

*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

**Pastor:**

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*May 3rd, 2026  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter*



**Readings for the week of May 3, 2026**

Sun: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-5,18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Mon: Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tues: Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-13,21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wed: Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thurs: Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Fri: Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Sat: Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8,14-17/Ps 66:1-7,16,20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

**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

### Fifth Sunday of Easter: Overview of Pastorate Leadership Structure—Part II

Last week, in Part I of Overview of Pastorate Leadership Structure, I presented the current parish leadership structure according to the guidelines of the Dubuque Archdiocese. This week, I will continue with the new pastorate leadership structure. Beginning in July 2026, each parish will keep its pastoral and finance councils, but their focus will be on parish-specific matters, while new pastorate-level and finance commissions will be formed by September 1, 2026, to guide collaboration, planning, shared finances, and the Pastorate Implementation Plan. Parish standing committees will also gradually transition into pastorate-level committees by July 1, 2027, so that ministries such as liturgy, faith formation, stewardship, and social justice can serve all parishioners more effectively across the pastorate.

### Parish Pastoral Councils

Each parish will continue to maintain a local parish pastoral council as a consultative body to the pastor. Its role will be to foster the mission, vision, and values of the archdiocese, support the Journey in Faith implementation planning, strengthen collaboration among parishes within the pastorate, and advise the pastor on parish-specific topics such as parish fundraisers, patron saint feast day activities, and identifying parish needs.

The parish pastoral council will also assist in the transition of current parish-level standing committees, such as liturgy, faith formation, stewardship, social justice, and parish life, toward integration into pastorate-level committees during 2026–27. New constitutions and norms will replace current ones, and parish pastoral councils will remain advisory, with only a consultative vote.

Current members may be considered for appointment by the newly assigned pastor for one-year terms through June 30, 2027. There will be no May 2026 parish elections, and current members will be asked to express interest by April 30, 2026. The pastor will seek membership that represents the parish and the wider pastorate while keeping the group effective. Meetings will generally be held quarterly or at the pastor's discretion, preferably in coordination with pastorate pastoral commission meetings.

### Pastorate Pastoral Commission

Each pastorate will create a pastorate pastoral commission beginning in 2026–27 as a primary consultative group to the pastor. Its role will be to foster the mission, vision, and values of the archdiocese by advising and assisting the pastor in creating the Pastorate Implementation Plan during Fall 2026. This commission will also help lead and champion the ongoing strategic implementation of action steps.

The pastorate pastoral commission will oversee the transition of parish-level standing committees into pastorate-level standing committees during 2026–27. It will include representation from the various parishes within the pastorate, and the pastor will seek to have at least one representative from each parish. Members will be appointed for one-year terms through June 30, 2027, and the commission will meet monthly with the pastor to support effective communication and collaboration across the pastorate.



# EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

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



# ST. PIUS X GOLF OUTING

Supporting Youth Faith Formation & Youth Ministries

**JUNE 1 2026** HUNTER'S RIDGE GOLF COURSE  
Teams \$400  
4-Person Scramble Format

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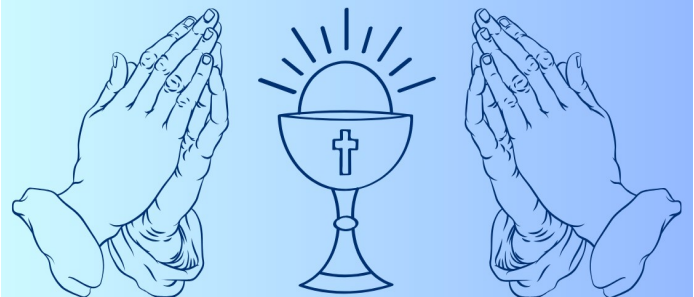
AGENDA

- 10:00 AM Golf Registration
- 11:00 AM Shotgun Start for Golfers
- 4:30 PM Social
- 5:00 PM Dinner from Oscar's
- 5:30 PM Trophy Ceremony

Sign Up Today!

319-393-4445 Questions? Contact Brandon at brandon@crpiux.org

Please pray for this year's First Communicants who received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time Today!





Wednesday May 6th, 2026:

**8:30 AM:** Edmond Ludwig & Larry Haight

Friday May 8th, 2026:

**8:30 AM:** Rosalyn Ludwig & Ruth Ann Kendall

Sunday May 10th, 2026:

**8:00 AM:** Carl Morrison & Margaret Lynch

Liturgical Ministers May 10th, 2026

**Sacristan:** Todd & Samantha Phillips

**Lectors:** Patty Lynch - Craig Lynner

**EM:** Chuck & Marylynn Murray-Larry Poduska

**EM (Cup):** Judy Poduska-Stephen Poduska—Heidi Ryan

Richard Povey - Jacob Ryan

**Hospitality:** Janet & Keith Huebner

Troy & Tracey Louwagie & Family

Andy & Erin Moeller & Family

**Servers:** Kiersten Swart - Adam Swart

Casey Swart - Clara Vavricek

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Sunday May 4th -

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

Wednesday May 6th -

**8:30 - 9:00 AM:** Mass

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

**6:00 - 7:30 PM:** OCIA (Role of Parish/Laity)

**6:00 - 7:00 PM:** Stewardship Committee Meeting

**7:00 - 9:00 PM:** Adoration

Friday May 8th -

**8:30 - 9:00 AM:** Mass

Sunday May 10th -

**8:00 - 9:00 AM:** Mass (Mother's Day)

**Please pray for this year's Seniors as they take part in their Graduation ceremonies over the next few weeks!**



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**Weekly contributions needed..... \$7115.38**

Due to bulletin due dates there have not been any major donations processed since the last issue. There will be an update in next week's bulletin. Thank you all so much for your continued generosity!

**Baptism Preparation Class**

May 3rd

10:15 AM- 12:15 PM

at St. John the Baptist Church

Please Contact the Parish Office (319-895-6246 or DBQ137SEC@DBQARCH.ORG) if you would like to attend!

Totus Tuus at St. John the Baptist



INCOMING 1<sup>ST</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:  
JUNE 15- 19, 9:00AM - 2:30PM  
INCOMING 7<sup>TH</sup> - OUTGOING 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:  
JUNE 14-18, 6:30 - 8:45PM

- Sign up online with the QR Code above
- Cost is \$30/child, evening program is free!



Go to our website [stjohnmv.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dbq137sec@dbqarch.org) with any marriage related issues or questions & to schedule an appointment to start preparation.

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