

*Working Together To
Build the Kingdom of God*

Mass Schedule:

St. John the Baptist, Mount Vernon

Sunday - 8:00 am

Wednesdays and Fridays - 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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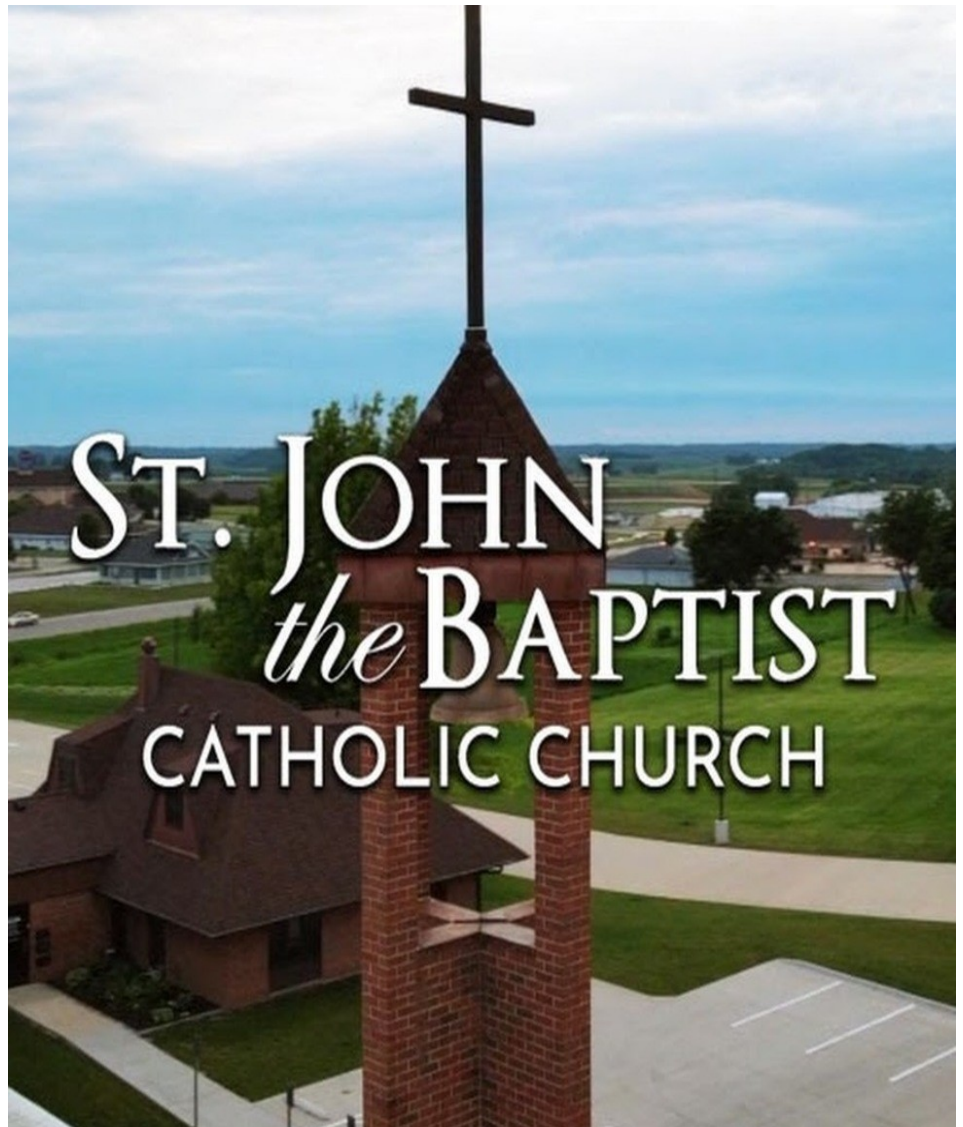
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*November 5th, 2023
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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

**Parish Theme: Jesus Christ is the Same Today, Yesterday & Forever, To Love,
Serve and Forgive One Another**

Pastor Speaks

Introducing SS Monica and Anthony Holy Hour

Over this past summer, we celebrated the memorial of Saints Monica (August 27) and Anthony (June 13). This year, I was particularly drawn to heavily reflect on their lives and how they can invite positive influences on us in accordance with what St. Monica articulates so eloquently "Nothing is far from God."

Through reflections and conversations with other enduring faithful Catholics, I realize now this calling is to create and start what I call Saints Monica and Anthony Holy Hour in our parishes. Here is why.

These two saints, like other saints known for their unique patronage in different aspects of our lives, have special favors with God in recovering losses or restoring seemingly challenging situations to happy moments or endings.

Many Catholics and non-Catholics have experienced the power of the intercession of Saint Anthony in finding missing articles. In fact, it is no fresh knowledge to tell anyone about one's personal experience of seeing something big or small that was misplaced or lost until the prayerful intercession of Saint Anthony was invoked; almost everyone has had that experience.

The question then is, why do we have to wait till we lose something and turn to this powerful intercessor? Put it another way, why pray about missing stuff instead of people? We are surrounded by people we know as family members, friends, parishioners, neighbors, and those in distant areas who are hurting in many ways from addictions, depression, diseases, and struggling habits.; they need help from above.

SS Monica and Anthony are both known for being patrons of difficult marriages, difficult children, alcoholics, victims of adultery or unfaithfulness, victims of verbal abuse, and conversion of relatives. Also, there are those who have either lost their faith, no longer practice it, or no longer go to church regularly. They need our prayers.

Therefore, beginning November 1, I will start SS Monica and Anthony Holy Hour on Mondays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. here at St. John's. I will expose the Blessed Sacrament and listen to confessions from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The next half hour will be for prayers.

Be part of it. Attend confession. Come in to pray for someone you want to see a miracle happen for them. Bring a written name and intention for someone and drop it in a box in front of the Altar. The prayers will be placed before the altar each Monday and emptied and burned at the end of the month.

SS Monica and Anthony, Pray for us!



Parish Faith Formation

The Greatest is the One Who Serves *How do you serve God and Others?*

Faith Formation This Week:

Wednesday November 8th -

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

7:00 PM - High School Faith Formation

Thursday November 9th -

6:00 PM - RCIA (Bible/Salvation History)

Saturday November 11th -

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

Sunday November 12th -

9:00 AM - K-4th Grade Faith Formation

9:00 AM - Confirmation (Teens & Small Group Leaders)



YOUTH MINISTRY **BOARD GAME NIGHT**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:00-8:30PM



***MIDDLE SCHOOL AND OLDER
RSVP TO MARCY AT
DBQ137YM@DBQARCH.ORG**

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 held 30 minutes before Sunday Mass - 7:30 AM.
- 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.

Readings for the week of November 5, 2023

Sun: Mal 1:14-2:2-10/Ps 131:1-3/1 Thes 2:7-13/Mt 23:1-12
Mon: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14
Tues: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24
Wed: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
Thurs: Ez 47:1-2,8-12/Ps 46:2-9/1 Cor 3:9-17/Jn 2:13-22
Fri: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8
Sat: Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27/Ps 145:2-5,10-11/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:
Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18/Mt 25:1-13



Wednesday November 8th, 2023:

8:30 AM: Carl Morrison

Friday November 10th, 2023:

8:30 AM: Theresa Clark

Sunday November 12th, 2023:

8:00 AM: Ann Hufford



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 31st, 2023

Budget, Adult	\$ 3120.00
Loose Coin/Currency	\$ 360.00
Upkeep.....	\$ 60.00
Total Collected.....	\$ 3540.00
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 121077.75
YTD collections received.....	\$ 97786.06
YTD	\$ 23291.69

Liturgical Ministers November 12th, 2023

Sacristan: Brett Kimm
Lectors: Trevor Gretten - Cindy Kendall
EM: Heidi Ryan - Jacob Ryan
Nikki Sporrer - Anna Vavricek
EM(Cup): Leona Smith Faoro - Dave Klostermann
Diane Kimm - Diane Apel - Lisa Thuerauf
Hospitality: Chuck & Marylynn Murray
Tim & Abby Keegan & Family
Servers: Kiersten Swart - Rylan Sporrer
Libby Dix - Michael Covington

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Sunday November 5th -

2:00 PM - Remembrance Mass @ St. Isidore

Monday November 6th -

5:30 PM - Saints Monica & Anthony Holy Hour

Tuesday November 7th -

Lower Level Reserved For Election

6:00 PM - Stewardship Committee Meeting

7:00 PM - Social Justice Committee Meeting

Wednesday November 8th -

8:30 AM - Mass

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

7:00 PM - High School Faith Formation

Thursday November 9th -

6:00 PM - RCIA (Bible/Salvation History)

Friday November 10th -

8:30 AM - Mass (Fellowship to Follow)

Saturday November 11th -

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

Sunday November 12th -

8:00 AM - Mass (Anointing of the Sick)

9:00 AM - Kindergarten - 4th Grade Faith Formation

9:00 AM - Confirmation



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 if you would like to inquire or converse about NFP

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