

*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

**Pastor:**

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Trevor Gretten

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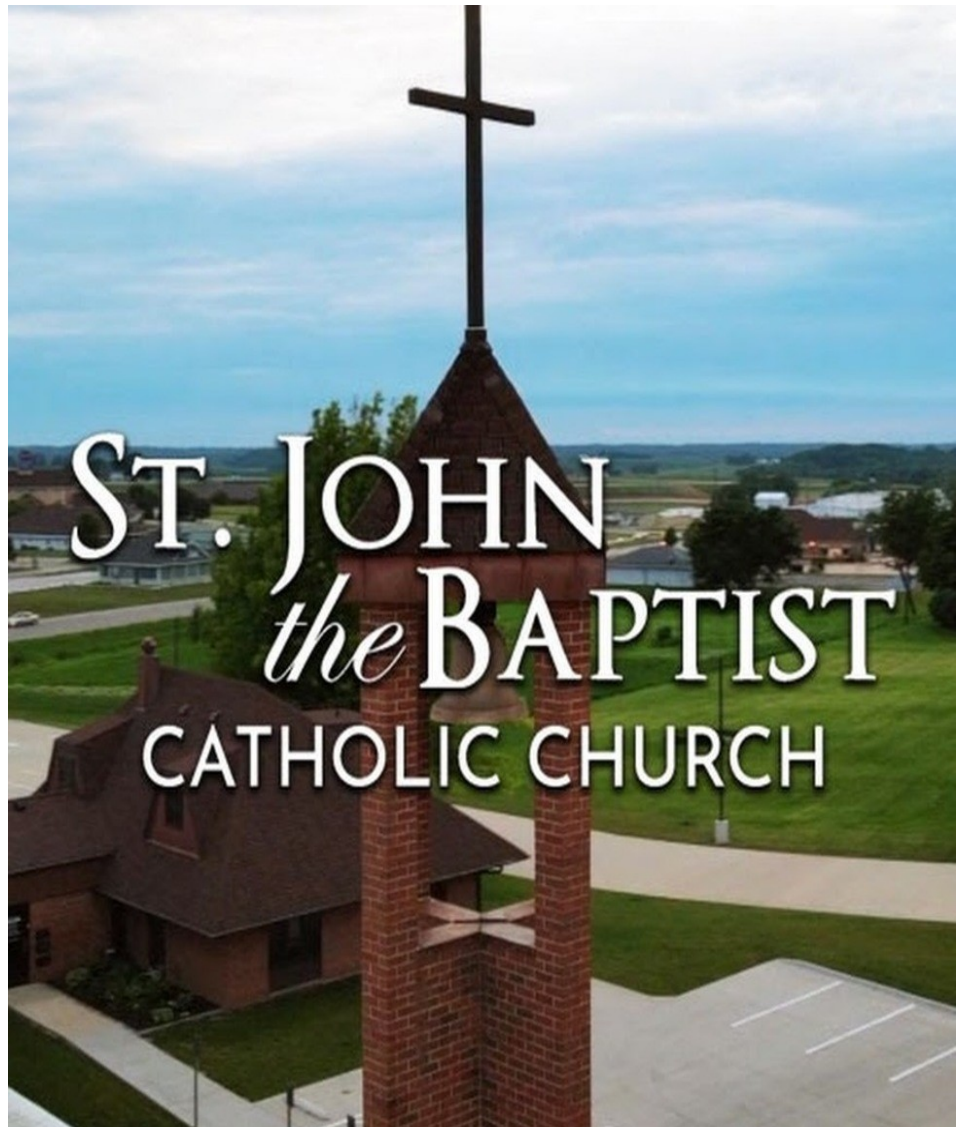
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*February 11th, 2024  
Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time*



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

Rev. Andrew Awotwe - Mensah

Dear parishioners:

I'm back from vacation and visit to my family in Ghana. And of course, there are several shifts and adjustments I need to make, including six-hour time difference and warm-cold temperature difference.

That notwithstanding, I gladly convey the greetings and best wishes of my family, and mother in particular to you. She is doing graciously well, thanks to your prayers. I truly enjoyed my time with her and the rest of the family.

I also express my personal gratitude to you for praying for my safety while I was in Ghana and my safe return to the United States. I'm back in good health and spirit. I also thank for Danny Juhl for assisting with Masses as much he could. In addition, thanks to all of you for working together to promote our common purpose and mission as parishioners.

Now let me invite you to the Holy season of Lent in preparation for Easter. As Ash Wednesday is coming up this week, please check the parish calendar, bulletin, and the website for Mass schedule.

Lent is holy season. We enter into it with tremendous anticipation and sober reflection to deepen our relationship with God. It is my prayer and hope that both our individual and collective acts of worship and devotion may be acceptable for our spiritual benefits.

Similarly, as we entrust ourselves to God's supra abundant grace, let us also entrust others to the same grace. Let us invite some to church and pray for those we cannot have them with us.

May this amazing time of Lent burst our hearts open to receive grace upon grace for ourselves, loved ones, and nations. May the fraternal intercession of the Blessed Mother be available to us now and forever.



Parish Faith Formation

## Jesus Cares For Everyone

*How can I find the strength to help people?*

### Faith Formation This Week:

#### Monday February 12th -

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM: SS. Monica & Anthony Holy Hour

#### Tuesday February 13th -

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM: Faith Formation Commission Meeting

#### Wednesday February 14th - Ash Wednesday

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Mass (Students Encouraged to Attend)

#### Saturday February 17th -

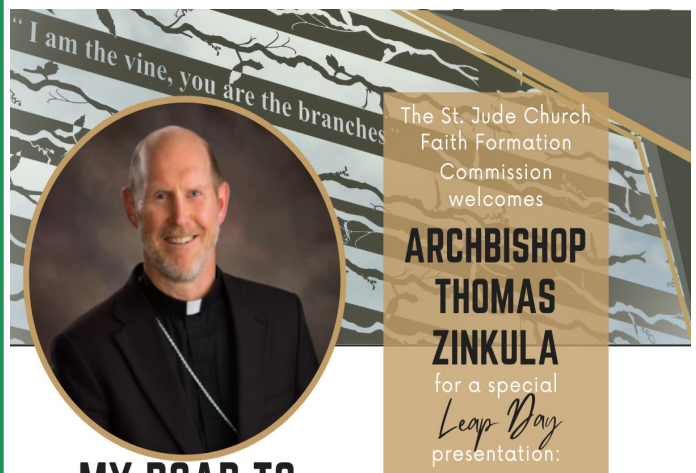
6:30 AM - 8:00 AM: That Man is You Men's Group

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM: Rite of Election (RCIA Waterloo)

#### Sunday February 18th -

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM: K-4th Grade Faith Formation

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM: Rite of Election (RCIA Dubuque)



## MY ROAD TO BEING A BISHOP

*What's God Saying to You?*

**29** February  
2024

6:30 PM | Church  
Reception to follow  
in the Community Center

For more information, visit [judes.org](http://judes.org) or call 319-390-3520.

St. John's has a wonderful group of five people who want to join the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. They have been meeting with the RCIA community since early October to discuss various topics related to the faith. This weekend, they will participate in one of two ceremonies at St. Edward's in Waterloo or at St. Raphael's in Dubuque. They will celebrate a prayer service with Archbishop Zinkula and declare their intention to join the Church. Please hold them in prayer as they continue their journey of conversion and faith.



## Readings for the week of February 11, 2024

Sun: Lv 13:1-2,44-46/Ps 32:1-11/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45  
Mon: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13  
Tues: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21  
Wed: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Ps 51:3-6,12-17/Mt 6:1-6,16-18  
Thurs: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25  
Fri: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15  
Sat: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32  
Next Sunday:  
Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5,6-7,8-9/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15



### Wednesday February 14th, 2024:

**8:30 AM: Doris McElmeel**

### Friday February 16th, 2024:

**8:30 AM: Al Opatz**

### Sunday February 18th, 2024:

**8:00 AM: Dan Vittetoe**

## 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.
- During the 1st hour of Monday Holy Hour 5:30 - 6:30 PM
- 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 our Baptismal Catechesis Team. They hold Catechesis Sessions four times a year. The 2024 Dates are: January 28th, April 28th, July 28th, and October 27th. All sessions will be held at St. John's at 2:00 PM. Please contact the office at 319-895-6246 or email dbq137sec@dbqarch.org with any questions and to sign up for a session.

**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.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

## YOUTH SERVICE TRIP

August 4-10, 2024  
David, Kentucky  
Current 9th-12 graders

Contact Marcy  
dbq137ym@dbqarch.org  
for more information

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

### Contributions Received Through February 6th, 2024

Budget, Adult .....	\$ 3010.00
Loose.....	\$ 391.00
Upkeep.....	\$ 38.00
Online/ACH.....	\$ 10301.25
Misc. Donations.....	\$ 120.00
Total Collected.....	\$ 13860.25
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 213800.87
YTD collections received.....	\$ 230573.27
YTD .....	\$ 16772.40

### Liturgical Ministers February 18th, 2024

Sacristan: Hugh Scieszinski

Lectors: Dave Klostermann - Cindy Kendall

EM: Pam Kraus - Ruth Horton

Bev O'Connor - Dan Pederson

EM( Cup): Joe Lynott - Diane Apel - Andy Moeller

Lisa Thuerauf - Theresa Patterson

Hospitality: Chuck & Marylynn Murray

Tim & Abby Keegan & Family

Servers: Noah Sporrer - Clara Vavricek

Alaina Sellner - Betsy Louwagie

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