

*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 20th, 2025  
Easter Sunday Of The Resurrection Of The Lord*



**Readings for the week of April 20, 2025**

Sun: 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

Mon: Acts 2:14,22-33/Ps 16:1-2,5,7-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tues: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5,18-20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wed: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thurs: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Fri: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2,4,22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Sat: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1,14-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday:

Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24/Rv 1:9-13,17-19/Jn 20:19-31

**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

### Easter Sunday of Hope

Dear Parishioners,

The Lord is risen, Alleluia!

Christians all over the world rejoice because our Lord is risen. This is a joyful moment. The death and resurrection of Christ is not only historic but also a mystery. Mystery events and celebrations go beyond time and space. They maintain their originality. Thus, over two thousand years of Christ's death does not make it irrelevant to our time as some believe; its freshness is present to us this year as the past and will be forever.

So, we celebrate Easter. And this reminds us that our faith is not in vain. It is a feast of Jesus' victory over sin and death. Easter is a statement that death is not the end of the story. There is one more chapter, this is the most important chapter. And in the last chapter of the story of Jesus we see him rise from the dead in all glory and majesty. He is vindicated. Jesus regains his eternal glory with the Father.

The Church asks us to rejoice and be glad. Easter does not only bring our attention to or recall the resurrection of Jesus and its impacts on the first disciples but also brings meaning to our life of faith. Easter does not only strengthen our faith in the resurrection but also empowers us to proclaim our faith and bear witness to the risen Lord.

As we celebrate the rising of the Lord from death, we must ask ourselves whether we have truly risen with him this Easter. Today's gospel tells us that Jesus left the linen clothes in the grave, in other words, he did not cling to any worldly possession nor allow them to pull him down. If we must truly rise with Christ, we must equally be ready to detach ourselves from all unnecessary possessions that pull us down spiritually.

Through our Lenten observance, we died with Christ, so let us rise with him through the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us seek the things of light, things that glorify God. We must be preoccupied with heavenly things by living like citizens of Heaven.

During this Easter, let us be convinced that despite all the suffering that we may encounter in our lives we will be given the crown of glory and share in the glory of our Lord. Let us remember that we are Easter people and Alleluia is our song.

Let us be channels of the Risen Jesus, bringing the peace of His resurrection to those with whom we live and work and worship with and to the world. Happy Easter!



## Parish Faith Formation

### We Celebrate The Resurrection Of Jesus *What Does Jesus' Resurrection Mean To You?*

#### Faith Formation This Week:

##### Monday April 21st -

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

##### Wednesday April 23rd -

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

##### Sunday April 27th -

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**9:00 AM - 1:30 PM: Bread of Life Retreat**

**9:00 AM - 10:15 AM: K-6th Grade FF**

**2:15 - 4:15 PM: Baptismal Preparation**

##### Wednesday April 30th -

**6:30 - 7:00 PM - Faith Formation Closing Mass**

**Please pray for this year's First Communicants as they prepare to receive the Eucharist during their Bread Of Life Day Retreat on April 27<sup>th</sup>, and as they go on to celebrate their First Communion on May 4<sup>th</sup>.**



**Congratulations to everyone who received a Sacrament at the Easter Vigil! We continue to pray for all of you as you continue along your Catholic journey!**



## Baptism Preparation Class

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

From 2:15 - 4:15 PM

&

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

From 4:00 - 6:00 PM

at St. John the Baptist Church

For families at St. Isidore (Springville), St. John (Mt. Vernon/Lisbon) and Sacred Heart (Oxford Junction). Please Contact the Parish Office (319-895-6246 or [DBQ137SEC@DBQARCH.ORG](mailto:DBQ137SEC@DBQARCH.ORG)) if you would like to attend!



**Wednesday April 23rd, 2025:**

**8:30 AM:** Ruth Hinz

**Friday April 25th, 2025:**

**8:30 AM:** Clarence & Nora Wilson

**Sunday April 27th, 2025:**

**8:00 AM:** Jim Schemmel

**Liturgical Ministers April 27th, 2025**

**Sacristan:** Ellen Bentley

**Lectors:** Children's Mass

**EM:** Lisa Thuerauf-Natalie Thuerauf-Conni Swart

**EM (Cup):** Jeanne Muellerleile - Theresa Patterson  
Stephen Poduska-Heidi Ryan-Janet Huebner

**Hospitality:** Andy & Erin Moeller & Family  
Dean & Kathy Mallie

**Servers:** Larry & Judy Poduska  
Clara Vavricek - Alaina Sellner  
Casey Swart - Adam Swart

**Meetings and Activities of the Week**

**Monday April 21st -**

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

**Tuesday April 22nd -**

**6:30 PM - 7:30 PM:** Pastoral Council Meeting

**Wednesday April 23rd -**

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

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

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to access FORMED!**

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

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

Due to Bulletin due dates there have been no major contributions since the last report. There will be an update in the next issue of the bulletin. Overall we are still quite far a head for the year. Thank you all so much for your continued generosity and support of our Parish. Happy Easter!

Thank you all for your support of our Parish through the auction. After receiving all of our payments and donations we collected a total of \$32,723.00 this year!



## FAITH FORMATION CLOSING MASS

Wednesday, April 30th

**6:30 p.m. Mass**  
**Open House with Dilly bars to follow in Lower Level**

\*\*\*Please note this date has changed from the original Faith Formation calendar\*\*\*

Thank you to Tom Apel, Larry & Judy Poduska, Sarah & Deacon Doyle and Julie Broulik for helping with our March Meals on Wheels Deliveries. Thank you for all you do to help support our community!

**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.