## **PARISH HISTORY:**

The history of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is truly inspiring! It all began in 1843 with a few Irish families from Maryland who settled in the area. Despite the challenges of sporadic priestly services, they persevered and built their first church in Lisbon in 1859. This small church, dedicated to St. John the Baptist, became a cornerstone for the community. Over the years, the church saw many changes and expansions. By 1927, the church was lengthened to accommodate a growing congregation, and a new brass bell was installed. The community continued to thrive, even during the Great Depression, and after World War II, they raised funds to rebuild the church on a new site in Mount Vernon, completed in 1968.

The parish continued to grow, and by the 1970s, they initiated a campaign to complete the church superstructure, which was realized in 1977. The 1990s brought additional responsibilities for resident priests, and in 2001, the parish

transitioned to having a Parish Life Coordinator due to a shortage of priests.

Today, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church serves over 40households and continues to be a vibrant part of the community, with a full-time priest-pastor, Rev. Andrew Awotwe-Mensah, who serves three parishes: St. John, St. Isidore in Springville, and Sacred Heart in Oxford Junction. Below is a picture of the old catholic church in Lisbon.



## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST - INCOME vs EXPENSES

Income			Expenditures	
Adult & Youth Budget	\$	296,860.36	Staff Salaries and Benefits	\$149,406.37
Farm Rental income (Schmedding Farm)	\$	52,717.50	Renovation Payments/Interest	\$39,877.93
Holy Days & Offertory	\$	29,199.56	Diocesan Taxa	\$37,574,377
Fund Raising Events	\$	24,686.00	Parish Religious Education & Faith Formation	\$37,526.113
Christmas & Easter	\$	22,853.00	Consolidated utilities	\$21,854.17
Social Justice	\$	15,807.09	Priest Salary and Benefits	\$21,351.62
Interest Dividends	\$	12,849.11	Diocesan Self-Insurance	\$16,430.00
Parish Religious Education & Faith Formation	\$	11,047.75	Upkeep of Grounds	\$15,872.89
Liturgy Committee	\$	8,201.23	Parish Tithing	\$14,000.00
Misc Income	\$	6,950.67	Repair & Replacement	\$13,481.25
Facility Upkeep	\$	5,063.00	Payroll Taxes	\$12,669.83
Fuel/AC Contributions	\$	4,030.00	Social Justice Committee	\$11,736.60
Snow Removal	\$	3,081.77	Liturgical Expenses	\$10,082.84
Crop Income (Vrba donation)	\$	2,000.00	Farm Expenses	\$9,511.19
Holiday Flowers	\$	1,808.00	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$7,904.98
Rental of facilities	\$	1,725.00	Office Supplies	\$7,592.26
Memorials & Sacramental Offerings	\$	962.75	Technology Support	\$3,207.00
Stole Fees	\$	275.00	Catholic Education Tuition Support	\$4,330.00
Funeral Supply Contribution	\$	100.00	Sunday Hospitality	\$3,606.76
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Total Income		\$500,217.79	Total Expenditures	\$441,145.55