

*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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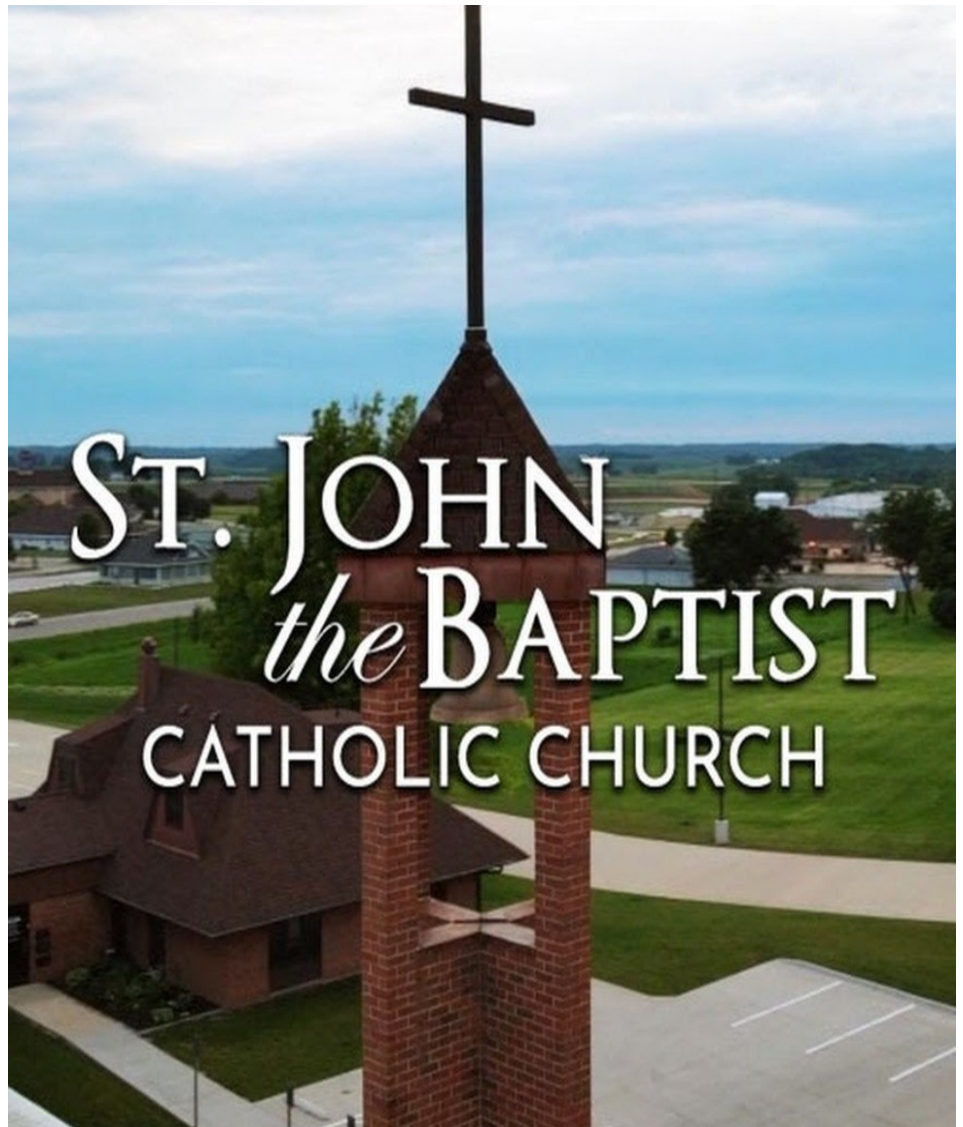
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*October 15th 2023
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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

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

Pastor Speaks
***The unchanging truth about Jesus and
the Eucharist***

The latest Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate's (CARA) study of Catholics about some aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices. The survey results indicated an improvement in the belief in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Accordingly **64% of responders**, who were all 18 years and over expressed that they believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. However, even with such strong belief in the Eucharistic Jesus, **just 17% of the responders indicated that they attend weekly mass.**

There is no doubt that there are many Catholics who are firm in their belief. Unfortunately; however, many professed members of our parishes are not putting the faith into practice by meeting one of the essential requirements of the faith— attending Sunday Mass.

Parish vitality Project and Eucharistic Community

Our need to constitute and build a stronger Eucharistic centered community is what we place at the heart of the National Eucharistic Revival and our Parish vitality goals. Both the Eucharistic Revival and the Vitality Goals for our parish have become more relevant now than ever given the latest statistics of low Mass attendance.

It will certainly feel encouraging if our parishes see an uptick in the number of weekly Mass attendance to commensurate the increase in the belief in the real presence of Jesus. Indeed, it would be exceedingly delightful to our own local parish to see and have most of our registered parishioners join in our weekly gatherings for the celebration of what still constitutes the **HOPE** of the world, **JESUS AND THE EUCHRIST.**

There is a great need for a true Eucharistic Revival in our local parish. And we can all be part of the revival by being intentional disciples who come to weekly Mass and also seek to invite and remind other parishioners to join us.



Parish Faith Formation

Jesus Invites Us to the Feast!
***How do you respond to God's invitation to
be part of his family?***

Faith Formation This Week:

October 18th -

9:15 AM - St. Anne's Road Trip

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

7:00 PM - High School Faith Formation

7:00 PM - Adoration

October 21st -

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

October 22nd -

Family Time No Faith Formation

Discipleship Quads:

A Discipleship Quad is a group of Four people who journey together as disciples through bi-monthly gatherings of fellowship, ongoing conversion, and learning. We are excited to begin these groups at St. John's starting in Advent! Stay tuned for more information!



<https://dbqarch.org/parenting-conference>.

Speaker At St. Mary's Solon

St. Mary's in Solon will be hosting a dinner presentation over the Catholic Teachings, effects, and science on Contraceptives. They will be hosting Stacy McVary, JD - the Philanthropy Director of Human Life International to give the keynote address. The event will be taking place on November 4th at St. Mary Family Life Center. The Address is 1749 Racine Ave. NE, Solon IA 52333. Doors open at 5:45 PM Dinner begins at 6:15 PM. Childcare is available. You can find more information and the registration link at <http://www.solonstmary.org/culture-of-life-events.html>. Please contact the office if you have any questions!

Readings for the week of October 15, 2023

Sun: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14,19-20/Mt 22:1-14
Mon: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32
Tues: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41
Wed: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11,12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
Thurs: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54
Fri: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
Sat: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday:
Is 45:1,4-6/Ps 96:1-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-2



Wednesday October 18th, 2023:

8:30 AM: Theresa Clark

Friday October 20th, 2023:

8:30 AM: Steve Horton

Sunday October 22nd, 2023:

8:00 AM: John & Sally Schneider

Social Justice October Speaker

The Social Justice Committee has chosen Solidarity as our theme for the annual fall speaker. Solidarity means we are attentive to the needs of others and this awareness leads to action. We have invited Aaron Amundson, Development Director and Kelsey Culver Employment Services Director at Willis Dady Homeless Service in Cedar Rapids to speak on Sunday, October 22, 2023. He will outline the many services provided to those experiencing homelessness. Join us for kolaches and drinks from 1:00 to 2:00 PM in the church basement. This event is open to the general public. Please share this information with neighbors and friends as we learn how we can support others as Jesus calls us to do every day. The Social Justice Committee invites you to join our ranks as we continue to add new programs to our calendar. Feel free to attend any meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. All are welcome.

Urgent Needs in Northeast Iowa: Catholic Charities Requests Your Help!

We are experiencing an unprecedented year as demand for our compassionate, quality services has grown along with skyrocketing costs to provide these services. We are in urgent need of your generosity. How do you live your discipleship to Christ? A gift to Catholic Charities is an easy way to do just that. It is an act of love that addresses the physical and material needs of others, particularly the poor and vulnerable, as Jesus has taught us. We need your help by **October 31, 2023**, to continue providing critical services to as many of our vulnerable neighbors as we can next year. In addition to your financial gifts, thank you so much for your continued prayers in support of our work to provide help and create hope for our neighbors in need. If you have the ability or are called to do so, you can make your donation online at CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org/donate, by calling 563-588-0558, or by mailing your gift to our administrative office at 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave, Dubuque, Iowa 52003.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly contributions needed..... \$6623.08

Contributions Received Through October 9th, 2023

Budget, Adult	\$ 2080.00
Loose Coin/Currency	\$ 690.67
October ACH Donations.....	\$ 4850.00
Upkeep.....	\$ 200.00
Total Collected.....	\$ 7820.67
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 101208.51
YTD collections received.....	\$ 86227.06
YTD	\$ 14981.45

Liturgical Ministers October 22nd, 2023

Sacristan: Trevor Gretten

Lectors: Vicky Wieseler - Charlene Vig

EM: Ruth Horton - Marty Fall
Tom Wieseler - Mark Kraus

EM(Cup): Theresa Patterson - Stephen Poduska
Diane Kimm - Larry Poduska - Andy Moeller

Hospitality: Jamie & Annalyn Elloren
John & Amanda Rhomberg & Family

Servers: Tommy Rhomberg - Liliana Grosse
Natalie Thuerauf - Bailey Crock

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Tuesday October 17th -

6:30 PM - Faith Formation Commission Meeting

Wednesday October 18th -

6:30 AM - Finance Council Meeting

8:30 AM - Mass

9:15 AM - St. Anne's Circle

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

7:00 PM - Adoration

7:00 PM - High School Faith Formation

Friday October 20th -

8:30 AM - Mass (Fellowship to Follow)

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1:00 PM - Social Justice Speaker

