

*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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*July 30th, 2025
The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Readings for the week of July 20, 2025

Sun: Gn 18:1-10/Ps 15:2-5/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Mon: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tues: Sg 3:1-4b/2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wed: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thurs: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20/Dn 3:52-56/Mt 13:10-17

Fri: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Sat: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday:

Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-3, 6-8/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

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 – Part III

Embracing the Mission and Vision of the Archdiocese of Dubuque

Dear Friends,

In last week's bulletin, just like the preceding week, I wrote about the Journey in Faith, which is a pastoral planning the archdiocese is seeking to undertake with the sole reason to do more than just revitalize the parishes within the archdiocese. I introduced to you the new mission and vision of the archdiocese that support the transformation of parishes and parishioners:

Mission: *Empowered by the Holy Spirit through prayer, Sacraments, and Scripture, our archdiocesan mission is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, thereby transforming our community to become more like Him in thought, word, and deed.*

Vision: *We are an engaged archdiocesan community of joyful missionary disciples, centered in our Eucharistic relationship with Jesus Christ and united through our legacy of faith.*

This week, I continue with the topic, emphasizing the crucial role each of us plays in living out the Journey in Faith that the archdiocese is seeking to roll out. Our active participation is key to keeping our parishes engaged and flourishing. In other words, the archdiocese is counting on us. What does the archdiocese want from us? It wants our commitment and involvement.

It is simple. We are to be excited and prepared to embrace the new realities that we face. Once understood, being on a journey together will require us to be aware that what we are accustomed to or have been doing for some time can be done in other ways.

New realities connote a change, a change that brings with it opportunities for growth and renewal. Whether it's a change in our own situation or the situation around us, it's an opportunity to start thinking of doing something different. Even if things have not changed dramatically for us, but for others, it's an opportunity to do something different, to make a positive impact.

As Catholics, we are guided by the principles of authentic *worship, prayers, charity, and lifelong learning*. These are principles that drive our personal and collective lives.

The worship that directs our focus to the participation in the sacramental life of the Church, especially through the Eucharist and Reconciliation is something every Catholic values and should continue to value because it connects us to God and the Christian community. Charity, by which we respond to the needs of others and the church in imitation of Christ, is to be pursued too. Through prayer, we grow our relationship with God through personal conversion and lifelong learning by which we are open to the Holy Spirit to teach us new things. And we follow these principles because we understand that we are not complete. God is not done with us yet; so, we must continue to avail ourselves of the Holy Spirit's prompts.

God bless you and have a great weekend!

Totus Tuus

at St. John the Baptist



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 online with the QR Code above
- Cost is \$30/child, evening program is free!



FEED THE TOTUS TUUS PARTICIPANTS



SIGN UP BY
CLICKING HERE
OR USING THE
QR CODE



Please support our youth attending the

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

by donating on the parish website
or at the parish office.

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Go to our website stjohnmv.org
to access FORMED!



Wednesday July 23rd, 2025:

8:30 AM: Mass canceled due to building closure

Friday July 25th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Ruth Hinz

Sunday July 27th, 2025:

8:00 AM: Jerry & Agnes Litz

Liturgical Ministers July 27th, 2025

Sacristan: Todd & Samantha Phillips

Lectors: Samantha Phillips - Trevor Gretten

EM: Larry Collins-Ruth Horton-Natalie Thuerauf

EM (Cup): Lisa Thuerauf - Jeanne Muellerleile

Conni Swart-Dave Klostermann-Joe Lynott

Hospitality: Brian & Jennifer Donovan

David & Mary Horst

Chuck & Marylynn Murray

Servers: Kasey Swart - Adam Swart

Damon Phillips - Kiersten Swart

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Monday July 21st -

Office closed due to building closure

Tuesday July 22nd -

Office closed due to building closure

Wednesday July 23rd -

Office closed due to building closure

8:30 - 9:00 AM: Mass

Friday July 25th -

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

Saturday July 26th -

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

Sunday July 27th -

8:00 - 9:00 AM: Mass

6:30 - 8:45 PM: Totus Tuus (7th - 12th grade)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly contributions needed..... \$7115.38

Contributions Received Through July 15th,

Budget, Adult	\$	1695.00
Loose.....	\$	357.00
Upkeep.....	\$	40.00
Total Collected.....	\$	2092.00
YTD collection needed.....	\$	21346.14
YTD collections received.....	\$	18923.00
YTD	\$	2423.14

Office Closed

July 21st - 23rd

St. John's will be closed July 21st - 23rd due to electrical upgrades.

SS. Monica & Anthony Holy Hour on 07/21 will be canceled.

Daily Mass on 07/23 will still be held but note there will be no lights or AC!

Daily Mass on 07/30 and 08/01 will be held at 9:00 AM due to Totus Tuus

The Conner family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has helped support them through their recent struggles. They would especially like to thank everyone who attended the funerals for Todd & Francis, prayed for the family, and provided food and other support for the funerals.

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.