

*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

Pastor:

Rev. Andrew Awotwe-Mensah

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*August 17th, 2025
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Readings for the week of August 17, 2025

Sun: Jer 38:4-10/Ps 40:2,3,4,18/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Mon: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43,44/Mt 19:16-22

Tues: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wed: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thurs: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

Fri: Ru 1:1, 3-6,14-16,22/Ps 146:5-10/Mt 22:34-40

Sat: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1,2(Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7,11-13/Lk 13:22-30

**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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Going to Visit Family

Dear parishioners,

I am taking a break from my daily ministry in our three sister parishes to travel home to Ghana to see my mom and family. This break starts after Sunday Masses this weekend. While I count on and thank you for the prayers you will keep offering for me, I hope to be back without any delays. These days travel has become a little unpredictable and hard to plan and execute accordingly. People are going through more bumpy travel experiences than before.

Priest supply:

As far as I know, I hope to be back in the third week of September, and hopefully there will be no delays. While I am gone, a few priests may be celebrating Masses with and for you. Fr. Danny Juhl will not be one of them as he had done in the past. He is going to have hip replacement surgery later in the month. So, please pray for him and send him get-well-soon cards. He loves our parishes, and he regrets not being able to assist this time.

The archdiocese has arranged for Fr. Paulraj Sellam, a priest from India assisting here at the archdiocese, to come to celebrate the weekend Masses on August 23/24 and 30/31. Then a priest from Food for the Poor, a Catholic organization, will be here for the weekend of September 6/7 to celebrate and ask for your support for the organization. On the weekend of September 13/14, another priest from Cross Catholic outreach will be here for a similar purpose. Fr. Paul will come back for the Weekend of September 20/21. As I mentioned, I hope to be back to resuming my ministry the following weekend.

Unfortunately, making plans for weekday Mass coverage proved difficult. So far, it is only on Fridays, starting August 22 that Fr. Polycarp Hagan, also from the Archdiocese of Cape Coast, who recently moved to Dubuque Archdiocese from New York City, can come to say Mass at St. John's.

That's it for now. I will be back hopefully. Happy Summer! And let us raise everyone up in prayers.

Blessings,

Fr. Andrew Awotwe-Mensah

Parish Faith Formation

2025-2026
FAITH FORMATION
REGISTRATION
IS OPEN!

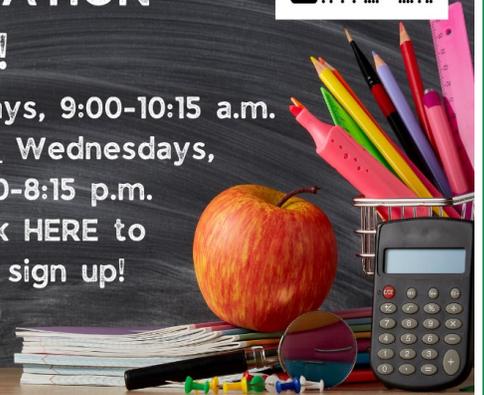


K-6th: Sundays, 9:00-10:15 a.m.

7th-12th: Wednesdays,

7:00-8:15 p.m.

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



FAITH FORMATION OPENING MASS

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

6:30 p.m. Mass
Open House to follow

***Classes begin Sunday,
September 7th, 9:00-10:15 a.m.
and Wednesday, September 10th,
7:00-8:15 p.m. ***



Blood Drive

Thursday, September 11th, 2025

2:30 - 6:30 PM

St. John's Lower Level

Please either scan the QR
code or contact
Therese Pisarik at
pattylynch406@gmail.com
to schedule an
appointment.



Go to our website stjohnmv.org
to access FORMED!



Wednesday August 20th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Harold Hufford

Friday August 22nd, 2025:

8:30 AM: Juan & Yolanda Cavazos

Sunday August 24th, 2025:

8:00 AM: Marvin & Rita Wieseler

Liturgical Ministers August 24th, 2025

Sacristan: Mark Anton

Lectors: Erin Moeller - Ellen Bentley

EM: Dave Klostermann - Larry Collins - Joe Lynott

EM (Cup): Jeanne Muellerleile - Leona Smith Faoro
Conni Swart - Diane Apel - Marty Fall

Hospitality: Todd & Samantha Phillips

Jamie & Annalyn Elloren

Tyler & Teresa Patterson & Family

Servers: Kiersten Swart - Adam Swart

Casey Swart - Liliana Grosse

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Monday August 18th -

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

Wednesday August 20th -

6:30 - 7:30 AM: Finance Council Meeting

8:30 - 9:00 AM: Mass

7:00 - 9:00 PM: Adoration

Friday August 22nd -

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

Sunday August 24th -

8:00 - 9:00 AM: Mass

St. Isidore Parish Festival

Sunday August 24th

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

St. Isidore Catholic Church Springville IA

Events include: Maidrite lunch silent auction/raffle & live auction, studio dance performance, children's games and more! All are welcome to join.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly contributions needed..... \$7115.38

Contributions Received Through June 30th, 2025 Final

Report For Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025

Budget, Adult	\$	1925.00
Loose.....	\$	404.00
ACH Budget Donations.....	\$	4370.00
Upkeep.....	\$	10.00
Total Collected	\$	6709.00
YTD collection needed.....	\$	49847.66
YTD collections received.....	\$	39138.79
YTD	\$	10708.87

Sessions will be starting soon for anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about becoming Catholic, please contact Natalie Klostermann. 319.551.7650

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

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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