

*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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*September 14th, 2025
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*



Readings for the week of September 14, 2025

Sun: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 78:1-2,34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Mon: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2,7,8-9/Jn 19:25-27/Lk 2:33-35

Tues: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1-2,2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

Wed: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thurs: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50

Fri: 1 Tm 6:2-12/Ps 49:6-7,8-10,17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Sat: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday:

Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2,4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13

**LISBON - MOUNT VERNON, IA
AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES**

Website: <http://www.stjohnmv.org>

Parish Theme: Pilgrims of Hope: We are Chosen, Faith Filled, Joyful!

Dear Parishioners,

Have you registered for St. John the Baptist's Pilgrimage to "Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine" in La Crosse Wisconsin? The bus is half filled. We will save seats for our three parishes till the end of September and then open registrations to surrounding parishes.

This Pilgrimage is an opportunity for you to respond to making a Pilgrimage this Year of Jubilee titled "Pilgrims of Hope." The Shrine is beautiful and set in the scenic woods near La Crosse. It has many Devotionals starting with a statue of Juan Diego, the Pilgrim Center and bookstore, and so much more. We will have a guided tour to the shrine and a devotional once we get there before the Daily Mass at 12:15. There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Shrine is incredibly beautiful inside, and the grounds are very well set on the hillside. The many devotional areas include; the Memorial to the Unborn Devotional Area, Rosary Walk Devotional Area, and The Way of the Cross Devotional Area, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Devotional Area, Saint Joseph the Workman Devotional Area, and the Mother of Good Council Votive Chapel (a must see).

Check your calendars and if you have plans move them and free up October 25, 2025, to become a Pilgrim on the St. John the Baptist Pilgrimage to "Our Lady of Gaudalupe Shrine". It will be a full day as we will leave St. John's parking lot at 6:00 AM and return around 8:00 PM. Transportation will be by Windstar Lines which offers wonderfully comfortable seats for 56 passengers with on board facilities. We are encouraged to pack our lunch and dinner as food at the Shrine's Café' is limited. Soft side coolers are preferred.

When we fill the bus, the cost will be \$50.00 per person. So, tell your friends to sign up and join the fun but more importantly plan for a great Spiritual Pilgrimage Experience. There is an insert in the bulletin on making a spiritual pilgrimage. Please read and reflect on this great opportunity to make a Spiritual Pilgrimage and enjoy God's beauty in His fall colors.

To register please contact Deacon Mark at dbq137d@dbqarch.org or call him at 319-743-5008

Deacon Mark

Parish Faith Formation



She Shall Be Called Woman

A new women's group is starting on **September 21st**.
On Sundays after Mass until 10:30am

All women are welcome to attend.

"She Shall Be Called Woman" is a program from Paradisus Day, the creator of That Man Is You.

A PROGRAM FOR ALL WOMEN BY PARADISUS DEI



There was an error on the September Parish Calendar that was sent out. There will be Faith Formation Classes on Sept. 21st. We apologize for any confusion!

Pancake Breakfast

September 28th
Following 8:00am Mass

- A fundraiser for the National Catholic Youth Conference
- Two serving lines
- Free will donation

Thank you for your support!



Coats For All

Our local Knights of Columbus chapter is doing their Coats For All drive again this year to support those in need. If you have any new or gently used winter coats or other winter clothing there will be a donation box in the gathering space starting September 28th - October 12th. Donations can also be brought to the office. Thank you all for your generosity!





Wednesday September 17th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Intention Rescheduled

Friday September 19th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Leonard Poduska &

Ernie, Nancy & Kurt Adams

Sunday September 21st, 2025:

8:00 AM: Ellen & Joseph Lynch

Liturgical Ministers September 21st, 2025

Sacristan: Hugh Scieszinski

Lectors: Lisa Thuerauf - Charlene Vig

EM: Jeanne Muellerlelie - Dave Klostermann - Mark Kraus

EM (Cup): Marylynn Murray - Teresa Patterson

Chuck Murray - Joe Lynott - Pam Kraus

Hospitality: Dean & Kathy Mallie

Larry & Judy Poduska

John & Amanda Rhomberg & Family

Servers: Clara Vavricek - Alaina Sellner

Mitchell Covington - Faith Covington

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Monday September 15th -

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

Wednesday September 17th -

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

7:00 - 9:00 PM: Adoration

7:00 - 8:15 PM: 7th - 12th Grade Faith Formation

Friday September 19th -

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

Saturday September 20th -

6:30 - 8:00 AM: That Man is You Men's Group

Sunday September 21st -

8:00 - 9:00 AM: Mass - Catechetical Sunday

9:00 - 9:15 AM: Tootsie Roll Drive after Mass

9:00 - 10:30 AM: Confirmation

9:00 - 10:30 AM: She Women's Group

9:00 - 10:15 AM: K-6th Grade Faith Formation

Go to our website stjohnmv.org to access FORMED!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly contributions needed..... \$7115.38

Contributions Received Through September 9th, 2025

Budget, Adult	\$ 6530.00
Loose.....	\$ 839.00
Upkeep.....	\$ 25.00
ACH Donations.....	\$ 4370.00
Online Donations.....	\$ 6736.90
Total Collected.....	\$ 18500.90
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 78309.18
YTD collections received.....	\$ 62065.69
YTD	\$ 16243.49

Run For Pie
Saturday, September 20th
9:00 AM
Lisbon Community Park

We are looking for people to bake pies for this year's Run For Pie 5k. The top 3 runners in each division will win a pie. This means we will need around 60 pies! We will also need 15 volunteers to help with course monitoring. If you can fill any of these spots or bake a pie please use the code on the left. If you would like to register as a runner please scan the QR code on the right. RunforPie contact is Chris Osborn; mvosborn80@gmail.com

Scan to volunteer! Scan to register as a runner!

Birthday Card Shower

Betty Wolfe, a long time St. John's Parishioner, is turning 98 on Wednesday, September 17th. We are looking shower her with cards! If you would like to participate please bring your card to the office, or leave it in the drop box outside of the office.

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.