

*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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*October 12th, 2025
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Readings for the week of October 12, 2025

Sun: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Mon: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32

Tues: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wed: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46

Thurs: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

Fri: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Sat: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Next Sunday:

Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-8/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

**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

Pilgrimage and Journey in Faith

Dear Friends,

Pilgrimage

There are two pressing issues that I would like to remind you of and give you a personal invitation to be part of. Sometimes we have in mind to do something, and at the time we think about it, it may seem a long way off. However, time passes so quickly before we are aware. When I asked Deacon Mark to initiate a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, the time seemed far away, but now it is here already.

The pilgrimage is for all three parishes: St. John, St. Isidore's, and Sacred Heart. We are hoping to fill the bus with parishioners. The bus's total capacity is 56, and we still have plenty of room. This is also the time we must make payments to the bus. This is a pilgrimage, and we must honor it. It is also part of the Jubilee Year of Hope, which means there are great spiritual benefits to receive when you join us for the trip.

Journey in Faith

All our three sister parishes have scheduled dates for their Journey in Faith discussions. Much has already been said and written about the events, so I will not repeat what you might have heard before. Instead, I appeal to you to please honor the archdiocese and the parish Journey in Faith team by attending the October session in your parish. Please note the date as announced from the pulpit, in the bulletin, and on the website.

Praying the Rosary

Please let me also remind you that the October Rosary this month can be a unique opportunity for you to engage in a spiritual battle. October, the month of the Rosary, tends to be a holy month because of it. Millions of Catholics are praying for the Church and for one another. This is the time you can also join in lifting prayers not only for yourself but for others as well.

Blessings,

Fr. Andrew Awotwe-Mensah

Parish Faith Formation

Cycle Prep

First Period
Workshop for Girls

Sunday, October 19th
St. John the Baptist
2:00pm

For girls aged 9-11

Scan QR code to register by October 13th



Presentation by Sarah Covington,
Licensed Cycle Prep Facilitator

Join us for Pilgrimage!

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe
October 25th, 2025



Depart St. John's at 6:00 AM
Return to St. John's at 7:45 PM

Cost is \$50/Pilgrim
Bring a packed lunch

Contact Deacon Mark at Dbq137d@dbqarch.org
or Trevor at Dbq137sec@dbqarch.org to register and if you have any questions!




**Journey
in Faith**
Trust. Transform. Together.

**PARISH
SESSIONS
#2 and #3** | **ST JOHN
THE
BAPTIST**

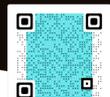
**Please join us for
both sessions.**

PARISH SESSION # 2
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26: 2 - 4 PM

PARISH SESSION # 3
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16: 2 - 4 PM

Each session will contain important information, and your input and feedback are vital to the Journey in Faith process.

Scan for more information:
Archdiocese of Dubuque **Journey in Faith**
NOTE: The FAQs are very helpful.





Wednesday October 15th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Dolores Apel

Friday October 17th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Patrick & Mildred Lynott

Sunday October 19th, 2025:

8:00 AM: Marvin & Rita Wieseler

Liturgical Ministers October 19th, 2025

Sacristan: Ellen Bentley

Lectors: Tom Wieseler - Dave Klostermann

EM: Joe Lynott - Marylynn Murray - Chuck Murray

EM (Cup): Teresa Patterson - Dan Pederson - Larry Poduska
Judy Poduska - Stephen Poduska

Hospitality: Mike & Ruth Clark

Troy & Tracey Louwagie & Family

Andy & Erin Moeller & Family

Servers: Clara Vavricek - Chasen Caskey

Dashtyn Caskey - Liliana Grosse

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Monday October 13th -

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

Tuesday October 14th -

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

6:00 - 7:00 PM: Social Justice Committee Meeting

6:30 - 7:30 PM: Faith Formation Committee Meeting

Wednesday October 15th -

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

8:30 - 9:00 AM: Mass

7:00 - 9:00 PM: Adoration

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

Thursday October 16th -

6:00 - 7:30 PM: OCIA (Journey of Faith)

Friday October 17th -

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

Saturday October 18th -

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

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

Sunday October 19th -

8:00 - 9:00 AM: Mass

9:00 - 10:30 AM: New Parishioner Breakfast

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

2:00 - 3:00 PM: Cycle Prep

Go to our website stjohnmv.org
to access **FORMED!**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly contributions needed..... \$7115.38

Contributions Received Through October 6th, 2025

Budget, Adult	\$ 3155.00
Loose.....	\$ 874.00
Online Donations.....	\$ 6269.55
Upkeep.....	\$ 250.00
Total Collected.....	\$ 10548.55
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 106770.70
YTD collections received.....	\$ 80202.24
YTD	\$ 26568.46



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.

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