

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 5 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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July 6th, 2025
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readings for the week of July 6, 2025**

Sun: Is 66:10-14/Ps 66:1-7,16,20/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

Mon: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26

Tues: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1,2-3,6-7, 8b and 15/Mt 9:32-38

Wed: Gn 41:55-57;42:5-7,17-24/Ps 33:2-3,10-11,18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thurs: Gn 44:18-29;45:1-5/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 10:7-15

Fri: Gn 46:1-7,28-30/Ps 37:3-4,18-19,27-28,39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Sat: Gn 49:29-32;50:15-26/Ps 105:1-7/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday:

Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14,17,30-37/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-3

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

Journey in Faith as the Archdiocese of Dubuque

Dear Friends,

This past weekend, we received a letter from Archbishop Thomas Zinkula, inviting all the good people of the Archdiocese of Dubuque to join in finding innovative ways to engage in our common mission as missionary disciples of Christ in our parishes. Due to the significance of the message, I also requested that the letter be emailed to each of us so that we could read it, reflect on it, and share insights on how we can stay engaged together. If you were not in Church or haven't had the chance to read it, please try to make time for it.

The letter was issued following a three-day convocation of all priests in the archdiocese, working in various parishes and offices. The occasion provided us with a sense of what is generally happening in the different parishes and the Archdiocesan Church, as insights from the DMI survey and analyses revealed. Priests, both active and retired, also shared their experiences of what they have observed in the parishes and the archdiocese. The common mantra was that things have changed so much.

The clergy and laity of the archdiocese know that the Church we love, know, serve, and attend today is not the same one that formed us in yesteryears. We can find reasons for it; some may be internal, while others may be external.

Indeed, things have changed dramatically, and everything we hold dear in the Church has been affected—demographic shifts, declining vocations, membership, attendance, and participation in parishes—are no secret kept in the archives. But the reality that stands before us is that things will not suddenly turn around as we may hope. However, we can find ways to work through and survive, even thrive.

Indeed, the changing organizational landscape not only impacts the Catholic Church but also Christianity as a whole. Even secular organizations are facing their share of the cultural and social shifts. And yet, we know that all organizations seeking to continue their mission and remain relevant must adapt and innovate during challenging times to capitalize on the available opportunities.

Thus, from my humble point of view, the archbishop and all of us in the archdiocese are taking the proper steps to engage us in understanding our context and responding with a new effort in pastoral planning. As the archbishop has emphasized, the goal is not “about managing decline; it is about mobilizing mission. It’s about building something sustainable, hopeful, and holy for the generations yet to come.”

As has often happened, any process of innovation can be challenging and tedious. It requires discernment to arrive at something meaningful and sustainable. However, it also raises numerous questions, doubts, and uncertainties. Once again, as your pastor, I invite you to look to the future with hope and join the rowing team to cross the finish line together, where we can say together that we contributed to something sustainable in our parishes and the archdiocese.

Blessings in this month of July to all of you.

Parish Faith Formation

Totus Tuus



INCOMING 1ST - 6TH GRADE:
JULY 28- AUG. 1, 9:00AM - 2:30PM

INCOMING 7TH - OUTGOING 12TH GRADE:
JULY 27 - 31, 6:30 - 8:45PM



SIGN UP WITH QR CODE!



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Faith Formation Registration

Faith formation registration for the 2025 - 2026 school year is now open! Please scan the QR code below to register your children. Please contact Marcy or the office if you have any questions.



Adoration at St. John's

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

First & Third Wednesday 7:00 - 9:00 PM





Wednesday July 9th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Dr. & Mrs. Locher

Friday July 11th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Irvin & Louise Clark

Sunday July 13th, 2025:

8:00 AM: Margaret & James Lynch

Liturgical Ministers July 13th, 2025

Sacristan: *Hugh Scieszinski*

Lectors: *Stephanie Brehm - Tom Wieseler*

EM: *Dan Pederson-Larry Poduska-Judy Poduska*

EM (Cup): *Stephen Poduska - Leona Smith Faoro*

Richard Povey - Heidi Ryan - Jacob Ryan

Hospitality: *Larry & Judy Poduska*

John & Amanda Rhomberg & Family

Todd & Samantha Phillips

Servers: *Mitchell Covington - Faith Covington*

Selah Loyd - Clara Vavricek

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Monday July 7th -

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

Tuesday July 8th -

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 Meeting

Wednesday July 9th -

8:30 - 9:00 AM: Mass

Friday July 11th -

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

Sunday July 13th -

8:00 - 9:00 AM: Mass

3:00 - 5:00 PM: Lower Level Reserved

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to access FORMED!**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly contributions needed..... \$7144.33

Contributions Received Through June 30th, 2025 Final

Report For Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025

Budget, Adult	\$	1900.00
Loose.....	\$	75.70
June Online Budget Donations.....	\$	7302.32
Upkeep.....	\$	20.00
Total Collected	\$	9298.02
YTD collection needed.....	\$	378649.49
YTD collections received.....	\$	399813.49
YTD	\$	21,164.00

Staff Position Update: New Roles

With the retirement of Linda Hansmeier at the end of June, we are pleased to announce the following changes in staff positions:

- Marcy McElroy has been appointed Director of Religious Education. She will oversee all K-12 religious education programs held on Sundays and Wednesdays. Please direct any questions related to religious education to Marcy. For all other inquiries, contact the parish office.
- Deacon Mark Sandersfeld has been hired as Pastoral Associate for Adult Faith Formation and Confirmation. In this part-time role, Deacon Mark will coordinate all adult faith formation groups and programs within the parish.

We thank both Marcy and Deacon Mark for their service and dedication to our faith community.

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
- Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday 7:00 - 9:00 PM

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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