

*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 15th, 2025
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity*



Readings for the week of June 15, 2025

Sun: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5,6-9/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

Mon: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42

Tues: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2,5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48

Wed: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thurs: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

Fri: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23

Sat: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday:

Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1-4/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11-17

**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 Most Holy Trinity: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity was instituted by Pope John XXII. This celebration in which we consider God's intimate relationship with us as expressed in three persons not only calls on us to reflect on the beauty of God but also to stay in touch with all three persons as one God. As the Father, God created us; as the Son, God saved us, and as the Holy Spirit, God lives in us to express His Love for us. Augustine wrote "You see the Trinity if you see love," explaining that the Father is the lover, the Son is the loved one and the Holy Spirit is the personification of the very act of loving.

Traces of the mystery of the Trinity are communicated through the readings for this celebration. Proverbs 8 relates the Father of creation to the ever-present Son depicted as wisdom, Romans 5 links Jesus as the Son of God with the Holy Spirit with whom we have been sealed for the day of our redemption, and the gospel connects the relationship existing among the three of them. In this light, the Church stresses that "the whole divine economy is the common work of the three divine persons...It is above all the divine mission of the Son's Incarnation and gift of the Holy Spirit that show forth the properties of the divine persons" (CCC 258).

We all remember the ancient story told about St. Augustine as he tried to conceive an explanation for the mystery of the Trinity. As Augustine walked along the beach, he saw a small boy pouring seawater with a shell into a small hole in the sand. "What are you doing, my child?" asked Augustine. "I am trying to empty the sea into this hole in the sand," the boy answered with an innocent smile. "But this is impossible, my dear child," said Augustine. The boy stood up, looked straight into the eyes of Augustine and replied, "what you are trying to do – trying to comprehend the immensity of God with your small head – is even more impossible." So then Augustine saw God as a being to love not to be understood as God is love itself.

Pope Benedict XVI also places love at the center of the Trinity. Pope Benedict notes "we contemplate the Most Holy Trinity as Jesus introduced us to it. He revealed to us that God is love...because the Father is love, the Son is love, the Spirit is love. God is wholly and only love, the purest, infinite and eternal love. He does not live in splendid solitude but rather in an inexhaustible source of life that is ceaselessly given and communicated."

Today's solemnity calls on us to center our worship and prayers on the Holy Trinity. One of the prayers of St. Francis Xavier was: "Most Holy Trinity, who lives in me, I praise You, I worship You, I adore You and love You." Let us make this our prayer as well. May the Son lead us to the Father through the Spirit, to live with the Triune God forever and ever. Amen.

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.



Parish Faith Formation

Jesus Fed the Five Thousand!

Are you satisfied when Jesus feeds you with the Eucharist?

ST. JOHN YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS...

LEARN S'MORE ABOUT JOHN THE BAPTIST

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025

8:00-9:00PM

IN THE MARY GARDEN

BONFIRE, S'MORES,
GAMES, & REFLECTION
ON JOHN THE BAPTIST
FOR TEENS



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!



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



Go to our website stjohnmv.org
to access FORMED!



Wednesday June 18th, 2025:

8:30 AM: James Kottenstette

Friday June 20th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Doris McElmeel

Sunday June 22nd, 2025:

8:00 AM: Jeannette Ludtke & Marilyn Peterson

Liturgical Ministers June 22nd, 2025

Sacristan: Todd & Samantha Phillips

Lectors: Christine Tabak - Vicky Wieseler

EM: Lisa Thuerauf-Natalie Thuerauf-Larry Collins

**EM (Cup): Dave Klostermann - Teresa Patterson
Mark Kraus - Pam Kraus - Janet Huebner**

Hospitality: Brian & Jennnifer Donovan

Brett & Diane Kimm

Chuck & Marylynn Murray

Servers: Libby Dix - Andrew Dix

Damon Phillips - Alaina Sellner

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Monday June 16th -

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

Wednesday June 18th -

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

8:30 - 9:00 AM: Mass

7:00 - 9:00 PM: Adoration

Friday June 20th -

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

Sunday June 22nd -

8:00 - 9:00 AM: Mass

Totus Tuus

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.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly contributions needed..... \$7144.33

Contributions Received Through June 10th, 2025

Budget, Adult	\$ 3060.00
Loose.....	\$ 408.00
Upkeep.....	\$ 116.56
Total Collected.....	\$ 3584.56
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 357216.50
YTD collections received.....	\$ 381378.47
YTD	\$ 24161.97



YOUTH SERVICE RETREAT JUNE 23 - 25, 2025



The Cedar Rapids Area Youth Ministers invite high school youth to volunteer in Cedar Rapids during Matthew 25's Transform Week.

Matthew 25's Transform 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.

We will have two days of service projects and one day of retreat and fun. Check in will be at 8:00 AM Monday and each day ends at 4:00pm. When we are not volunteering, we will be at St. Ludmila Catholic Church and Community Center.

Matthew 25 will provide tools and safety equipment, lunch, snacks and a t-shirt.

Register by May 31 to be guaranteed a t-shirt.

Workdays last from 8:30 AM - 9:30 PM with a break for lunch.

You will need to register with Matthew 25 AND with St. Ludmila Catholic Church. Register with Matthew 25 by May 31 <https://www.matthew-25.org/housing/transform-week> Also Register with St. Ludmila by May 31 by using the QR Code and completing the Off-Site/Field Trip Permission Form.



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

- Marcy McElroy - Youth Ministry Director at St. John the Baptist in Mount Vernon
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- Lisa Meyers - Youth Minister at St. Ludmila Catholic Church
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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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