

*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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*August 3rd, 2025
The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Readings for the week of August 3, 2025

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

Mon: Nm 11:4-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tues: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-7,12-13/Mt 14:22-36/Mt 15:1-2,10-14

Wed: Dn 7:9-10,13-14/Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28-36

Thurs: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23

Fri: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-16,21/Mt 16:24-28

Sat: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday:

Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1,12,18-22/Heb 11:1-2,8-19 Lk 12:32-48

**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

Dear Parishioners,

I recently came across this story captioned “The Dollars Are in the Way”. Henry Ford once asked an associate about his life goals. The man replied that his goal was to make a million dollars. A few days later, Ford gave the man a pair of glasses made from two silver dollars. He told the man to put them on and asked what he could see. “Nothing,” the man said. “The dollars are in the way.” Ford told him that he wanted to teach him a lesson: If his only goal were dollars, he would miss a host of greater opportunities. He should invest himself in serving others, not simply in making money.

The story further added that “That’s a great secret of life that far too few people discover. Money is important. No question about that. But money is only a means by which we reach higher goals. Service to others. Obedience to God. God comes to the rich man and says, “You fool! This very night, your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?” The answer was clear. The rich man had put his trust in things. Now he was leaving these things behind.”

Today’s reading speaks about the emptiness of money or material resources, urging us to look beyond them, settling on what truly matters—life with God and the saints in heaven. While both the first and gospel readings discourage us from being steeped in materialism, it is the second reading that offers us the underlying reasons:

“If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory” (Colossians 3:1-4).

Taking Paul’s exhortation into account, we need to think about what Harry Emerson Fosdick once said, “We’re rich in things and poor in souls.”

What else are Solomon, Paul, and Jesus saying to us today in the readings other than the fact that we are to go back to the basics and re-establish our priorities by putting God first? We need to remember the exhortations, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself” (Mt. 22:37-39) and “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you: (Mt. 6:33).

Blessings,

Fr. Andrew Awotwe-Mensah

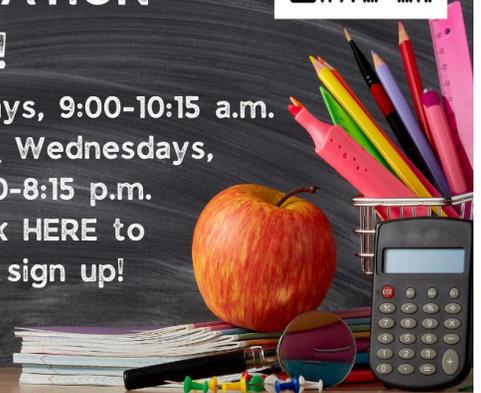
2025-2026 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



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

7th-12th: Wednesdays,
7:00-8:15 p.m.

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



Confirmation 2026

Student & parent meeting

St. John’s lower level

Sunday, September 14th 2025

After Mass 9:00 - 10:30 AM

For students in 10th grade and/or any student in 11th or 12th grade who have not been Confirmed. Please contact Deacon Mark with any questions at either 319-743-5008 or dbq137d@dbqarch.org.



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



Wednesday August 6th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Ruth Hinz

Friday August 8th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Larry Haight

Sunday August 10th, 2025:

8:00 AM: Darlene Allard & Carol Kozlowski

Liturgical Ministers August 10th, 2025

Sacristan: Hugh Scieszinski

Lectors: Dave Klostermann - Charley Liberko

EM: Ellen Bentley - Larry Poduska - Stephen Poduska

EM (Cup): Judy Poduska - Heidi Ryan - Jacob Ryan

Leona Smith Faoro - Diane Apel

Hospitality: Janet & Keith Huebner

Troy & Tracey Louwagie & Family

Andy & Erin Moeller & Family

Servers: Clara Vavricek - Jake Baker

Brick Baker - Eden Baker

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Monday August 4th -

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

Wednesday August 6th -

8:30 - 9:00 AM: Mass

6:00 - 7:00 PM: Stewardship Committee Meeting

7:00 - 9:00 PM: Adoration

Friday August 8th -

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

Saturday August 9th -

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

Sunday August 10th -

8:00 - 9:00 AM: Mass (Baptism)

School Supplies

The St. John's Social Justice Committee is collection donations to support the school supply drive organized by SELCC. If you would like to donate please either write school supplies in the memo of a check or donate online under the school supply heading. Thank you all for your generosity!



BACK TO SCHOOL



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly contributions needed..... \$7115.38

Contributions Received Through July 29th

Budget, Adult	\$	4415.00
Loose.....	\$	510.84
Upkeep.....	\$	150.00
Total Collected.....	\$	5075.84
YTD collection needed.....	\$	35576.90
YTD collections received.....	\$	23998.84
YTD	\$	11578.06



**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**



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



**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

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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