

*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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*November 9th, 2025  
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*



**Readings for the week of November 9, 2025**

Sun: Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12/Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9/1 Cor 3:9-11,16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Mon: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6

Tues: Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wed: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thurs: Wis 7:22-8:1/Ps 119:89-91,130,135,175/Lk 17:20-25

Fri: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Sat: Wis 18:14-16;19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3,36-37,42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday:

Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

**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

### Thirty-Second Sunday: Prayer and Discernment in Support of Journey in Faith Process

We are all familiar with the words our Lord spoke to Peter concerning His Church: “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by My Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build My Church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven” (Matthew 16:17–19).

This is one of the most powerful declarations from the Lord concerning His Church. It also shows how the future of the Church is a matter of deep concern to the Lord. Earlier this week, this passage struck me as I was reading a bulletin article from another parish. It spoke to me on two levels—first, that we should engage in prayer for the universal Church, particularly for Pope Leo, the next successor of Peter, and second, that we should pray for Archbishop Zinkula for proper discernment as the Journey in Faith process enters the phase of discernment and decision-making.

All parishes of the archdiocese will soon undertake the second session of the parish-level discussion and feedback phase. In the first parish session at our sister parishes, we had great conversations as we listened and reflected together. Though we were encouraged to offer group feedback after the presentations, the second session is even more critical because this is when we are asked to bring our suggestions and ideas to offer additional feedback for the archbishop.

I encourage more participation in this second session. Note that Saints Isidore’s and John will have a joint session scheduled for November 16 at 2 p.m. at Saint John’s. It is essential for all of us to come together and let our voices be reflected in our parish discussions.

During the discernment and decision-making phase that follows, let us all commit to more prayers for the archbishop. Decisions meant to foster better collaboration and strengthen partnership across the archdiocese can also influence the spiritual growth and development we need. In the history of the Church, such actions often reflect the will of the Holy Spirit. Hence, we need to support him in prayer.

How can we assist in intentional prayer for him? For those in Saint John and Saint Isidore’s, during Advent we will dedicate the SS. Monica and Anthony Holy Hour to the prayer and discernment process, asking for their intercession for him. Let us all commit to these devotions when Advent arrives in a few weeks. God bless you.

## Parish Faith Formation



  
**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.**



## Thanksgiving Turkeys

For Southeast Linn Community Center

Donate online or make  
checks payable to St. Johns  
("Thanksgiving" in the memo)

Thank you for your support!  
-St. John's  
Social Justice Committee

Goal: 175 baskets for  
families in need



## First Reconciliation Parent/Candidate Retreat

Sunday November 16th

9:00 - 11:30 AM

For all parents & candidates for First Communion this year!





Wednesday November 12th, 2025:

**8:30 AM:** Steve Horton & Ann Hufford

Friday November 14th, 2025:

**8:30 AM:** Virginia Kotzbauer & Gabriel Deely

Sunday November 16th, 2025:

**8:00 AM:** Dan Vittetoe & Joe Joyce

Liturgical Ministers November 16th, 2025

**Sacristan:** Brett Kimm

**Lectors:** Stephanie Brehm - Sarah Doyle

**EM:** Diane Kimm - Larry Poduska - Judy Poduska

**EM (Cup):** Stephen Poduska - Richard Povey - Heidi Ryan  
Jacob Ryan - Tom Wieseler

**Hospitality:** Todd & Samantha Phillips

David & Mary Horst

Jamie & Annalyn Elloren

**Servers:** Chasen Caskey - Dashtyn Caskey

Liliana Grosse - Fitz Doyle

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Monday November 10th -

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

Tuesday November 11th -

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 November 12th -

8:30 - 9:00 AM: Mass  
1:00 - 5:00 PM: Carlo Acutis Exhibit  
7:00 - 8:15 PM: 7th - 12th Grade Faith Formation

Friday November 14th -

8:30 - 9:00 AM: Mass  
1:00 - 3:00 PM: Carlo Acutis Exhibit

Saturday November 15th -

6:30 - 8:00 AM: That Man is You Men's Group  
8:00 - 2:00 PM: Carlo Acutis Exhibit  
9:00 - 10:30 AM: She Women's Group

Sunday November 16th -

8:00 - 9:00 AM: Mass  
9:00 - 2:00 PM: Carlo Acutis Exhibit  
9:00 - 11:30 AM: 1st Reconciliation Parent/Candidate Retreat  
9:00 - 10:30 AM: Confirmation  
9:00 - 10:15 AM: K-6th Grade Faith Formation  
2:00 - 4:00 PM: Journey in Faith Session

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly contributions needed..... \$7115.38

Contributions Received Through November 4th, 2025

Budget, Adult .....	\$ 2145.00
Loose.....	\$ 418.00
Upkeep.....	\$ 90.00
Online Donations.....	\$ 6457.75
Total Collected.....	\$ 9110.75
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 135232.22
YTD collections received.....	\$ 103286.99
YTD .....	\$ 31945.23

**Carlo Acutis Eucharistic  
Miracle Exhibit**

November 12th-30th

**Mon & Fri: 1:00 - 7:00 PM**

(Except November 28th)

**Wed: 1:00 - 5:00 PM**

**Sat: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Sunday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

St. John's will be showing a presentation put together from St. Carlo's website on Eucharistic Miracles!



Carlo Acutis is the first millennial saint (born in 1991), and is known as the "Cyber Apostle of the Eucharist".

Go to our website [stjohnmv.org](http://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
- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dbq137sec@dbqarch.org) with any marriage related issues or questions and to schedule an appointment to start preparation.