

*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

St. Isidore the Farmer, Springville:

Saturday, 6 pm - Tuesday & Thursday 8 am

St. John's Parish Confession:

Sunday at 7:30 am or by appointment

Monday 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

St. John Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:

8 am - 4 pm

Friday:

8 am - 2 pm

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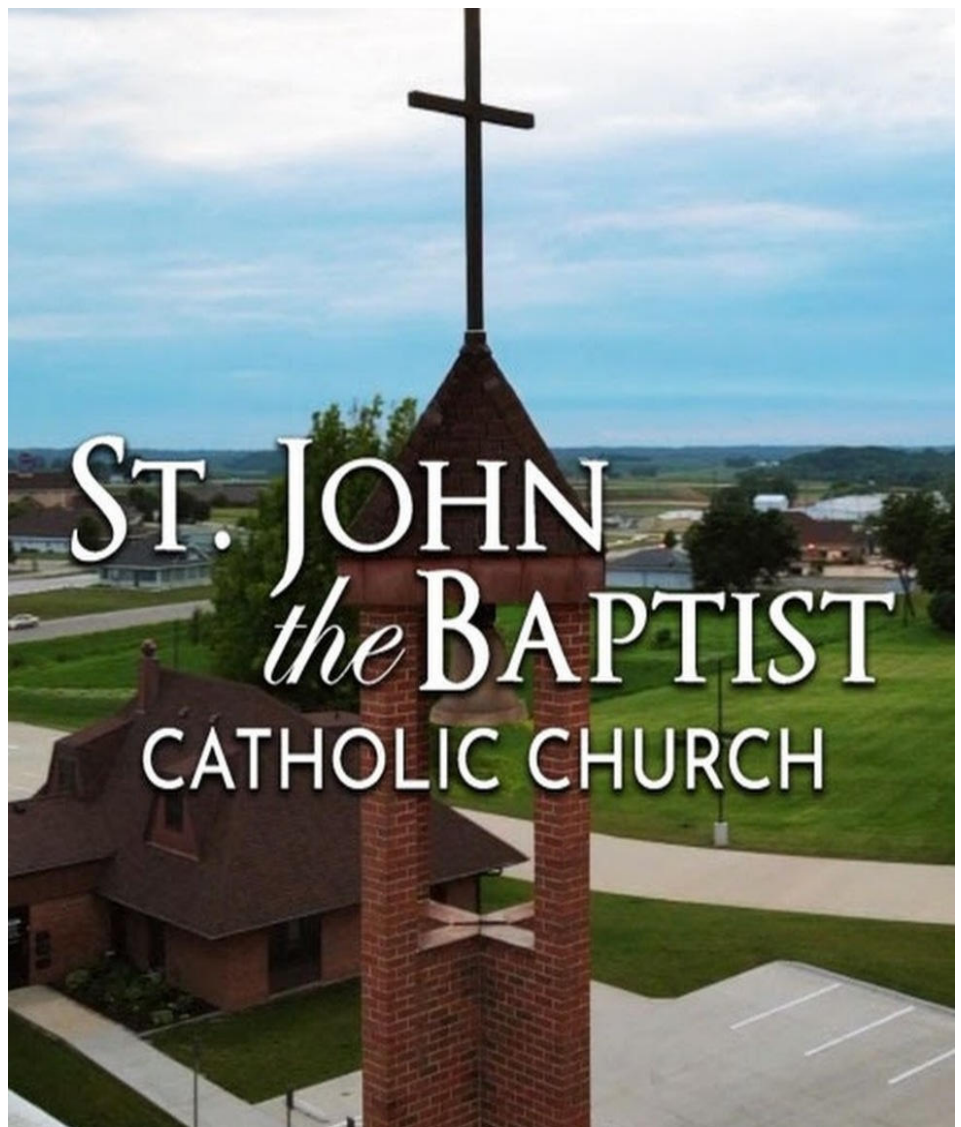
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*January 21st 2023
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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**

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

A Good Time for Fulfillment

There are some things that always come at the worst time. I've never gotten a telemarketing call and thought, "This is a really convenient moment for me to listen to a sales pitch." I've never seen the compulsory software update notice flash on my computer screen when I didn't have a deadline I was struggling to meet. My kids never come down with the flu unless it's the weekend and the line at Urgent Care is stretching out the door.

And I never, ever feel the calm, persistent shoulder-tap of the Holy Spirit without thinking, "Now? Now is not a good time. Can you try again when I'm..."

But then I stop and think: when I am what? When I am stronger? When I am happier? When I am smarter? When I am a different person?

When God calls us, He calls the person He sees in front of Him. "Come on," He says, and He doesn't mean "When you're finished" or "When it's convenient" or "Think about it." He means now. This moment.

This is what Paul is saying when he writes that "the world in its present form is passing away." He is saying that your plans mean nothing, the kingdom of God is at hand. Abandon your nets, let your catch escape into the sea. You're not who you thought you were, and you don't need what you thought you needed.

Your sins do not define you. Your fears are not fate. Your inclinations do not govern you. Your life can be changed. We live in the time of fulfillment, and fulfillment is coming for you — ready or not.

"Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment.'" — Mark 1:14



Parish Faith Formation

Jesus Speaks to All Generations *How Does Jesus Speak to You?*

Faith Formation This Week:

Reminder there is a First Communion parents meeting after Mass today until 10:15 AM!

There is also a Confirmation session this Afternoon at 2:00 PM!

Wednesday January 24th -

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

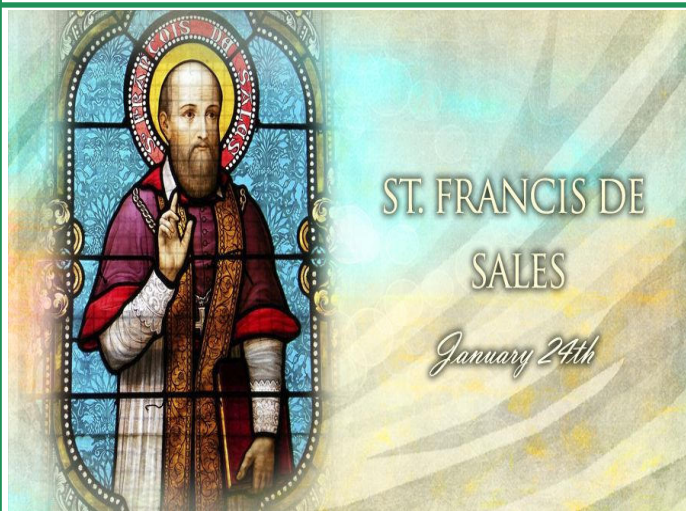
7:00 PM - High School Faith Formation

Saturday January 27th -

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

Sunday January 28th -

Family Time No Faith Formation!



Thank you to the Parishioners who purchased gifts for those in need from Mt. Vernon Schools, SELCC which serves both Mt. Vernon and Lisbon, or donated financially to the Sisters. Many gifts were donated and \$1870.00 was collected for the Sisters. St. John's Parish is very generous!

Thank You,
Thelma Rife
Giving Tree Coordinator

Note the Parish Auction has been rescheduled to Sunday March 3rd After Mass! Please keep this on your calendar and join us for bidding, food and fun!

We are currently planning on having Archbishop Thomas Zinkula at St. John's on January 28th to celebrate Mass with us. Please join us to welcome the leader of our Diocese back to his home Parish!

Readings for the week of January 21, 2024

Sun: Jon 3:1-5,10/Ps 25:4-9/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Mon: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tues: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35
Wed: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thurs: Acts 22:3-16/Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1,2/Mk 16:15-18
Fri: 2 Tm 1:1-8/Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-3,7-8,10/Mk 4:26-34
Sat: 2 Sm 12:1-7,10-17/Ps 51:12-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:
Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2,6-9/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-2



Wednesday January 24th 2024:

8:30 AM: Darlene Allard

Friday January 26th 2024:

8:30 AM: Joseph Kottenstette

Sunday January 28th, 2024:

8:00 AM: Robert Kottenstette

Birthright Clothing and Supply Drive

St. John's will be accepting donations from Sunday,
January 21st
through Sunday, February 4th.

Wish List Needs:

Boy/Girl winter outfits 0-3 months
Boy/Girl winter outfits 3-6 months
Baby socks
Baby shampoo
Baby soap
Infant toys
Washcloths/towel sets
Receiving blankets



Donation Drive for Willis Dady Homeless Shelter

Wish list:

- tents, sleeping bags
- backpacks or duffle bags
- winter coats
- hats, gloves, scarves
- hand/feet warmers
- Personal care items: (unopened & travel size) shampoo, condition, body wash, razors
- Linens (new or gently used): bath towels, washcloths, sheet sets, blankets (twin or full size only)
- garbage bags (13 & 55 gallon)
- toilet paper
- laundry pods
- disinfectant/multipurpose cleaner
- bottled water
- Canned chicken or tuna
- granola bars/individual packaged trail mix
- pop top canned soup
- ramen noodles
- Gift Cards to Menards/Lowes



Drop off donations at St. John's
Lower Level after Sunday Mass

ALL MONTH
LONG!
JANUARY
1-31

Holy Hour for Vocations: Please join us on **Tuesday, January 30**, at **St. Ludmila Parish** to pray for vocations, especially to the priesthood. **Mass will begin at 5:30 PM with a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration afterwards.** The Archdiocesan Vocation Director, Father Mark Murphy, and seminarian Thomas Schnauffer will give a reflection during the Holy Hour. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Let us together ask the Master of the harvest for laborers for the harvest.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly contributions needed..... \$6623.08
Due to the weather and Mass Cancellations there have not been any major donations since the last bulletin.
There will be an update in the next issue!

Liturgical Ministers January 28th 2024

Sacristan: Trevor Gretten
Lectors: Children's Mass
EM: Jacob Ryan - Nikki Sporrer
Natalie Thuerauf - Anna Vavricek
EM(Cup): Lisa Thuerauf - Dave Klostermann
Diane Apel - Joe Lynott - Andy Moeller
Hospitality: Larry & Judy Poduska
John & Amanda Rhomberg & Family
Todd Phillips
Servers: Libby Dix - Michael Covington
Mitchell Covington - Tommy Rhomberg

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Tuesday January 23rd -

6:30 PM: Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday January 24th -

8:30 AM: Mass

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

7:00 PM: High School Faith Formation

Friday January 26th -

8:30 AM: Mass (Fellowship to Follow)

Saturday January 27th -

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

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Family Time No Faith Formation

8:00 AM: Mass

Note there were several Masses that were canceled due to the weather over the past couple of weeks. As a result of this there were several Mass intentions missed. Any intention that was missed due to the weather will be rescheduled by the office free of charge. If your Mass intention was missed and there is a specific date you would like please let me know. Otherwise they will be on the next available date!

Sisters of Faith

January 27th
9:00am-1:30pm

Archdiocesan Women's Conference
St. John's Lower Level

*****No february gathering*****

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