

*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 21st, 2025
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Readings for the week of September 21, 2025

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

Mon: Ezc 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tues: Ezc 6:7-8,12,14-20/Ps 122:1-2,3-4,4-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wed: Ezc 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thurs: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Fri: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

Sat: Zec 2:5-9,14-15a/Jer 31:10,11-12,13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday:

Am 6:1,4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-3

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

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

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Fixing the Scales

Most people don't intend on being selfish. The reality of selfishness usually lies in the grey shades of our decision-making. We would never go out of our way to kick a homeless person begging by the highway exit. We would never steal money from our parish collection plate.

But would we drive past the homeless person without even extending a thought or a prayer toward his need? Would we justify stinginess in time, talent, and treasure because of our own comfort? We all have been guilty of transgressions such as these in the past. We will fall again in the future.

Most of the evil in this world can be traced back to a feeling of entitlement that lurks deep within each of us — a frantic concern for our own good that we find difficult to shake. The same instinct that compelled Eve to reach for the fruit that would give her the knowledge of good and evil still compels people to focus on what they are owed, on what they have “earned,” on what they have “coming to them.” We are so tempted to fix the scales. We are so tempted to keep score.

We would do well to remember that our God is not a God who keeps score. He is not a God who acts entitled or who tacks on extra dues, taking as much as He can get. He is a God who seats the lowly with princes. He is a God who seeks avenues for reconciliation and mercy.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Parish Faith Formation

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 this year to support those in need. Bring your new or gently used winter coats or other winter clothing to the donation box in the gathering space from September 28th - October 12th. Donations can also be brought to the office. Thank you all for your generosity!

Social Justice Speaker

Local Underground Railroad

Sunday Oct. 12th

1:00 - 2:00 PM

St. John's Lower Level

Refreshments Provided

The St. John's Social Justice Committee will be hosting Peggy Herman to speak about the history of the local Underground Railroad. She lives in the Traveler's Rest in West Branch a well known stop on the Underground Railroad!

 Social JUSTICE
proclaim, know, act

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN



Join us for a day of public, prayerful,
and peaceful pro-life witness.

Sunday October 5th
2:00-3:30 PM
St. Matthew's
Catholic Church



Wednesday September 24th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Intention Rescheduled

Friday September 26th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Irvin & Louise Clark/Larry Haight

Sunday September 28th, 2025:

8:00 AM: Lilian & Edward McNulty

Liturgical Ministers September 28th, 2025

Sacristan: Mark Anton

Lectors: Children's Mass

EM: Ellen Bentley - Ruth Horton - Dan Pederson

EM (Cup): Leona Smith Faoro - Stephen Poduska

Diane Apel - Heidi Ryan - Jacob Ryan

Hospitality: Todd & Samantha Phillips

Jamie & Annalyn Elloren

Tyler & Teresa Patterson & Family

Servers: Damon Phillips - Kiersten Swart

Adam Swart - Casey Swart

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Monday September 22nd -

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

Tuesday September 23rd -

6:30 - 7:30 PM: Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday September 24th -

9:00 - 10:30 AM: St. Anne's

Friday September 26th -

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

Saturday September 27th -

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

Sunday September 28th -

No Faith Formation

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

9:00 - 10:00 AM: Pancake Breakfast (Benefits NCYC)



Go to our website stjohnmv.org to access FORMED!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly contributions needed..... \$7115.38

Contributions Received Through September 16th, 2025

Budget, Adult	\$ 3050.00
Loose.....	\$ 526.00
Upkeep.....	\$ 25.00
Total Collected.....	\$ 3601.00
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 85424.56
YTD collections received.....	\$ 65666.69
YTD	\$ 19757.87

Blessing of Pets
Sunday October 5th, 2025
1:30 PM
St. John's Prayer Garden

Baptism Preparation Class

October 12th 2:30 - 4:30 PM
at St. John the Baptist Church

For families at St. Isidore (Springville), St. John (Mt.Vernon/Lisbon) and Sacred Heart (Oxford Junction). Please Contact the Parish Office (319-895-6246 or DBQ137SEC@DBQARCH.ORG) if you would like to attend!

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.