

*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 16th, 2025
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Readings for the week of November 16, 2025

Sun: Mal 3:19-20/Ps 98:5-9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Mon: 1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-63/Ps 119:53,61,134,150,155,158/Lk 18:35-43

Tues: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wed: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1,5-6,8 and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thurs: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Fri: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10-12,/Lk 19:45-48

Sat: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3,4, 6,16,19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday:

2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-4

**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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Staying Engaged: Let's Finish Strong

We have entered the final stages of both the Liturgical Year and the Journey in Faith process within our parishes. On one hand this week is the pen-ultimate Sunday in current year C, and it is also the last Sunday within the time allotted for parish involvement in the discussions and feedback submissions. I hope that we will end both experiences well as individuals and collectively as three sister parishes.

Final Parish Discussion

This Sunday at 2:00 p.m., come to St. John's Parish in Mount Vernon if you are a parishioner of St. John or St. Isidore for a combined parish discussion. As noted earlier in other communications, both parishes scheduled the same date and time for the final meeting. Because I need to be at both meetings, the archdiocese has granted us permission for a combined session.

During small-group discussions, parishioners of both parishes will be separated to facilitate focused reflection on issues that affect them intimately and immediately. Also remember that individual feedback continues the Journey in Faith page of the Archdiocesan website until November 21.

A Call to Renewed Participation

I encourage all parishioners of our three sister parishes to please ramp up interest in the process and give it some attention during this final week of parish participation. Don't feel left out or remain on the fence.

It is often easier to launch a series of criticisms when we see challenges from a distance. Viewed from afar, we may lack understanding of the factors that undergird decisions and actions and easily form opinions that do not match the facts. However, when involved in the process and getting your feet wet, you are more likely to appreciate the lay of the land, as well as the realities and necessities of decisions and actions.

A Time for Prayer

As I mentioned in last week's edition of Pastor Speaks, when the parish sessions are over, our focus must switch to prayer for the grace of decision-making for Archbishop Zinkula and his team.

Currently, their task is tremendous, and they need abundant grace and the guidance of the Holy Spirit to make the right decisions. Remember that they also carry the responsibility of guiding God's Church in the Archdiocese—a task that is not easy. We will dedicate our Advent season to them and to the rest of the process.

Words of Gratitude

Finally, let me express, on your behalf, sincere appreciation to each parish's Journey in Faith Leadership Team for their incredible work and sacrifices.

I personally value dearly their tremendous support to me in meeting the demands and expectations placed on us. Thank you and may God bless our efforts to finish strong.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Andrew Awotwe-Mensah

Parish Faith Formation

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



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".



St. John's

St. Anne's Circle Craft & Bake Sale

Sunday, November 23rd

9:00 - 11:30 AM

Refreshments Provided
Proceeds will go to support
St. John's General Fund



Wednesday November 19th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Larry Haight

Friday November 21st, 2025:

8:30 AM: Frank & Anna Zelezny

Sunday November 23rd, 2025:

8:00 AM: David Neuhaus & Francis Connor

Liturgical Ministers November 23rd, 2025

Sacristan: Hugh Scieszinski

Lectors: Ruth Horton - Cindy Kendall

EM: Lisa Thuerauf - Larry Collins - Charlene Vig

EM (Cup): Tom Wieseler - Nikki Sporrer - Diane Apel
Ellen Bentley - Marty Fall

Hospitality: Tim & Abby Keegan & Family

Mike & Ruth Clark

Troy & Tracey Louwagie & Family

Servers: Noah Sporrer - Rylan Sporrer

Clara Vavricek - Tommy Rhomberg

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Monday November 17th -

1:00 - 7:00 PM: Carlo Acutis Exhibit

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

Wednesday November 19th -

6:30 - 8:00 AM: Finance Council Meeting

8:30 - 9:00 AM: Mass

9:00 - 11:00 AM: St. Anne's

1:00 - 5:00 PM: Carlo Acutis Exhibit

6:00 - 7:30 PM: OCIA (The Bible)

7:00 - 9:00 PM: Adoration

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

Friday November 21st -

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

1:00 - 7:00 PM: Carlo Acutis Exhibit

Saturday November 22nd -

6:30 - 8:00 AM: Men's Group

8:00 - 2:00 PM: Carlo Acutis Exhibit

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

11:00 - 12:00 PM: St. Anne's Sale Setup

Sunday November 23rd -

8:00 - 9:00 AM: Mass

9:00 - 2:00 PM: Carlo Acutis Exhibit

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

9:00 - 11:00 AM: St. Anne's Craft & Bake Sale

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly contributions needed..... \$7115.38

Contributions Received Through November 11th, 2025

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| Budget, Adult | \$ 4511.00 |
| Loose..... | \$ 599.50 |
| Upkeep..... | \$ 255.00 |
| Thanksgiving..... | \$ 500.00 |
| Total Collected..... | \$ 5865.50 |
| YTD collection needed..... | \$ 142347.60 |
| YTD collections received..... | \$ 109152.49 |
| YTD | \$ 33195.11 |



St. John's will be showing "Roadmap to Reality" on:

Tuesday November 18th from 6:30 - 8:00 PM

and on Sunday November 23rd from 1:00 - 2:30 PM.

Please join us if you are able!

Go to our website stjohnmv.org
to access FORMED!

Please pray for our students who will be attending
NCYC in Indianapolis this week Nov. 20th - 23rd!

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.