

*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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*May 11th, 2025
The Fourth Sunday of Easter*



Readings for the week of May 11, 2025

Sun: Acts 13:14,43-52/Ps 100:1-5/Rv 7:9-17/Jn 10:27-30

Mon: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tues: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wed: Acts 1:15-17,20-26/Ps 113:1-4,5-6,7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Thurs: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25,27/Jn 13:16-20

Fri: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Sat: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday:

Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-13/Rv 21:1-5/Jn 13:31-35

**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

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Church draws our attention to the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis of blessed memory, in his 2024 message for this occasion, intimated that to hear the divine call “is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfillment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruits, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves.”

One profound area of vocation that affects all of us dearly is the vocation chosen for mothers. Motherhood is a unique gift from the Lord to all who have received their lives from their mothers. Through the gift of motherhood, the vocation of the man and woman in marriage is sanctified and elevated into a state of co-creation with God, where the woman’s womb becomes the new Garden of Eden for every child that is conceived and nurtured in the womb.

In this way, motherhood models the creator’s work of declaring, “Let there be a child.” Therefore, as children of God, we understand that we can depend on Him because God’s love for us is the only love we have that will surpass a mother’s love. For the Lord says through the prophet Isaiah, “Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! (Isaiah 49:15).

We appreciate all our mothers, living and deceased, on this day. We thank them for the wonderful contributions they make in building our church, family, and world. Among other things, they have always brought the scriptures to our lives and encouraged us through the changing scenes of life. Let us pray for blessings on all mothers for the gift of fortitude as they carry out their responsibilities.

Similarly, we also remember the gift of the vocation to the priesthood and the religious life, and, here too, respond to the call to pray for the individuals who also enable the spiritual motherhood of the church through baptism to continue and be sustained. The Church can only exist if she has priests to continually offer the sacrifice of the Mass. Our Church also needs brothers and sisters to offer themselves in the service of the gospel through lives of dedicated love. Let us also support and strengthen one another in our various vocations.



Parish Faith Formation

Jesus Said, “The sheep hear my voice: and I know them, and they follow me.”

Do You Follow Jesus’ Voice?

Please join us for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

St. John The Baptist

6:30 PM

Archbishop Zinkula Officiant



Please join us to support and pray for our Confirmation Candidates as they receive the Sacrament

CLASS OF 2025

Senior Recognition & Breakfast

SUNDAY, MAY 25TH
8:00AM MASS
BREAKFAST TO FOLLOW
RSVP TO MARCY AT
DBQI37YM@DBQARCH.ORG



**YOUTH SERVICE RETREAT
JUNE 23 - 25, 2025**

The Cedar Rapids Area Youth Ministers invite all high school youth to volunteer in Cedar Rapids during Matthew 25's Transform Week. Matthew 25's Transform Week program matches homeowners with community volunteers – that's us – who can help complete home repair or landscaping projects that make both homes and neighborhoods safer, healthier, and more uplifted.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

- Marcy McElroy – Youth Ministry Director at St. John the Baptist in Mount Vernon
o DBQI37ym@dbqarch.org/ 563-321-8405
- Lisa Meyers – Youth Minister at St. Ludmila Catholic Church
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Wednesday May 14th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Steve Horton & Cecilia Ehrecke

Friday May 16th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Doris McElmeel

Sunday May 18th, 2025:

8:00 AM: Jerry & Agnes Litz

Liturgical Ministers May 18th, 2025

Sacristan: Todd & Samantha Phillips

Lectors: Ellen Bentley & Ruth Horton

EM: Dave Klostermann - Mark Kraus - Pam Kraus

EM (Cup): Joe Lynott - Teresa Patterson - Dan Pederson
Chuck Murray - Marylynn Murray

Hospitality: Brian & Jennifer Donovan

Jim & Cindy Kendall

Tim & Abby Keegan & Family

Servers: Libby Dix - Clara Vavricek

Faith Covington - Mitchell Covington

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Monday May 12th -

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

Tuesday May 13th -

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 May 14th -

8:30 - 9:00 AM: Mass

6:30 - 8:00 PM: Confirmation

Friday May 16th -

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

Sunday May 18th -

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 January 14th, 2025

Budget, Adult	\$ 1534.00
Loose.....	\$ 1250.00
Upkeep.....	\$ 45.00
Easter Donations.....	\$ 1420.70
ACH Budget Donations.....	\$ 4370.00
Online Budget Donations.....	\$ 7076.87
Total Collected	\$ 15696.57
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 321494.85
YTD collections received.....	\$ 361881.76
YTD	\$ 40,386.91

St. Anne's Picnic

Wednesday, May 21st

Following Daily Mass

St. John's Ed Wing

All Women Are Invited



THANK YOU

To Joey L. and
Rose P. for your
beautiful image
of Jesus at
Chalk the Walk!

News & Events

Adoration:

- 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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