

*Working Together To  
Build the Kingdom of God*

**Mass Schedule:**

**St. John the Baptist, Mount Vernon**

Sunday at 8:00 am

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 22nd, 2025  
The Solemnity of Corpus Christi*



**Readings for the week of June 22, 2025**

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

Mon: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5

Tues: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 **Day:** Is 49:1-6/  
Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wed: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20

Thurs: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16/Ps 106:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Mt 7:21-29

Fri: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11/Lk 15:3-7

Sat: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-50, 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday:

**Vigil:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 **Day:** Acts 12:  
1-11/Ps 34:2-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

**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

### Corpus Christi: “Body” and “Blood” for Many

On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, I reflect with you excerpts of Pope John Paul II’s catechesis on the Eucharist as a “memorial” (General Audience, October 4th 2000).

In His own words, at the Last Supper, Jesus said, “Take it; this is my body... This is my Blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Do this in memory of me.” In the Bible, we notice that remembrance of God and remembrance of man are interwoven and form a fundamental element in the life of God’s people. However what Jesus implies here is not a mere commemoration of the past that is no more, it is a “memorial”. “In the liturgical celebration of these events, they become in a certain way present and the real” (CCC, n.1363).

In the Old Testament, the “memorial” par excellence of God’s works in history was the Passover Liturgy of the Exodus. The interweaving of God’s remembrance with that of man is also at the center of the Eucharist, which is the “memorial” par excellence of the Christian Passover. For “anamnesis” - the act of remembrance—is the heart of the celebration. Christ’s sacrifice, a unique event, which though done once for all (7:27, 9:12, 26; 10:12), extends its saving presence in time and space of human history. This is expressed in the last command, which Luke and Paul record in the account of the Last Supper: “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me... This is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me” (1 Cor 11:24-25; Lk 22:19).

The “body given for us ‘on the cross in the past is presented alive today and, as Paul declares, opens onto the future of the final redemption: As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death and until he comes” (1Cor 11:26). The Eucharist is thus the memorial of Christ’s death but is also the presence of His sacrifice and the anticipation of His glorious coming.

When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, let us keep in mind this profound statement by Pope John Paul II: “To remember” is therefore “to bring back to the heart” in memory and affection, but it is also to celebrate a presence.” “Only the Eucharist, the true memorial of Christ’s paschal mystery, is capable of keeping alive in us the memorial of his love.” In the Eucharist, Christians nurture the hope of the definitive encounter with their Lord.

Happy Feast of Corpus Christi and Happy Sunday to you, my friends!



## Parish Faith Formation

### Jesus Is Our Teacher

*What has Jesus taught you this week?*

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](http://stjohnmv.org)  
to access FORMED!





**Wednesday June 25th, 2025:**

**8:30 AM: Mass Has Been Canceled Due To Priest**

**Convocation**

**Friday June 27th, 2025:**

**8:30 AM: Ruth Hinz**

**Sunday June 29th, 2025:**

**8:00 AM: John Crock & Jackie Kerr**

**Liturgical Ministers June 29th, 2025**

**Sacristan: Brett Kimm**

**Lectors: Children's Mass**

**EM: Diane Kimm - Jeanne Muellerlelie - Penelope Vig**

**EM (Cup): Charlene Vig-Diane Apel - Ellen Bentley  
Marty Fall - Ruth Horton**

**Hospitality: Jim & Cindy Kendall**

**Mike & Ruth Clark**

**Janet & Kieth Huebner**

**Servers: Chasen Caskey - Dashlyn Caskey**

**Faith Covington - Mitchell Covington**

**Meetings and Activities of the Week**

**Tuesday June 24th -**

**6:30 - 7:30 PM: Pastoral Council Meeting**

**Friday June 27th -**

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

**Sunday June 29th -**

**10:00 - 11:00 AM: Outdoor Mass/Parish Feast**

**11:00 - 1:00 PM: Parish Picnic**

**Ss. Monica & Anthony Holy  
Hour 06/23 and  
Wednesday 06/25 daily  
Mass have been canceled  
due to the priest  
convocation!**

## **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

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

**Contributions Received Through June 17th, 2025**

Budget, Adult .....	\$ 2325.00
Loose.....	\$ 258.00
ACH Donations.....	\$ 4370.00
Total Collected.....	\$ 6953.00
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 364360.83
YTD collections received.....	\$ 388331.47
YTD .....	\$ 23970.64

**Totus Tuus**



**INCOMING 1<sup>ST</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:**

**JULY 28- AUG. 1, 9:00AM - 2:30PM**

**INCOMING 7<sup>TH</sup> - OUTGOING 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:**

**JULY 27 - 31, 6:30 - 8:45PM**



**SIGN UP WITH QR CODE!**



**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

## **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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