

*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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*April 12th, 2026
The Sunday of Divine Mercy*



Readings for the week of April 12, 2026

Sun: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Mon: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tues: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wed: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thurs: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Fri: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Sat: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 2:14,22-33/Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

**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

Divine Mercy and Hope in Times of Change

This weekend, we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) while learning about the newly formed pastorates of parishes within the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Hopefully, by the close of this Sunday, if you have not heard it before, you will certainly know which pastorate our parish belongs to.

While personal emotions may be high and low for different parishioners across the archdiocese, the common denominator is the change every parish has experienced, albeit not to the same degree. However, it is the interest of the archdiocese that should be considered at this time so that together we can forge ahead and tackle the evangelization phase, seeking to work together and invite more people to fill our churches.

Consider what Saint Paul said in Romans 8:18-20: “I consider that our present sufferings are not comparable to the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the revelation of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will, but because of the One who subjected it, in hope.” We can learn from Paul’s exhortation, with hope, and look ahead amidst the pain of change to see brighter, stronger parishes in the archdiocese.

This Sunday of Divine Mercy should bring us hope. It is a feast based on our Catholic belief in God’s mercy, which leads us to engage in the various devotions related to the Divine Mercy. Looking at God’s mercy through the lens of Sister Faustina’s encounters with Jesus and what the Lord assured the world and instructed to promote is remarkable. That led Saint John Paul II to institute it as a feast to be combined with the Second Sunday of Easter. The Church finds herself again at a critical moment in world history to re-emphasize the tremendous gift of God’s mercy to us.

Once again, take a keen interest in the following Divine Mercy devotional practices: The 3 o’clock hour — pause to think about the Passion of Christ and say the simple Divine Mercy prayers: “Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world,” and “For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.” You can follow the pattern of praying the rosary using the prayer above as recommended or simply repeat the prayer a few times. Pick any Divine Mercy Chaplet, learn how to pray it, and do it daily or regularly.

Please pray for our First Communion Candidates who will be participating in their Bread of Life Retreat next Sunday!



Men’s Steak Fry Night

Friday, April 24th 5:30-9:00

Steaks by Linn County Cattleman

Sides, desserts and open bar included, \$15/person
At Keith Huebner’s Hangar at the Eastern Iowa Airport.
3411 Beech Way. At the West end, near FedEx.

This is a meet and greet to get to know other men of St. John’s Parish and our new pastorate. Sign up and pay online via Signup Genius, Text Keith at 319-270-0623 for the link OR text to RSVP and pay at the door.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

Contact Trevor at the Parish Office if you would like to serve in this ministry

If you have not had a chance, please check your email or the Archdiocesan

Journey in Faith website for the Pastorate Plans for the upcoming year!



Journey in Faith

Trust. Transform. Together.



Wednesday April 15th, 2026:

8:30 AM: Bob Lyon & Francis Conner

Friday April 17th, 2026:

8:30 AM: Francis & Todd Conner

Sunday April 19th, 2026:

8:00 AM: Doris McElmeel

Liturgical Ministers April 19th, 2026

Sacristan: Ellen Bentley

Lectors: Sarah Doyle - Ruth Horton

EM: Jeanne Mullerleile-Dan Pederson-Larry Poduska

EM (Cup): Judy Poduska - Stephen Poduska

Richard Povey - Heidi Ryan - Jacob Ryan

Hospitality: David & Mary Horst

John & Amanda Rhomberg & Family

Todd & Samantha Phillips

Servers: Faith Covington - Mitchell Covington

Fitz Doyle - Tommy Rhomberg

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Monday April 13th -

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

Tuesday April 14th -

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 April 15th -

6:30 - 7:30 AM: Finance Council Meeting

8:30 - 9:00 AM: Mass

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

7:00 - 9:00 PM: Adoration

Friday April 17th -

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

Saturday April 18th -

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

Sunday April 19th -

8:00 - 9:00 AM: Mass

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

9:00 - 1:30 PM: Bread of Life Retreat

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly contributions needed..... \$7115.38

Contributions Received Through April 7th, 2026

Budget, Adult	\$ 5975.00
Loose.....	\$ 1853.00
Holiday.....	\$ 8310.00
Online Donations.....	\$ 7780.70
Misc. Donations.....	\$ 1770.00
Upkeep.....	\$ 20.00
Total Collected.....	\$ 25108.70
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 291770.58
YTD collections received.....	\$ 332834.00
YTD	\$ 41063.42

Meals for New Moms

Expecting a new baby or just brought your bundle of joy home? The St. John's community would like to bless your family with a few meals. We will deliver meals to your home 3x/week for two weeks. You let us know your likes, dislikes, allergies, time to drop off and we will take it from there!



For more info or to get meals started, please call the St. John's parish office at 319-895-6246.

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.