

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 25th, 2025
The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Readings for the week of January 25, 2026

Sun: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1,4,13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13,17/Mt 4:12-23

Mon: 2 Tm 1:1-8/Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-3,7-8,10,21-22,25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tues: 2 Sm 6:12-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35

Wed: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thurs: 2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29/Ps 132:1-5,11-14/Mk 4:21-25

Fri: 2 Sm 11:1-10,13-17/Ps 51:3-7,10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Sat: 2 Sm 12:1-7,10-17/Ps 51:12-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday:

Zep 2:3;3:12-13/Ps 146:6-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Disciple and the Word of God

Today's readings accentuate the power of God's Word to change and transform hearts. Jesus called the early disciples, and their mission was to join Him in preaching and teaching the Word of God. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." The Word they received became the Word they proclaimed.

In its wisdom, the Church always reminds us of the special place of the Word of God in discipleship. The Church emphasizes the Word of God and calls us to reflect on it, to make time to know it, and to make it the guiding principle of our lives. The Word is meant to be our guide, our life, and our mission.

The profound truth about the Bible is that it reveals the mind of God to us. The Gospels do not only speak about Jesus; Jesus Himself is the incarnate Word of God. To hold the Bible in your hands, to touch its pages, feel its tangible presence, and even notice its fragrance is an incredible experience that draws us closer to God.

The thought of the Bible should stir in us an insatiable desire to carry it to church. Such effort must not be frowned upon or approached reluctantly. Who knows when a phrase, a word, or a verse may suddenly come to mind, urging you to check it and hear what God wants to speak to you? If time or ability is a challenge, electronic media can also help us fulfill our desire to know and experience the Word of God.

The Word of God shapes how we understand life, dignity, and responsibility. It calls us to guard life, serve life, and witness to the God who gives life. From conception to natural death, life is sacred, and so is the life of the Church; the Word of God calls us to protect and preserve human life as well as the Church.

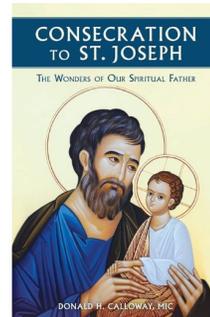
This call to place the Word of God at the center of our lives aligns directly with the Journey in Faith process of the Archdiocese of Dubuque as we enter the phase two when soon the new pastorate will be announced

As the archdiocese invites parishes, pastorates, and families to pray, reflect, and walk together, the Word of God becomes our common language and shared compass. It shapes how we listen to one another, how we make decisions, and how we remain united in Christ even amid change. The Journey in Faith is not about moving away from the Gospel, but about allowing the Gospel to lead us forward.

As we walk this Journey in Faith together, let us allow the Word of God to guide our steps, correct our missteps, and renew our hope. When we fall short as individuals, families, or as a Church, we must not justify our mistakes but return to the Word that calls us again—not to despair, but to begin anew: "Come after me."

**Ss. Monica & Anthony
Holy Hour has been
canceled on Monday,
January 26th.**

Lenten Book Study



Meeting on Thursdays
Begins Feb. 12th



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!

Ways to Get Involved

Consider joining the Social Justice Committee. We continue to add and expand projects and welcome new members. Projects range from providing school supplies to local and Haitian children to giving turkeys and hams to those in need at Thanksgiving. We collect donations for area non-profits, provide fruit to local elementary education children who qualify, visit the elderly in local care centers and educate ourselves and others about the seven Catholic Social Teachings. We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6 PM in the education wing. Feel free to stop by anytime. For more information contact the parish office.

**There will be no daily
Mass on Wednesdays
from January 28th -
February 25th. Intentions
will be rescheduled.**



Wednesday January 28th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Joann & Jephtha Randolph

Friday January 30th, 2025:

8:30 AM: Larry Haight

Sunday February 1st, 2025:

8:00 AM: Francis & Todd Conner

Liturgical Ministers February 1st, 2025

Sacristan: Hugh Scieszinski

Lectors: Lisa Thuerauf - Vicky Wieseler

EM: Diane Kimm - Charlene Vig - Tom Wiesler

EM (Cup): Connie Swart - Diane Apel-Ellen Bentley

Marty Fall - Ruth Horton

Hospitality: Brian & Jennifer Donovan

David & Mary Horst

Chuck & Marylynn Murray

Servers: Clara Vavricek - Kiersten Swart

Adam Swart - Casey Swart

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Tuesday January 27th -

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

Wednesday January 28th -

8:30 - 9:00 AM: Mass

6:00 - 7:00 PM: OCIA (Penance, Anointing...etc.)

Friday January 30th -

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

Saturday January 31st -

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

8:30 - 1:30 PM: Women's Conference

Sunday February 1st -

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: K-6th Grade Faith Formation

**Go to our website stjohnmv.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 report. There will be an update in next week's issue. Thank you all for your continued generosity!

ICYC 2026

High School - March 21, 2026 NEW
Middle School - March 22, 2026
St. Ludmila, Cedar Rapids

FEATURING THE SCALLY BROTHERS BAND

5TH ANNUAL IOWA CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

Start the New Year off right!

Register now for the 2026 Archdiocesan Women's Conference,
Beauty in Christ: Grace for the Journey

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

Inspirational speaker and singer/songwriter Kitty Cleveland and our own Kelsey Kaiser, authentically joyful wife and mother from Bellevue, IA will help us begin the new year by sharing their stories of how the Lord has filled them with "Grace for the Journey"! Their witness will captivate our hearts and lead to conversation, praise, and thanksgiving. Check out our website, find a host parish near you, invite your sisters and friends, and be ready to receive His grace!



For more information go to: <https://www.archwomensconference.org/>.

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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