

*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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*June 1st, 2025
The Ascension of the Lord*



Readings for the week of June 1, 2025

Sun: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14,16-17,20/Jn 17:20-26 **Ascension:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-9/Eph 1:17-23/Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Mon: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tues: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wed: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30,33-36/Jn 17:11b-19

Thurs: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11/Jn 17:20-26

Fri: Acts 25:13-21/Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20/Jn 21:15-19

Sat: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday:

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8,16-20/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:

1-2,24,35,27-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 **Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps

104:1,24,29-30,31, 34/1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13/Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-

23/Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

**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

The Ascension of the Lord: "Jesus Christ Our Hope"

Last Sunday during his installation Mass, Pope Leo concluded his homily with the following words of St. Augustine: "The Church consists of all those who are in harmony with their brothers and sisters and who love their neighbor."

As we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord into Heaven, the teaching of St. Augustine should strike us to think about what we are called to be, a church where everyone is in harmony with each other. The significance of the feast is combined with the beauty and uniqueness of the Mass, which we gather to celebrate each week. Our Sunday gatherings celebrate the sacrifice of Jesus, in which He gave us everything, is a call to live in harmony during and after the Mass when we are dismissed to "go in peace."

Jesus indicated that harmony among His disciples would be the bedrock of His Church when He taught that He will always be with us whenever and wherever two or three gather in His name; He is there in their midst (Matt 18: 20). Christians are called to live in harmony knowing that Jesus is in their midst all the time. This is why during His life on earth, Jesus dedicated His entire life for service for all God's children.

The Ascension into Heaven of our Lord Jesus Christ does not suggest, in any way, that He left His people. On the contrary, before ascending to the Father, He assured his disciples that He will be with them until the end of time (Matt 28: 20). This is rightly done. Our Lord is always with us. When we gather for worship, we are the Body of Christ, and Christ is present among us. He reveals Himself to us in His word when the word is proclaimed to us. The priest, in the celebration of the Sacrament, acts in the person of Christ. Our Lord therefore presented to us His priest. The Holy Spirit is seen as the powerful presence of Christ, empowering and guiding the Church and her members.

The event of Jesus' suffering and death could not prevent Him from being with His disciples as He had promised. All the four evangelists narrate the event of his resurrection and post resurrection appearances. Luke even tells of the splendid walk that Jesus took with the two disciples on their way to Emmaus. He listened to them closely with empathy over their fears and concerns about the event of His death and resurrection, which they had missed its meaning and reality.

All the post resurrection appearances of Jesus and the ascension that happened before their very eyes on the Mount of Olives were recounted for our benefits. These appearances are, as it were, to let us know that our God is near. He is close to us. They are incidents to tell us of the nearness of God and that whenever we gather in His name, He comes to us so that we can dwell in harmony with all even in difficult times.

Happy Feast of the Ascension



Parish Faith Formation

The Holy Spirit Descended on the Disciples at Pentecost *When did the Holy Spirit Descend on You?*

St. John the Baptist

Feast Day Celebration
June 29th

OUTDOOR MASS - 10:00 A.M.
Please bring a lawn chair

PARISH PICNIC TO FOLLOW
FOOD - FELLOWSHIP - FUN



LOST ISLAND YOUTH DAY

Cedar Rapids Area Youth
Ministry invites all
6th-12th grade students

**LIMITED SPACE
AVAILABLE
(40 Spots then a
Waitlist)**



THURS JUNE 12
9:30AM - 4:45PM



\$45 PER STUDENT*
+ ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR
FOOD AT THE PARK
*fee covers admission & transportation



**LOST ISLAND
WATER PARK
WATERLOO, IA**

Return Forms with Cash or Check
Payment by June 5th to**

St. Pius X Church - Sarah Coppa
4949 Council St NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402





Wednesday June 4th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Carl & Marie Morrison

Friday June 6th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Dr. & Mrs. Locher

Sunday June 8th, 2025:

8:00 AM: Dan Vittetoe & Larry Haight

Liturgical Ministers June 8th, 2025

Sacristan: Hugh Scieszinski

Lectors: Craig Lynner - Erin Moeller

EM: Ellen Bentley - Chuck & Marylynn Murray

EM (Cup): Teresa Patterson - Stephen Poduska

Dan Pederson - Larry Poduska - Judy Poduska

Hospitality: John & Amanda Rhomberg & Family

Todd & Samantha Phillips & Family

Jamie & Annalyn Elloren & Family

Servers: Noah Sporrer - Rylan Sporrer

Tommy Rhomberg - Fitz Doyle

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Monday June 2nd -

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

Wednesday June 4th -

8:30 - 9:00 AM: Mass

6:00 - 7:00 PM: Stewardship Committee Meeting

7:00 - 9:00 PM: Adoration

Friday June 6th -

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

9:00 - 9:30 AM: Adoration after Mass

Saturday June 7th -

7:00 - 8:00 AM: Men's Group

8:30 - 10:00 AM: Sisters of Faith

Sunday June 8th -

8:00 - 9:00 AM: Mass (Pentecost)

**Go to our website stjohnmv.org
to access FORMED!**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly contributions needed..... \$7144.33

Due to bulletin due dates we have not had a significant amount of contributions since the last issue. There will be an update next week. Thank you all for your generosity and all that you do to support St. John's!

We are looking for more Altar Servers!

If your child would like to be trained as an altar server, please contact the office for more information and to get a training time scheduled. Thank you all for your ministry!



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. We will help complete home repair or landscaping projects that make both homes and neighborhoods safer, healthier, and more uplifted.

Use the QR code to register



If you have any questions, please contact:

- Marcy McElroy - Youth Ministry Director at St. John the Baptist in Mount Vernon
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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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