

*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 23rd, 2025
Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe*



Readings for the week of November 23, 2025

Sun: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Mon: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tues: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wed: Dn 5:1-6,13-17,23-28/Dn 3:62-67/Lk 21:12-19

Thurs: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68-74/Lk 21:20-28

Fri: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75,76,77,78,79,80,81/Lk 21:29-33

Sat: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82,83,84,85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

**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

34th Sunday— Solemnity of Christ the King

On this ultimate Sunday of the current Liturgical Year, I have chosen to again share a reflection from Archbishop Zinkula as he seeks to stay close to parishioners during the Journey in Faith process. However, I also want to thank God and all of you, parishioners, for being part of this family and community of God's children and supporting it with your gifts of time, talents, and financial donations.

Next week we enter a new Liturgical Year A with the First Sunday of Advent. As we thank God for the past year, so do we pray and hope for a good Liturgical Year when we will all continue to grow spiritually and become more committed disciples of Christ in His dear Catholic Church.

Finally, as we enter the week of Thanksgiving, I wish all parish families Happy Thanksgiving. Again, I pray that those who must travel make it safely and without undue delays.

A Reflection from Archbishop Zinkula

Although neither the United States nor the Catholic Church has royalty, both do have leaders who help to promote their respective missions. While all who are baptized have a call to holiness as they sacrifice (priest), preach/teach (prophet) and lead (king/shepherd), the church also implores the grace of Holy Orders upon those God has called as deacons, priests, and bishops. They are to facilitate "holy order" among God's people, in the manner of Jesus Christ the King, who led by humble example as a servant who emptied himself out entirely for His people.

Sadly, such a life is not attractive in today's world, and we find fewer candidates for ordination coming forward. A perceived shortage of priests has led many of the faithful to suggest that if priests were allowed to marry or if women were ordained as priests, then we could keep our churches open and enjoy the celebration of Masses in them. Yet these truths and disciplines are not ours to alter.

Similarly, some people propose that we should have deacons assume more responsibility in the church and have them lead Communion services or Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest (SCAP) with the distribution of Holy Communion. And if we don't have sufficient numbers of deacons, then ordain women as deacons. But diaconal ministry is not primarily sacramental or liturgical. Deacons can baptize and witness marriage vows, but so can those who are not ordained if there are special circumstances. Deacons especially are charged to foster charity, building a bridge between the secular world and church life.

Kings and queens can order their subjects according to their desires. Sons and daughters of God humbly bow before Christ the King and beg for wisdom, understanding, and fortitude. We pray that God will pour out those gifts upon Archbishop Zinkula now as he ponders our input and continues to consult others about the next steps of the Journey in Faith.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Andrew Awotwe-Mensah

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".



Thanksgiving Turkeys

For Southeast Linn Community Center

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

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

Goal: 175 baskets for families in need



Christmas Eve Prelude Music

All St. John's Parishioners are invited to sing or play Christmas Music before our Christmas Eve Mass. Please contact Theresa Sundstrom at dbq190s@dbqarch.org if you or your kids are interested!





Wednesday November 26th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Todd Conner

Friday November 28th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Francis Conner

Sunday November 30th, 2025:

8:00 AM: Larry Haight & Dorothy Shaffer

Liturgical Ministers November 30th, 2025

Sacristan: Ellen Bentley

Lectors: Children’s Mass

EM: Ruth Horton-Janet Huebner-Dave Klostermann

EM (Cup): Mark Kraus - Pam Kraus - Joe Lynott
Marylynn Murray - Chuck Murray

Hospitality: Jim & Cindy Kendall

Andy & Erin Moeller & Family

John & Amanda Rhomberg & Family

Servers: Alaina Sellner - Eden Baker

Jake Baker - Brick Baker

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Monday November 24th -

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

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

Tuesday November 25th -

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

Wednesday November 26th -

No Faith Formation

8:30 - 9:00 AM: Mass

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

Thursday November 27th -

Happy Thanksgiving!

9:00 - 10:00 AM: Mass

Friday November 28th -

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

Saturday November 29th -

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

Sunday November 30th -

No Faith Formation

8:00 - 9:00 AM: Mass

9:00 - 10:00 AM: Visit the Atrium

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

Go to our website stjohnmy.org
to access FORMED!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly contributions needed..... \$7115.38

Due to bulletin due dates there have been no major contributions since the last issue, there will be an update in next week’s bulletin. Thank you all for your continued generosity!

Caring For
Cornell Rams



The Cornell College Chaplain is partnering with local churches to provide “Home Away From Home” support for Cornell College Students.

If you are looking to connect with Cornell Students and offer them support please scan this code!



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Ellen Bentley at 563-357-2630 or
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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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