

*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 5 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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*January 11th, 2025
The Baptism of the Lord*



Readings for the week of January 11, 2026

Sun: Is 42:1-7/Ps 29:1-4,9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Mon: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13,14-17,18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tues: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1,4-5,6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20/Ps 40:2,5,7-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thurs: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11,14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1/Ps 21:2-3,4-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday:

Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

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

Baptism of the Lord

The Christmas season celebrates multiple revelations of Jesus as God, including the Feast of the Epiphany we celebrated last weekend and the Baptism of the Lord we celebrate this weekend. Traditionally, three incidents in Scripture reveal God's Son, Jesus Christ, to the world: the journey of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus by John, and the changing of water into wine at Cana, Jesus' first public miracle.

The Western Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany as Jesus' first appearance to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi. The Eastern Church marks Epiphany as the commemoration of the Baptism of Christ, where the Father and the Holy Spirit gave combined testimony to Jesus' identity as the Son of God.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. It was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community.

Our Catechism teaches us that Christian Baptism is the sacrament that cleanses us from original sin and actual sins. One may wonder why Jesus had to go to John to receive baptism since He was without sin. It is important to note that the baptism John performed was not yet Christian Baptism. It was a preparation for Christian Baptism, through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

At the baptism of Jesus, John acknowledged Him publicly as the one who was coming, saying, "One mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." At His baptism, heaven was opened, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, and a voice from the Father was heard saying, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Baptism is very important in the life of every Christian as it is a public confession of our faith and commitment to Jesus Christ. By our baptism, we associate ourselves with the death and resurrection of Christ. Going under the water is the burial of the old life, and coming out is a resurrection—God raising us from the dead as He did Christ. It is therefore a symbol of new life in Christ. It also shows our death to sin and our new life in Christ.

We should celebrate this day in honor of Him who has filled us with an overflowing love and an abundant source of all graces. He is the Word made flesh who lived among us and redeemed the whole human race through His everlasting love.

Happy Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.



Sign up Now!

You don't want to miss the 2026 Archdiocesan Women's Conference

Beauty in Christ: Grace for the Journey

Saturday, January 31, 2026, 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Dynamic speakers Kitty Cleveland and Kelsey Kaiser, will share insights on how we can be filled with "Grace for the Journey"! This conference, attended virtually or at a parish near you, begins with Archbishop Zinkula leading us in prayer and includes great speakers, conversation and more! Check out the site, invite your sisters and friends, and be ready to have your faith strengthened! Scan to Sign up



For more information go to www.archwomensconference.org

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NATIONAL DAY OF
PRAYER FOR THE
LEGAL
PROTECTION OF
THE UNBORN



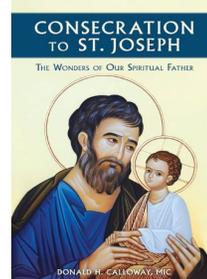
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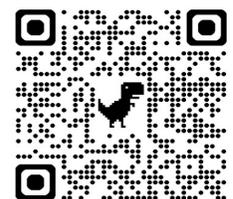
JANUARY
22ND-23RD

JANUARY 22ND FROM 8:00 AM TO JANUARY 23RD 8:00 AM

Lenten Book Study



Meeting on Thursdays
Begins Feb. 15th



Deacon Mark will be hosting a study focused on "Consecration to St. Joseph" by Fr. Donald Calloway during Lent. Please scan the QR code to sign up, or signups can be found in the Gathering Space!



Wednesday January 14th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Rosalyn Ludwig/Irvin & Louise Clark

Friday January 16th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Carl Morrison

Sunday January 18th, 2025:

8:00 AM: Todd Conner

Liturgical Ministers January 18th, 2025

Sacristan: Mark Anton

Lectors: John Rife - Christine Tabak

EM: Diane Kimm - Dave Klostermann - Mark Kraus

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

Marylynn Murray - Teresa Patterson

Hospitality: Andy & Erin Moeller & Family

John & Amanda Rhomberg & Family

Todd & Samantha Phillips

Servers: Mitchell Covington - Faith Covington

Tommy Rhomberg - Clara Vavricek

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Monday January 12th -

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

Tuesday January 13th -

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 Mtg.

Wednesday January 14th -

8:30 - 9:00 AM: Mass

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

Friday January 16th -

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

Saturday January 17th -

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

Sunday January 18th -

8:00 - 9:00 AM: Mass

9:00 - 10:30 AM: Confirmation

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

9:00 - 10:15 AM: First Communion Parent Meeting

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly contributions needed..... \$7115.38

Contributions Received Through January 6th, 2025

Budget, Adult	\$ 17046.00
Loose.....	\$ 1187.75
Upkeep.....	\$ 480.00
Misc. Donations.....	\$ 200.00
Holiday Donations.....	\$ 11808.00
Online Donations.....	\$ 10248.25
Total Collected	\$ 40970.00
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 199270.64
YTD collections received.....	\$ 203936.83
YTD	\$ 4666.19

Thank you to those who participated in the Giving Tree Project. St John's parishioners donated \$1030.00 to the Sisters of Mercy and \$1030.00 to the Cistercian Nuns of the Strict order (The Trappistines). Mt. Vernon School and SELCC received many gifts for those in need. They were very grateful.

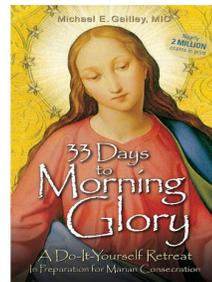
Thank you for your generosity & Blessings to all,

Thelma Rife

Coordinator of the Giving Tree

Easter Book Study

**Meets on Thursdays
Begins April 10th**



Deacon Mark will be hosting a book study in the Easter season based on "33 Days to Morning Glory" by Fr. Michael E. Galtley. Please scan the QR code above to sign up, or signups can be found in the Gathering Space!

**Go to our website 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 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.