

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 8th, 2025
Pentecost Sunday



Readings for the week of June 8, 2025

Sun: **Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8,16-20/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24-30 /Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 **Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1,24, 29-34/1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13/ Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23/Jn 14:15-16,23-26

Mon: Gn 3:9-15,20/Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tues: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129-135/Mt 5:13-16

Wed: Acts 11:21-26;13:1-3/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Mt 5:17-19

Thurs: 2 Cor 3:15-4:1,3-6/Ps 85:9-12,13-14/Mt 5:20-26

Fri: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11,15-18/Mt 5:27-32

Sat: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2,3-4,9-12/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday:

Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-9 (2a)/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-1

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

Pentecost: The Fulfillment of God's Promise

Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate one of the greatest moments and Feasts we have in the Church, and that is the feast of Pentecost. On this day, we not only recall but celebrate to receive again that transcendent and unique Gift of love specially sent to us from God the Father and the Son.

From the first moment the Holy Spirit was sent to the apostles and other members of the community of Jesus, there formed and came into being this powerful reality of "ecclesia magna," (great Church) where God gathers all His collectively as the members of His household.

Friends, this magnificent Gift of God, the Holy Spirit, is so powerfully present to us as believers and remains everything we can conceive Him to be in the superlative form. I mean consider the day He came upon the apostles; we read that the sheer magnitude of His power was heard loudly all over the upper room where the apostles were gathered.

The Holy Spirit is the dynamic love that connects the Father and the Son, and He is issued from the two of them as they are of equal substance. He is the breath that the Father and the Son exchange and breathe into us.

Before His ascension, Jesus, as recorded in Acts of the Apostles Chapter 1: 1 – 11, instructed His apostles to remain in Jerusalem and wait for the promise of the Father (Cf Lk 24: 49). Then from the First Reading of Pentecost Sunday, also taken from Acts Chapter 2: 1 – 11, we learn how the apostles obediently stayed in Jerusalem and received the Holy Spirit. These readings point us to an important part of the Pentecost experience— obedience to God's commandment leads to fulfillment of God's promises.

Indeed, Abraham's obedience led to the fulfillment of God's promise of a great posterity and land for his descendants. Moses' obedience led to the experience of the promised land for the Israelites. Obedience is the only powerful expression of our love for God and the trust in His wisdom and goodness. In obedience, we show our desire to walk in His ways, and this is the key to unlocking His blessings in our lives.

Well, during this great Feast of Pentecost, let us learn from the apostles' obedience and God's fidelity to make happen what He has promised. When we choose to obey God, we become aligned with His will and open ourselves to the fulfillment of his promises.

Happy Pentecost. Have a thriving faith!



Parish Faith Formation

We Learn From Jesus
What has Jesus Taught You This Week?



LOST ISLAND YOUTH DAY

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

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 10th to
St. Pius X Church - Sarah Coppa
4949 Council St NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE
(40 Spots then a Waitlist)



Wednesday June 11th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Virginia Kotzbauer

Friday June 13th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Jim Barry

Sunday June 15th, 2025:

8:00 AM: Lillian & Edward McNulty

Liturgical Ministers June 15th, 2025

Sacristan: Mark Anton

Lectors: Samantha Phillips - John Rife

EM: Richard Povey-Heidi Ryan - Jacob Ryan

***EM (Cup): Leona Smith Faoro - Tom Wieseler
Nikki Sporrer - Conni Swart - Joe Lynott***

***Hospitality: Larry & Judy Poduska
Tyler & Teresa Patterson & Family
Jeremy & Abbie Stolte & Family***

***Servers: Kiersten Swart - Adam Swart
Casey Swart - Liliana Grosse***

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Monday June 9th -

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

Tuesday June 10th -

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 Mtg.

Wednesday June 11th -

8:30 - 9:00 AM: Mass

Friday June 13th -

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

Sunday June 15th -

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 June 3rd, 2025

Budget, Adult	\$ 3325.00
Loose.....	\$ 894.03
Upkeep.....	\$ 90.00
Online Donations.....	\$ 7144.12
Total Collected.....	\$ 11453.15
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 350072.17
YTD collections received.....	\$ 377793.91
YTD	\$ 27721.74

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July 27th - August 1st 2025

Details and registration forms can be found in the Gathering Space. Please register your children ASAP. Forms can be returned to the office or to Marcy at any time! Please contact the office with any questions or concerns.



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



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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