

*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 13th, 2025  
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*



**Readings for the week of April 13, 2025**

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

Mon: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tues: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-6,15,17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed: Is 50:4-9/Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thurs: **Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3,6,8-9/Ps 89:21-22,25,27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21  
**Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:** Ex 12:1-8,11-14/Ps 116:12-13,15-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Fri: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2,6,12-17,25/Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Sat: **Easter Vigil:** Gn 1:1-2:2/Ps 104:1-2,5-6,10,12-14,24, 35/Ps 33:4-7,12-13,20-22/Gn 22:1-18/Ps 16:5,8-11/Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-6,17-18/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-6/Bar 3:9-15,32-4:4/Ps 19:8-11/Ez 36:16-28/Ps 51:12-15,18-19/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday:

Acts 10:34-43/Ps 118:1-2,16-23/Col 3:1-4/1 Cor 5:6-8/Jn 20:1-9/Lk 24:1-12

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AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES  
Website: <http://www.stjohnmv.org>

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

## Pastor Speaks

### THE EVENTS OF THE HOLY WEEK.

This is Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week. The Liturgy, particularly, the gospel, focuses on events of the first Palm Sunday in which Jesus Christ made his triumphant entry into Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover with his disciples and undergo his passion.

Holy Week stands as one of the profound and transformative periods in Christianity. Each day of the year is made holy by the celebration of the sacrifice of the Lord (Mass), yet this week is called 'Holy Week' precisely because it is the week in which the most solemn of celebrations (the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ) takes place.

Holy Week has its roots in the early Christian community dating back to the fourth century. Initially observed as a single day of celebration, it gradually evolved into an entire week commemorating the final events of Jesus' life. The events of Holy Week form the crux of Jesus' mission on earth; each moment is charged with profound meaning and purpose, embodying themes of love, sacrifice, and redemption.

Palm Sunday marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The crowds welcome Jesus with palm branches, symbolizing victory and peace. It foreshadows the week's unfolding drama.

Holy Thursday, also known as Maundy Thursday, is a day of deep reflection. Here Jesus washed his disciples' feet symbolizing humility and service. In the style of the family Passover dinner, the Last Supper takes place among Jesus and the disciples in the Upper Room to become the occasion for the institution and beginning of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood for continuing that lofty sacrifice of the body and blood until he comes again.

Good Friday reminds us of the crucifixion of Christ. This day represents sacrifice and redemption. It is a poignant reminder of the depth of Christ's love in suffering for humanity's sins

Holy Saturday stands quiet in anticipation, representing stillness before the resurrection joy. It symbolizes hope amidst despair, bridging sorrow and celebration as we prepare for Easter morning.

Holy Week therefore invites us to a deep reflection on the mystery and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Each event from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday serves as a reminder of the crosses that we must carry as Christians and the glory that we are blessed with at the end.

Happy and Blessed Holy Week!



## Parish Faith Formation

**Jesus Faces Those Who Want To Crucify Him**  
*Have There Been Times When You Have Felt Persecuted?*  
*Who Did You Turn To In Your Time Of Need?*

### Faith Formation This Week:

#### Sunday April 13th -

7:30 - 9:00 PM: Shadow Stations Practice

#### Monday April 14th -

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

#### Wednesday April 16th -

6:00 - 7:30 PM: Reconciliation

7:00 - 7:30 PM: Shadow Stations @ MS School Auditorium

#### Thursday April 17th -

Tenebrae Prayers

7:00 - 8:00 PM: Mass

#### Friday April 18th -

Tenebrae Prayers

2:00 - 3:00 PM: Stations of the Cross @ St. Isidore

3:00 - 4:00 PM: Good Friday Service @ St. Isidore

#### Saturday April 19th -

Tenebrae Prayers

8:00 - 10:00 PM: Vigil Mass

#### Sunday April 20th -

8:00 - 9:00 AM: Easter Mass

## 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!



## 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!

## 2025 Lenten 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!



Wednesday April 16th, 2025:

**8:30 AM: Dr. & Mrs. Locher**

Friday April 18th, 2025:

**8:30 AM: Robert Wallace**

Sunday April 20th, 2025:

**8:00 AM: Doris McElmeel**

Liturgical Ministers April 20th, 2025

*Easter minister signups will be handled through the signups in the gathering space. If you are able to and would like to serve at one of the Holy Week Masses, please sign up there as soon as possible!*

Meetings and Activities of the Week

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**7:30 - 9:00 PM: Shadow Stations Practice**

Monday April 14th -

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

Wednesday April 16th -

**6:30 - 7:30 AM: Finance Council Meeting**

**8:30 - 9:00 AM: Mass**

**6:00 - 7:30 PM: Reconciliation**

**7:00 - 7:30 PM: Shadow Stations @ MVMS Auditorium**

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**Happy Easter**

**8:00 - 9:00 AM: Mass**

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## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**Weekly contributions needed..... \$7144.33**

**Contributions Received Through April 7th, 2025**

Budget, Adult .....	\$ 8810.00
Loose.....	\$ 410.00
Holiday.....	\$ 250.00
Online/ACH Donations.....	\$ 12303.62
Total Collected.....	\$ 21773.62
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 292917.53
YTD collections received.....	\$ 329921.94
YTD .....	\$ <b>37004.41</b>

**Please Pray For All Who Will Be  
Receiving Sacraments At The  
Easter Vigil Mass On Saturday The  
19th!**



THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
INVITE YOU TO  
EXPERIENCE THIS UNIQUE  
AND POWERFUL  
PERFORMANCE DEPICTING  
THE PASSION OF OUR LORD  
JESUS CHRIST. THIS SHADOW  
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HEART.

*Shadow*  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

MT. VERNON  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
AUDITORIUM

APRIL 16TH

AT 7 PM

COME JOIN US

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dbq137sec@dbqarch.org) with any marriage related issues or questions and to schedule an appointment to start preparation.

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