

*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 27th, 2025
Sunday of Divine Mercy*



Readings for the week of April 27, 2025

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

Mon: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tues: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wed: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thurs: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9,17-20/Jn 3:31-36

Fri: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Sat: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Next Sunday:

Acts 5:27-32,40-41/Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19

**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

Sunday of Great Mercy

Dear Parishioner,

What do you need the most of right now? And of what does the world need the most? Isn't it the Mercy of God? We all need God's Mercy and so does the world. Consider what Saint Paul said in Roman 8:18-20, "I consider that our present sufferings are not comparable to the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the revelation of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will, but because of the One who subjected it, in hope." What Paul's strong assertion here is that God's Mercy is needed by all and not limited in its reach to all who are part of God's creation.

Ever since the fall of Adam and Eve, the world has subjected pain and suffering which has been passed on to all of humanity. We live in a broken world. But we don't have to keep a broken soul. And the solution is receiving God's Mercy to heal and mend our broken soul.

The Sunday of Divine Mercy therefore offers us hope. The Second Sunday of Easter is designated as Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a feast based on our Catholic belief in God's Mercy, and which leads us to engage in the various devotions related to the Divine Mercy.

The history of Divine Mercy is well known to many of us, originating from the instructions Jesus passed on to Saint Sister Faustina; Saint John Paul II instituted it as a feast to be combined with the Second Sunday of Easter. The pope at the time realized how critical it is for the Church to re-emphasize the tremendous gift of God's mercy to us.

Through Saint Sister Faustina's diary, the world has learned so much about Divine Mercy devotions focusing on Jesus' passion. Here are some familiar devotional practices:

1. The 3 o'clock hour: Pause to think about the passion of Christ and say the simple Divine Mercy prayers as part of the chaplet:

"Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

2. Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet: Pick any Divine Mercy Chaplet and learn how to pray for it and do it daily or regularly.

With the passing of Pope Francis, (Preacher of Mercy) on Monday after Easter Sunday, it has caused me to reflect on the death of John Paul (Apostle of Divine Mercy) 20 years ago this April, occurring on the Eve of Divine Mercy. I cannot but feel encouraged to trust in God's Mercy and pray for it to come to all of us.

"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!"



Parish Faith Formation

Today We Remember God's Divine Mercy *What Does The Divine Mercy Image Mean To You?*

Faith Formation This Week:

Monday April 28th -

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

Wednesday April 30th -

6:30 - 8:00 PM: Faith Formation Closing Mass

Thursday May 1st -

4:00 - 6:00 PM: Baptismal Preparation

Saturday May 3rd -

8:30 - 10:00 AM: Sisters of Faith (All Women Welcome)

Sunday May 4th -

8:00 - 9:00 AM: Mass (First Communion)

9:00 - 10:00 AM: First Communion/New Catholic Reception

Reception for New Catholics and First Communicants

May 4 following Mass
Lower level

**Come welcome those
who entered the Church
at Easter and
congratulate our second
graders on their First
Communion.**

Baptism Preparation Class

April 27th, 2025

From 2:15-4:15 PM

&

May 1st, 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) if you would like to attend!



Wednesday April 30th, 2025:

8:30 AM: John Kottenstette

Friday May 2nd, 2025:

8:30 AM: Irvin & Louise Clark

Sunday May 4th, 2025:

8:00 AM: Margaret & James Lynch

Liturgical Ministers May 4th, 2025

Sacristan: Hugh Scieszinski

Lectors: Tom Wieseler - Vicky Wieseler

EM: Jeanne Muellerleile-Jacob Ryan-Larry Collins

EM (Cup): Nikki Sporrer - Tom Wiesler

Leona Smith Faoro-Ruth Horton-Diane Apel

Hospitality: John & Amanda Rhomberg & Family

Todd & Samantha Phillips

Jamie & Annalyn Elloren

Servers: Rylan Sporrer - Noah Sporrer

Fitz Doyle - Damon Phillips

Meetings and Activities of the Week

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly contributions needed..... \$7144.33

Contributions Received Through April 22nd, 2025

Adult Budget.....	\$ 3165.00
Easter.....	\$ 8790.25
Loose.....	\$ 618.00
Upkeep.....	\$ 75.00
Holiday Donations.....	\$ 160.00
Total Collected.....	\$ 12808.25
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 307206.19
YTD collections received.....	\$ 342730.19
YTD	\$ 35524.00

**Please pray for our First Communicants
& Confirmation Candidates as they
make their final preparations to receive
their Sacraments!**



Rest In Peace



Pope Francis

(1936 - 2025)

News & Events

Adoration:

- 1st & 3rd Wednesday 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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