



**Mass Times**  
 Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 am

St. Isidore Mass is also available on the YouTube channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHwVUP6MBFr6amWN9WFrrw/>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4:30pm; Second and Fourth Wednesday 5:30 to 6:30pm** Or request an appointment by contacting the Office DBQ137@dbqarch.org, or 319-854-6141

**Sacraments of Baptism & Marriage Preparation:** Call Parish Office to schedule Class Time and Date.

**Mass Times St. John the Baptist Mt. Vernon** Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday & Friday 8:30am

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**Coordinator of Religious Education: Theresa Sundstrom**  
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**St. Isidore Religious Education Class**  
 Kindergarten-7th Grade: Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.  
 8th-12th Grades: Wednesdays 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Site Coordinator: Theresa Pennington**  
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**Director Of Music Ministry: Theresa Sundstrom**  
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 Parish Office 854-6141 or DBQ190SEC@dbqarch.org  
 Cheryl Machovec 329-5352 or cmachovec@netins.net

**Bulletin-** Connie Sjostrom 270-3774 or email Sjostrom.connie@gmail.com  
 Deadline is Wednesday at noon

**SANSI-** 319-854-6100 located at 259 Broadway Springville Iowa

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**November 22, 2025**  
**Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**



Reading I: 2Samuel 5:1-3  
 Responsorial: Psalm 122:1-2,3-4,4-5  
 Reading II: Colossians 1:12-20  
 Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

**Stewardship:** Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of *my* life?

**Vocation View:** The King is bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh. The King is the servant leader, who let go of his life for our sake. Who will follow this example of David?  
 (2Samuel 5:1-3)

**Readings for the week of November 23, 2025**  
 Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/  
 Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

**Mission:** We, the parish of St. Isidore the Farmer, are dedicated to growing a life-long Catholic community. Believing in the Risen Christ, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to celebrate the Eucharist, to be nourished by the Word of God, and to serve the needs of the local

again share a reflection from Archbishop Zinkula as he seeks to stay close to parishioners during the *Journey in Faith* process. However, I also want to thank God and all of you, parishioners, for being part of this family and community of God's children and supporting it with your gifts of time, talents, and financial donations.

Next week we enter a new Liturgical Year A with the First Sunday of Advent. As we thank God for the past year, so do we pray and hope for a good Liturgical Year when we will all continue to grow spiritually and become more committed disciples of Christ in His dear Catholic Church.

Finally, as we enter the week of Thanksgiving, I wish all parish families Happy Thanksgiving. Again, I pray that those who must travel make it safely and without undue delays.

**A Reflection from Archbishop Zinkula**

Although neither the United States nor the Catholic Church has royalty, both do have leaders who help to promote their respective missions. While all who are baptized have a call to holiness as they sacrifice (priest), preach/teach (prophet) and lead (king/shepherd), the church also implores the grace of Holy Orders upon those God has called as deacons, priests, and bishops. They are to facilitate "holy order" among God's people, in the manner of Jesus Christ the King, who led by humble example as a servant who emptied himself out entirely for His people.

Sadly, such a life is not attractive in today's world, and we find fewer candidates for ordination coming forward. A perceived shortage of priests has led many of the faithful to suggest that if priests were allowed to marry or if women were ordained as priests, then we could keep our churches open and enjoy the celebration of Masses in them. Yet these truths and disciplines are not ours to alter.

Similarly, some people propose that we should have deacons assume more responsibility in the church and have them lead Communion services or Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest (SCAP) with the distribution of Holy Communion. And if we don't have sufficient numbers of deacons, then ordain women as deacons. But diaconal ministry is not primarily sacramental or liturgical. Deacons can baptize and witness marriage vows, but so can those who are not ordained if there are special circumstances. Deacons especially are charged to foster charity, building a bridge between the secular world and church life.

Kings and queens can order their subjects according to their desires. Sons and daughters of God humbly bow before Christ the King and beg for wisdom, understanding, and fortitude. We pray that God will pour out those gifts upon Archbishop Zinkula now as he ponders our input and continues to consult others about the next steps of the Journey in Faith.

Sincerely in Christ

Thank you for your generosity!



On behalf of Fr. Andrew and the St. Isidore staff, we wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving, filled with gratitude of faith, family and friends.

While enjoying a good meal, consider everyone sharing 'one thing you really appreciate about someone at the table.' What has been your most memorable Thanksgiving?

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sat. 11/1/2025 Linus McDermott**  
Tues:11/4/2025  
Thur:11/6/2025 Leonard Rufer

**Sat. 11/08/25 Leo Kilburg**  
Tue:11/11/2025  
Thur:11/13/2025 Jean Kellerman

**Sat. 11/15/25 Roy & Delphina Takes**  
Tues:11/18/2025  
Thur:11/20/2025

**Sat. 11/22/25 Linda Nachazel & Larry Heiar**  
Tues:11/25/2025 Leo Kilburg  
Thur:11/27/2025 9am Mass St. John's (No Mass at St. Isidore)

**Sat. 11/29/25 Adrian Vaske**

**To have Mass said in memory of your deceased loved one, contact the church office.**

**Financial Stewardship Nov. 15, 2025 Week 20**

	Week 20	YTD
<b>Stewardship Revenue</b>	\$ 431.00	32,037.37
<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	\$ 2,736.92	54,738.46
<b>Over/(Under Budget)</b>	\$ (2,305.92)	(22,701.09)
<b>Other Revenue</b>	\$ 100.00	39,186.50
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$ 531.00	71,223.87
<b>NET Result</b>	\$ (2,205.92)	16,562.39

**Operating Cash Acct Balance \$45,031.88**

learn the process, please call Connie Gogel 815-275-9831.

**Christmas Eve Prelude music:** All parishioners are invited to sing or play Christmas Music before our 4pm Christmas Eve Mass. Please contact Theresa Sundstrom at dbq190@dbqarch.org if you or your kids are interested.

**All parishioners are invited to the Nativity Play** on Wednesday, December 17th at 6:00 pm. A potluck will follow—bring a dish to share.

**Marriage is a journey!!** A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. Upcoming weekends are: February 13-15 in Dubuque, April 10-12 in Marshalltown, October 9-11 in Epworth. For more information call Denise and Greg at (563)920-9419 or register at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org).



Social Justice Committee thanks all who donated to the diaper drive, held during Respect Life Month in October. Diaper Donations were delivered to Birthright in Cedar Rapids. Thanks to everyone who participated!

- 11.11 Ryan Sweet
- 11/16 Gable Helmrich
- 11/17 Bart Barner
- 11/19 John Robert, Dean Gerdemann
- 11/22 Karter Sundstrom
- 11/23 Kelsey Merrill, Cindy Kellerman

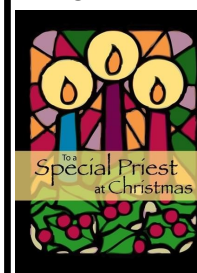
**November Anniversaries**

- 11/3 Bart and Laura Barner
- 11/7 Nathan and Jamee Kramer
- 11/8 Ken and Lisa Klees
- 11/9 Tim and Lisa Lansing
- 11/23 Tom and Marilyn Orthaus
- 11/29 Al & Julie Meyer, Ryan & Jessi Sweet

**The 2026 Archdiocesan Women's Conference Beauty in Christ: Grace for the Journey is Saturday, January 31, 2026, 8am-1pm:** St. Isidore will once again host this annual women's retreat, as a virtual site. This year's conference features two amazing speakers:



Kitty Cleveland and Kelsey Kaiser. I know they are going to inspire you with their talks. Registration is \$15.00. Please contact the church office dbq190sec@dbqarch.org to register.



**Retired Priests Address Listing:** At times, schools and religious education programs ask for the addresses of retired priests so they can send Christmas cards or other greetings. You may download the special sheet with all the retired priests addresses at <https://dbqarch.org/retired-priests> They would love to hear from you during the Christmas season!

**Carlo Acutis  
Eucharistic  
Miracle Exhibit  
November 12th-30th**  
**Mon & Fri: 1:00 - 7:00 PM**  
(Except November 28th)  
**Wed: 1:00 - 5:00 PM**  
**Sat: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**Sunday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

St. John's will be showing a presentation put together from St. Carlo's website on Eucharistic Miracles!



St. John's  
*St. Anne's Circle  
 Craft & Bake Sale*  
 Sunday, November 23rd  
 9:00 - 11:30 AM  
 Refreshments Provided

The ladies in our St. Anne's Circle have been hard at work making crafts & baked goods which would make great Christmas gifts. All of their work will go to support St. John's

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**Liturgical Ministry November 29, 2025**

**This Week at St. Isidore:**

Sacristan: Michele Loehr

Greeters: John Roberts, Youth Mass

Servers: Youth Mass

Lectors: Youth Mass

Gifts: Mike & Karen Gregoricka

EMs: Host: Connie Sjostrom  
 Cup: Deacon Mark Sandersfeld, Richie Drake

Tues. Nov. 25 7:40 am Rosary  
 8:00 am Daily Mass

Wed, Nov. 26 NO RE CLASS (Thanksgiving Break)  
 5:30-7pm pm Adoration & Reconciliation

Thu. Nov. 27 Thanksgiving—NO ROSARY OR MASS  
 9am Mass St. John's Mt. Vernon

Sat. Nov. 29 5:00 pm Mass

Sun. Nov. 30 Advent Adoration 2:30-4pm