

*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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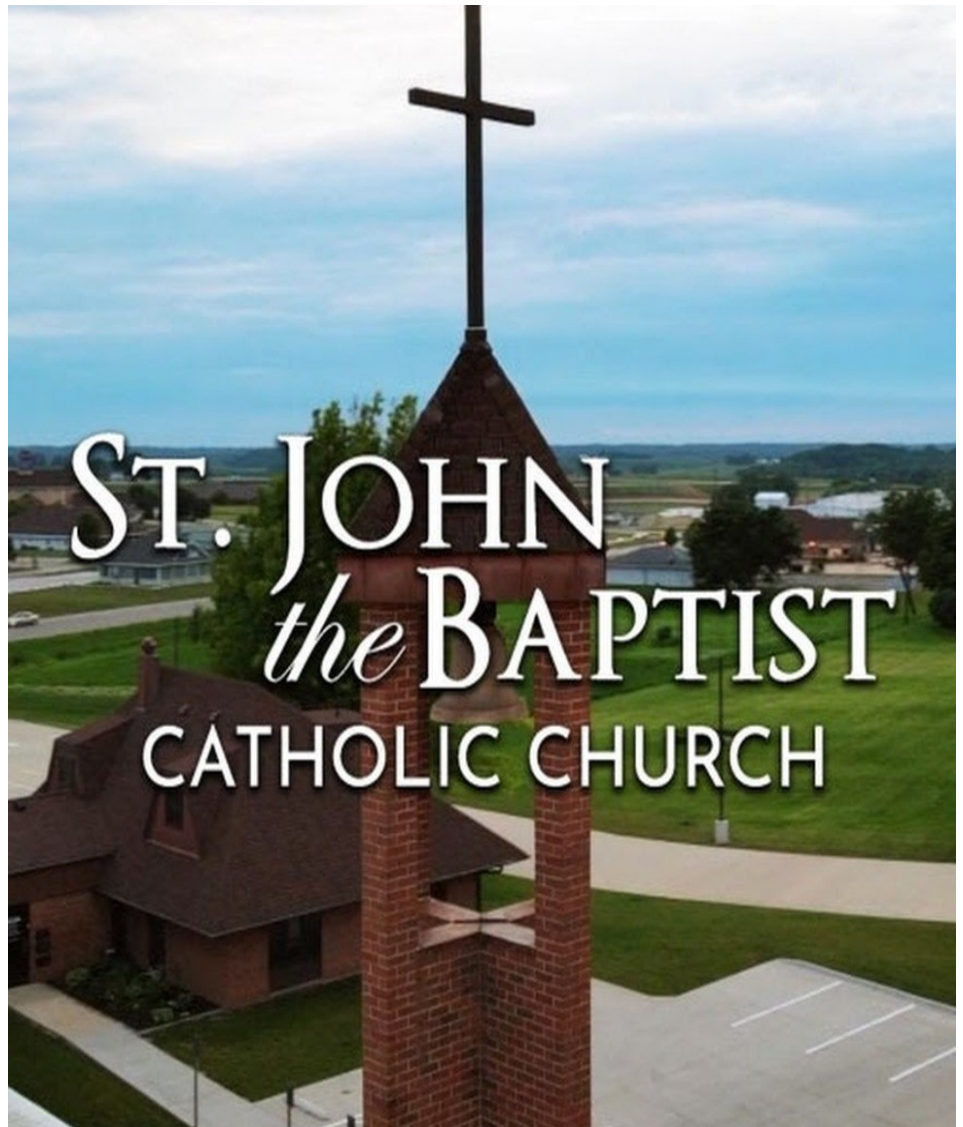
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*October 29th 2023  
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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

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

## Pastor Speaks

### *Celebrating All Saints and All Souls*

The feasts of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day will take place this week. To that end, we urge all parishioners to attend church and join in the celebrations that commemorate the saints and the faithful departed.

#### **All Saints Masses are as follows:**

1. Vigil Mass, **Tuesday, 6:30 pm**, at **St. Isidore**
2. Morning Mass, Wednesday, **8 am**, at **Sacred Heart**
3. Wednesday, **6:30 pm**, at **St. John**

We celebrate the Feast of All Saints' Day or All Hallows, in honor of all the saints, both known and unknown. The feast is observed on November 1st by Western churches and the first Sunday after Pentecost by Eastern churches.

We dedicate this day to remembering saints and martyrs of our Christian tradition who have attained the beatific vision in Heaven, which essentially refers to direct communication with God in the afterlife.

Historically, the feast originated from Christian pilgrims who visited holy shrines and catacombs of saints, and from there developed into a Church-wide celebration. For the Catholic Church, it is considered a Holy Day of Obligation – a day when the faithful are expected to attend Mass. Other Christian denominations also acknowledge this day by organizing special church services or liturgies.

Next is All Souls' Day. All Souls' Day Mass is at St. Isidore, on **Thursday, November 2, at 8 am**. Also, *there will be an All Souls' Memorial Mass at St. Isidore on Sunday, November 4, at 2 pm*.

All Souls' Day is when we remember and pray for the souls of people who may be in Purgatory. Purgatory, as we believe, is a place or state of suffering inhabited by the souls of sinners who are expiating their sins before going to heaven.

While All Saints' Day honors the saints residing in Heaven, All Souls' Day is dedicated to those who are achieving salvation. All Souls' Day involves prayers for the deceased, Masses, visiting grave sites of loved ones, and lighting candles. It is seen as a day of remembrance, reflection, and honor for all those who have led exemplary lives of faith.



## Parish Faith Formation

### **Jesus Teaches Us to Love** *How do you show love to God, others, and yourself?*

#### **Faith Formation This Week:**

##### **Wednesday November 1st -**

##### **All Saints Day**

**6:30 PM - Holy Day of Obligation Mass**

##### **Saturday November 4th -**

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

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

##### **Sunday November 5th -**

**9:15 AM - K-4th Faith Formation**

#### **From Behind the Piano: Catholic Composers Theresa Sundstrom**

I grew up on a farm North of Mechanicsville and was a member St. Mary's Parish, where I was first asked to play piano in High School. The songs my friends and I always requested during religious education were "Sing to the Mountains" and "Glory and Praise to our God". I still love playing these childhood songs in Church today, but now we are fortunate to have new, contemporary, Catholic composers in our Breaking Bread.

The St. John Choir recently introduced Sara Hart's beautiful hymn, "The Body of Christ". With the current Eucharistic Revival, this song confirms the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist - a great reminder of the central teaching of our Catholic Faith. Sara Hart has a lot of new songs that you can find online, including "Mother Mary, Pray for Us".



## **YOUTH MINISTRY**



### **BOARD GAME NIGHT**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

**7:00-8:30PM**



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### Readings for the week of October 29, 2023

Sun: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4,47,51/1 Thes 1:5-10/Mt 22:34-40  
Mon: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17  
Tues: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 13:18-21  
Wed: Rv 7:2-4,9-14/Ps 24:1-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a  
Thurs: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6-7,17-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30  
Fri: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6  
Sat: Rom 11:1-2,11-12,25-29/Ps 94:12-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11  
Next Sunday:

Mal 1:14-2:2,8-10/Ps 131:1-3/1 Thes 2:7-9,13/Mt 23:1-12



### Wednesday November 1st, 2023:

**8:30 AM: Arnold Brawner**

### Friday November 3rd, 2023:

**8:30 AM: John & Sally Schneider**

### Sunday November 5th, 2023:

**8:00 AM: Jim Schemmel**

The logo for Natural Family Planning, featuring the words "NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING" in white inside a gold circular border.

**Natural Family Planning (NFP)** refers to the scientific, natural, and moral methods of family planning that can help couples either achieve or avoid pregnancy.

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

Please contact them at [blakesarahcovington@gmail.com](mailto:blakesarahcovington@gmail.com) if you would like to inquire or converse about NFP

**Wouldn't you like to save money on your 2023 Iowa Income taxes?** The state of Iowa provides the Our Faith School Tuition Organization (STO) almost \$6 Million in incentivized tax credits. They do this because they recognize the value of the education received in our accredited non-public schools and wish to keep them strong.

As an Iowa taxpayer, you can help qualifying families choose Catholic education while saving big on your taxes. To see how an STO donation can minimize or even eliminate your Iowa income tax bill a sample tax scenario is on our website [www.OurFaithSTO.org](http://www.OurFaithSTO.org). The STO is good for families, and good for you! For more information, talk to your tax professional or financial advisor, or call Steve Kane, Our Faith STO Director at 563-553-0297

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**Weekly contributions needed..... \$6623.08**

### Contributions Received Through October 24th, 2023

Budget, Adult .....	\$ 3071.00
Misc. Income.....	\$ 295.00
Loose Coin/Currency .....	\$ 1379.00
Upkeep/AC.....	\$ 45.00
Total Collected.....	\$ 4790.00
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 114454.67
YTD collections received.....	\$ 94246.06
YTD .....	<b>\$ 20208.61</b>

### Liturgical Ministers November 5th, 2023

Sacristan: Trevor Gretten  
Lectors: Samantha Phillips - Ruth Horton  
EM: Bev O'Connor - Richard Povey  
Joey Rhomberg - Luke Stephens  
EM( Cup): Chuck Murray - Theresa Patterson  
Larry & Judy Poduska - Stephen Poduska  
Hospitality: Brett & Diane Kimm  
Jeremy & Abbie Stolte & Family  
Servers: Selah Loyd - Noah Sporrer  
Clara Vavricek - Betsy Louwagie

### Meetings and Activities of the Week

#### Wednesday November 1st - All Saints Day

**6:30 PM - Holy Day of Obligation Mass**

**7:00 PM - Adoration**

#### Thursday November 2nd - All Souls Day

**7:00 PM - Liturgy Meeting**

#### Friday November 3rd -

**8:30 AM - Mass (Fellowship to Follow)**

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### **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](http://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.

## ALL SAINTS DAY NOVEMBER 1ST



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