

*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 27th, 2025
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Readings for the week of July 27, 2025

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

Mon: Ex 32:15-24,30-34/Ps 106:19-23/Mt 13:31-35

Tues: Ex 33:7-11;34:5-9,28/Ps 103:6-13/Jn 11:19-27/Lk 10:38-42

Wed: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thurs: Ex 40:16-21,34-38/Ps 84:3-6,8,11/Mt 13:47-53

Fri: Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34-37/Ps 81:3-6,10-11/Mt 13:54-58

Sat: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday:

Ecc 1:2;2:21-23/Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17/Col 3:1-5,9-11/Lk 12:13-21

**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

Trusting God: The Prayer He Answers

I came across two interesting stories about prayer. The first is about a Spanish businessman named Edouardo Sierra. While on a trip to Sweden, he stopped at a small Catholic church to pray. Inside, he found a coffin with no one else around. He prayed for the person in the coffin, signed the remembrance book, and went on his way.

Weeks later, Edouardo received a phone call saying he had inherited a fortune. The man in the coffin was a wealthy Swedish businessman with no close relatives. In his will, he had left his wealth “to whoever prays for my soul first.” Was it luck? I believe it was the power of prayer.

The second story is about a boy who once prayed to God, “I’ve been thinking, and I know what I want when I become a man.” He proceeded to give God his list. It included his desire to marry a blue-eyed, tall, beautiful woman and to have three sons—one a senator, one a scientist, and one a quarterback.

Life didn’t go as he planned. He injured his knee, married a kind woman who didn’t match his childhood dream, lived in a city apartment, and had three daughters: a nurse, an artist, and a music teacher. One day, feeling disappointed, he asked God, “Why didn’t You give me what I wanted?” God replied, “I could have, but I wanted to make you happy.”

Praying to God is like making phone calls. Sometimes you say hello once and there is a response from the other end. Sometimes, you must keep saying hello, hello a few times, or even add, “Do you hear me?” before the person responds. That means patience.

But in the end, prayer works. That’s why we must pray and trust God to lead us. God wants to help us with our decisions and choices. Life is full of uncertainties, and there are so many things we do not know. And it should not be disappointing that you do not know everything about your life to make all the right decisions and choices that steer you in the right direction.

Human beings are not wired to figure out things way ahead into the future and get it all lined up perfectly as we want it. We do so as we go. That is why we need to turn to God to help us.

Jesus was a man of prayer, and He prayed consistently—something that attracted His disciples to ask Him to teach them how to pray. He did not only teach them to pray but, more importantly, to pray to God as a loving Father. God is our Father, and yet, it takes both wisdom and humility for us to realize that sometimes it is kind on God’s part that He does not answer all our prayers. So, pray. But trust God to guide you.

Blessings,

Fr. Andrew Awotwe-Mensah

Daily Pillars of Hope



Please support our youth attending the

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

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

NOVEMBER 20-23, 2025 INDIANAPOLIS, IN

2025-2026

FAITH FORMATION
REGISTRATION
IS OPEN!

K-6th: Sundays, 9:00-10:15 a.m.

7th-12th: Wednesdays,

7:00-8:15 p.m.

Click [HERE](#) to
to sign up!



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



St. Pius X

Grieving with Great HOPE

Six week Grief Support Workshop

This series offers ways to incorporate your Catholic faith and the church as tools to help walk through grief.

Every Thursday at 6:00 pm
Sept 15- Oct 20 in Pastors Hall

Register today at

www.crpriusx.org/bereavement

Grieving with Great
HOPE





Wednesday July 30th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Harold & Ann Hufford

Friday August 1st, 2025:

8:30 AM: Dr. & Mrs. Locher

Sunday August 3rd, 2025:

8:00 AM: Carl & Marie Morrison

Liturgical Ministers August 3rd, 2025

Sacristan: Ellen Bentley

Lectors: Vicky Wieseler - Samantha Phillips

EM: Nikki Sporrer - Marty Fall - Mark Kraus

EM (Cup): Pam Kraus - Chuck Murray - Dan Pederson

Marylynn Murray - Teresa Patterson

Hospitality: Tim & Abby Keegan & Family

Jim & Cindy Kendall

Mike & Ruth Clark

Servers: Mitchell Covington - Faith Covington

Noah Sporrer - Rylan Sporrer

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Sunday July 27th -

8:00 - 9:00 AM: Mass

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

Monday July 28th -

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM: Totus Tuus (1-6)

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

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

Tuesday July 29th -

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM: Totus Tuus (1-6)

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

Wednesday July 30th -

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM: Totus Tuus (1-6)

9:00 - 9:30 AM: Mass

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

Thursday July 31st -

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM: Totus Tuus (1-6)

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

Friday August 1st -

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM: Totus Tuus (1-6)

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

9:30 - 10:00 AM: Adoration After Mass

Saturday August 2nd -

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

Sunday August 3rd -

8:00 - 9:00 AM: Mass

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly contributions needed..... \$7115.38

Due to bulletin due dates there have not been any major donations since the last report. There will be a report for both weeks in the next issue. Thank you all for your continued generosity and support of our parish!



ST. PATRICK WELCOMES
**STEVE ANGRISANO
& MARY'S MEALS**

EVENING OF HOPE, MUSIC & STORYTELLING



WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 13, 2025



6:30 PM



HIGH SCHOOL
ELLEN KENNEDY
FINE ARTS CENTER

Pray for our Totus Tuus Participants!

Please say a prayer for all of the children who will be attending Totus Tuus this week! Please pray that they will have a holy, fun and educational week!



Go to our website stjohnmv.org to access FORMED!

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
- 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