

*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 18th, 2025  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter*



**Readings for the week of May 18, 2025**

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

Mon: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tues: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wed: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thurs: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Fri: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Sat: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 15:1-2,22-29/Ps 67:2-8/Rv 21:10-14,22-23/Jn 14:23-29

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

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

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

## Habemus Papam!

### Welcoming Pope Leo XIV

As the Universal Church and the world get to know Pope Leo XIV, the 267th successor to St. Peter, it's a moment of joy for the Church and prayerful thanksgiving to God. At this time, as everyone is hoping to get to know him, making every piece of information we can get to ramp up our interest and support from him is necessary. I like what one of the bishops in Iowa had to say about his choice, and I share that with you.

Our sadness in the wake of Pope Francis's death, mingled with a great sense of anticipation and hope, now yields to joy and gratitude at the news of the election of his successor, Cardinal Robert Prevost, who has taken the name Pope Leo XIV.

He has already been a devoted missionary to the people of Peru and South America. He is familiar with the workings of the Church, having overseen the appointment of bishops throughout the world. He identifies priests with an evangelical spirit.

Now, he is the chief Shepherd of the Church and the Vicar of Christ. We have particular pride in this election in that Pope Leo XIV is a native of Chicago, the Midwest, and our country. As Pope Francis said, he has the smell of the sheep, one who is among us, one who can identify with us. He is endowed with all the grace he needs to guide the People of God.

Pope Leo XIV's election affirms the Church's missionary nature as we continue to heed Jesus Christ's call to go forth and teach all nations, announcing the Gospel and baptizing persons for their salvation.

While we look forward to how Pope Leo XIV will place his own personal stamp on his office and charge as the successor of St. Peter and of Pope Francis, we are sure that, with the authority entrusted to him, he will communicate the one, true, catholic and apostolic faith with joy and great solicitude for the poorest among us.

As he does so, in his unique way, may he vividly reveal the face of Jesus to a world looking for genuine compassion and love, healing, freedom, and hope.

### Prayer for the new pope:

O God, eternal shepherd and guide, in your providence, you never cease to care for your Church; we give you heartfelt thanks and praise for the gift of our new Holy Father, whom you have set among us as a successor to Peter and a servant of your Gospel. Grant, we pray that he may lead your people with wisdom and courage, in holiness of life and fervent charity, ever attentive to the promptings of your Holy Spirit. May he be a sign of unity, a herald of your truth, and a faithful guardian of the faith entrusted to the Apostles. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!



## Parish Faith Formation

### We Are Called To Pray At All Times What Is Your Favorite Prayer?

CLASS OF 2025

# Senior Recognition & Breakfast

SUNDAY, MAY 25TH  
8:00AM MASS  
BREAKFAST TO FOLLOW  
RSVP TO MARCY AT  
DBQ137YM@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  
◦ DBQ137ym@dbqarch.org/ 563-321-8405
- Lisa Meyers - Youth Minister at St. Ludmila Catholic Church  
◦ DBQ029YM@DBQARCH.ORG/ 319-721-9360



## Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates who received the Sacrament this week!





**Wednesday May 21st, 2025:**

**8:30 AM: Dorothy Poduska**

**Friday May 23rd, 2025:**

**8:30 AM: Dan Poduska**

**Sunday May 25th, 2025:**

**8:00 AM: John & Annice Lane**

**Liturgical Ministers May 25th, 2025**

**Sacristan: Brett Kimm**

**Lectors: Children's Mass**

**EM: Diane Kimm - Larry Poduska - Judy Poduska**

**EM (Cup): Stephen Poduska - Leona Smith Faoro  
Conni Swart - Heidi Ryan - Jacob Ryan**

**Hospitality: Chuck & Marylynn Murray  
Mike & Ruth Clark  
Janet & Keith Huebner**

**Servers: Adam Swart - Kiersten Swart  
Casey Swart - Alaina Sellner**

**Meetings and Activities of the Week**

**Monday May 19th -**

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

**Wednesday May 21st -**

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

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

**9:15 - 11:00 AM: St. Anne's Picnic**

**Friday May 23rd -**

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

**Sunday May 25th -**

**8:00 - 9:00 AM: Mass (For Seniors)**

**9:00 - 10:00 AM: Senior Brunch**

## St. Anne's Picnic

Wednesday, May 21st  
Following Daily Mass  
St. John's Ed Wing  
All Women Are Invited



**Go to our website [stjohnmv.org](http://stjohnmv.org)  
to access FORMED!**

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

**Contributions Received Through May 13th, 2025**

Budget, Adult .....	\$ 1670.00
Loose.....	\$ 474.00
Total Collected.....	\$ 2144.00
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 328639.18
YTD collections received.....	\$ 369026.09
YTD .....	\$ 35386.58

## Free Tables & Chairs

We are replacing our tables and chairs in the lower level and would like to offer them to Parishioners free of charge!

**We Have:**

**Approximately 30 Rectangular Tables**



**Approximately 12 Round Tables**



**Approximately 75 Metal Chairs**



Items will be given out on a first come first serve basis. Please feel free to stop by the lower level after Mass to grab some tables or chairs if you would like some. Otherwise they can be picked up anytime during normal office hours (8-4 Mon-Thurs. 8-2 Fri). Please contact Trevor at [dbq137sec@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq137sec@dbqarch.org) or 319-895-6246 if you have any questions!

## 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](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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