

*Working Together To
Build the Kingdom of God*

Mass Schedule:

St. John the Baptist, Mount Vernon

Sunday at 8:00 am

Wednesday & Friday - 8:30 am

St. Isidore the Farmer, Springville:

Saturday at 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

During SS. Monica & Anthony Holy Hour

St. John Office Hours

Monday to Thursday from:

8 am - 4 pm

Friday:

8 am - 2 pm

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*April 6th, 2025
The Fifth Sunday of Lent*



Readings for the week of April 6, 2025

Sun: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

Mon: Dn 13:1-9,15-62/Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:12-20

Tues: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wed: Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42

Thurs: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Fri: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Sat: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday:

Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9,17-24/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56

**LISBON - MOUNT VERNON, IA
AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES**

Website: <http://www.stjohnmv.org>

Parish Theme: Pilgrims of Hope: We are Chosen, Faith Filled, Joyful!

Pastor Speaks

Journeying with Christ: The Way of the Cross.

The Way of the Cross (Via Crucis), also known as the Stations of the Cross, is a devotional and contemplative exercise usually practiced during the season of Lent. It is an ancient tradition in the Catholic Church going back to the fourth century when Christians went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The pilgrims used to visit the sites where Jesus walked. These sites became pilgrimage sites. Later, when it was no longer easy or even impossible to see the holy sites, European villages started creating “replicas” of these sacred sites with small shrines commemorating the places along the route in Jerusalem. Eventually, these shrines became a set of fourteen stations that we know of and were placed in every Catholic Church worldwide.

Like many of our Catholic traditions, the Stations of the Cross are embedded with a rich, deep, and meaningful closeness to Christ’s experience. However, we can also lose sight of this profound personal experience and how to relive it daily. The following are reasons why we pray the Stations of the Cross.

THEY PUT US INTO THE STORY: We are incorporated into the story of salvation. You get the opportunity to assume or identify with one or two of the characters. You can be Pilate, Simon, Mary, Veronica, the soldiers, or among Jerusalem’s women.

THEY REMIND US THAT JESUS SUFFERS WITH US: The cross of Christ bears the suffering and the sin of mankind, including our own. Jesus accepts all this with open arms, bearing our crosses on his shoulders and saying: Have courage! You do not carry your cross alone. I will take it with you. I have overcome death and come to give you hope to give your life (Cf Jn 3: 16).

THEY COMPEL US TO ACTION: The Cross of Christ invites us also to allow ourselves to be smitten by His mercy, teaching us always to look upon others with pity and tenderness, especially those who suffer, need help, need a word, or some other a concrete action.

THEY HELP US TO KNOW THE DEPTH OF GOD’S LOVE: The Cross of Christ contains all the love of God; there we find His immeasurable mercy. This is a love in which we can place all our trust. Through the Stations of the Cross, we come to know the unconditional love that an innocent God has for His guilty children.



Parish Faith Formation

We are Called To Serve The Poor

How Do You Serve The Poor?

Faith Formation This Week:

Monday April 7th:

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

Wednesday April 9th:

7:00 - 9:00 PM: Adoration

7:00 - 8:15 PM: 7th - 12th Grade Faith Formation

Saturday April 12th:

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

Sunday April 13th:

Palm Sunday - No Faith Formation

Easter Mass Signups

**Minister Signups for Holy Thursday,
Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday are
Available in the Gathering Space!**

Please Sign Up if You Are Able to Serve!



St. John’s Communal Penance

**Sunday April 6th,
2:00 PM**

We will be hosting a Lenten Communal Penance Service at St. John’s on Sunday April 6th at 2:00 PM.

There will be a communal service with multiple Priests available for individual Confessions after! Please join us for this service!



EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one for our Easter flowers please donate online or put Easter flowers in the memo of a check.

Thank You All For Helping To
Make Our Parish Beautiful!



Wednesday April 9th 2025:

8:30 AM: Jim Barry

Friday April 11th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Steve Horton

Sunday April 13th, 2025:

8:00 AM: Deceased Relatives of the Duppong/Warner Families

Liturgical Ministers April 13th, 2025

Sacristan: Brett Kimm

Lectors: John Rife - Christine Tabak

EM: Larry Collins - Charlene Vig - Penelope Vig

EM (Cup): Tom Wieseler - Diane Apel - Ellen Bentley

Marty Fall - Diane Kimm

Hospitality: Chuck & Marylynn Murray

Tim & Abby Keegan & Family

Jim & Cindy Kendall

Servers: Liliana Grosse - Natalie Thuerauf

Selah Loyd - Fitz Doyle

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Sunday April 6th -

2:00 - 3:00 PM: Communal Penance

Monday April 7th -

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

Tuesday April 8th -

6:00 - 7:00 PM: Liturgy Committee Meeting

6:00 - 7:00 PM: Social Justice Committee Meeting

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

Wednesday April 9th -

8:30 - 9:00 AM: Mass

7:00 - 9:00 PM: Adoration

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8:30 - 9:00 AM: Mass (Fellowship to Follow)

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

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Palm Sunday

8:00—9:00 AM: Mass

**Go to our website stjohnmv.org
to access FORMED!**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly contributions needed..... \$7144.33

Contributions Received Through March 31st, 2025

Budget, Adult	\$ 1200.00
Loose.....	\$ 227.00
Holiday Donations.....	\$ 75.00
Upkeep.....	\$ 20.00
ACH Donations.....	\$ 4620.00
Total Collected.....	\$ 6142.00
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 285773.20
YTD collections received.....	\$ 308148.32
YTD	\$ 22375.12

Due to Bulletin due dates we have not fully tabulated all of the donations for the Parish Auction. However, I can announce that we have already surpassed \$30,000 in donations. Thank you all so much for your generosity. An exact figure will be announced at a later date!

Shadow Stations Of The Cross

April 16th, 2025

7:00 PM

Mt. Vernon High School Auditorium

Please join us for Shadow Stations of the Cross presented by our High School Faith Formation Students! Please note regular Adoration at St. John's will be canceled to accomodate this presentation.

2025Lenten Alms For HACAP

Lent Is A Time Of Prayer, Fasting, And Almsgiving. This Year, Our Parish's Lenten Alms Are Supporting HACAP..

HACAP Is A Local Non-Profit Organization That Helps To Support Members Of Our Communities Who Need Assistance With Food, Housing, Energy Bills, Emergency Support, etc.

Please Donate Online Using The "Lenten Alms" Option, Or Send In A Check With "Lenten Alms" Or "HACAP" In The Memo!

News & Events

Adoration:

- Every Wednesday During Lent 7:00-9:00 PM
- After 8:30 AM Mass on First Friday of the Month
- Every Monday Night 5:30 - 7:00 PM SS. Monica & Anthony Holy Hour

Reconciliation:

- Confessions held 30 minutes before Sunday Mass - 7:30 AM.
- Monday 5:30 - 6:30 PM During SS. Monica & Anthony Holy Hour
- 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. 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: 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 to start preparation.

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