the week of August 13, 2023

Sun: 1 Kgs 19:9,11-13/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Mon: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27
Tues: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4,15-16;16:1-2/Ps 132:6-10,13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6,10/Ps 45:10-16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Wed: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20
Thurs: Jos 3:7-17/Ps 114:1-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
Fri: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3,16-18,21-24/Mt 19:3-12
Sat: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2&5-8,11/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday:
Is 56:1,6-7/Ps 67:2-8/Rom 11:13-15,29-32/Mt 15:21-28



Wednesday August 16th 2023:

8:30 AM: Stephanie Watson

Friday August 18th 2023:

8:30 AM: Doris McElmeel

Sunday August 20th 2023:

8:00 AM: Harold Hufford

Sauerkraut Days Float -

We are looking for Volunteers to help out with our float for Sauerkraut Days. We are looking for people to help decorate, throw out candy, and ride on the float. We also need a driver, tractor, and hayrack as well. If you are able to assist with any of these needs please contact the office! Otherwise Sign up after Mass next Sunday, August 13th. Meet at 9:30am in the St. John's parking lot and the parade begins at 10:30am. Thank you all for the support!

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..... \$6623.08

Contributions Received Through August 8th, 2023

Budget, Adult	\$ 1895.00
Loose Coin/Currency	\$ 460.00
Facility Upkeep.....	\$ 80.00
Fuel/AC.....	\$ 115.00
July Online Donations.....	\$ 6403.47
August ACH Donations.....	\$ 4900.00
Total Collected	\$ 13853.47
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 41630.79
YTD collections received	\$ 33510.72
YTD	\$ 8120.07

Liturgical Ministers August 20th, 2023

Sacristan: Ellen Bentley

Lectors: Vicky Wieseler - Charlene Vig

EM: Trevor Gretten - Ruth Horton
Mark Kraus - Pam Kraus

EM(Cup): Andy Moeller-Chuck Murray-Larry Poduska
Judy Poduska - Theresa Patterson

Hospitality: Brett & Diane Kimm
Tim & Abby Keegan & Family

Servers: Tommy Rhomberg - Adam Swart
Chasen Caskey - Dashlyn Caskey

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Tuesday August 15th -

6:30 PM - Mass for Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday August 16th -

6:30 AM - Finance Council Meeting

8:30 AM - Mass

7:00 PM - Adoration

Friday August 18th -

8:30 AM - Mass (Fellowship to Follow)

Saturday August 19th -

9:00 AM - Sisters of Faith Book Club

Sunday August 20th -

8:00 AM - Mass

The Archdiocese of Dubuque is on a quest to assign NFP Ambassadors to each parish of the archdiocese. Natural Family Planning (NFP) refers to the scientific, natural, and moral methods of family planning that can help couples either achieve or postpone pregnancy.

Blake and Sarah Covington are the newly trained NFP Ambassador's to St. John the Baptist and are eager to support couples in their Family Planning Journey.

Please contact them at blakesarahcovington@gmail.com if you would like to inquire or converse about NFP.

You can also find a wealth of resources on the diocesan website at <https://nfp.dbqarch.org/>.