



**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/UCHwVUP6MBFr6amWN9WFrrrw/>

**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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**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.

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**February 14, 2026**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Reading I: Sirach 15:15-20  
 Responsorial: Psalm 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34  
 Reading II: 1Corinthians 2:6-10  
 Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

**Stewardship:** Stewardship involves more than just the gift we bring to the altar. Today's readings say clearly that it is fidelity to God's law that makes our offering acceptable.

**Vocation View:** The Lord has a plan for each one of us: we have the ability to say yes or no. Don't be afraid to say yes if the Lord is calling you to priesthood or religious life.  
 (1Corinthians 2:6-10)

**Readings for the week of February 15, 2026**

**Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37**

**Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13**

**Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21**

**Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18**

**Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25**

**Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15**

**Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32**

**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

children, Catholics have added prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to their daily life to grow closer to Jesus. Lent is a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scriptures and renewing our daily prayer. An area I challenge you to partake in is to come to Adoration and just sit with the Lord in prayer and silence. When was the last time you received the Sacrament of Reconciliation? If it has been a while, take part in our Communal Reconciliation. This Sacrament cleanses our soul of mortal sin. While in Adoration you can read Christ's words in the Gospels. Decide which scriptures you are going to read. The readings this year are from the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. John. As our Ash Wednesday declaration states "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospels." We need to read them to know what they are asking of us.

We also serve the Lord by giving alms. Giving of our treasure and talent to help others is what Christ has called us to do when he said "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Giving can focus on monetary donations, but we can also give the gift of our time using our God given talents to serve others. Maybe cooking a meal for someone who has had surgery. Or giving food to one of the food pantries like Southeast Linn Community Center or SANSI or HACAP or any local food pantry. We should give so it affects our daily life, to experience the sacrifice of having to do with less. That is the goal of alms giving. Giving so it affects you and makes you appreciate God's abundant blessing upon you.

Lastly, we can practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to do a true inner conversion of heart by fasting from things we love or are addicted to like eating. We can also fast from favorite activities like TV programs or spending time on the internet. Fasting helps us to follow Christ more faithfully. Besides abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent, we are called to practice self-discipline and fast throughout Lent. Our Lenten fast is to mirror what Christ did in the desert for forty days. We are to practice what Christ taught us in the Gospels including fasting. This fasting is spiritually healthy. It connects our prayer life to our human needs. When we give up something we like, we sacrifice for the Lord and connect to His own Sacrifice for us on the cross.

Have a Blessed Lent.

~Deacon Mark

**The Season of Lent**



prayer of so many men and women of the Old Testament, they were also recited by Jesus, Mary, the apostles and the first Christian martyrs. The Church has even taken them as its official prayer, to be recited every day by priests and religious in the liturgy of the hours. The whole collection of psalms is often referred to as The Psalter.

The Psalms express the delight of the Lord in his people and their delight in him. St. Augustine taught that "if the psalm prays, pray. If it laments, lament. If it rejoices, rejoice. If it hopes, hope. If it fears, fear. For everything which is written here is a reflection of us." What emotion did you feel in the Psalm today? (Catholicnewsagency.com)

If you love to sing and wish to serve God with your voice, we would love to have you in our choir! We are also always looking for more kids to sing in our Youth Choir on the last weekend of each month! (For all kids in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade on up).

-Theresa Sundstrom, Music Coordinator

### MASS INTENTIONS

- Tues 2/3/2026
- Thu. 2/5/2026 No Daily Mass
- Sat. 2/7/2026 Adrian Vaske**
- Tues. 2/10/2026 Craig Smith
- Thur. 2/12/2026 No Daily Mass
- Sat. 2/14/2026 Elaine Shaw**
- Tues. 2/17/2026
- Ash Wed 2/18/26
- Thur. 2/19/2026 No Daily Mass
- Sat. 2/21/2026 Linda Nachazel & Ella Nachazel**
- Tues. 2/24/2026
- Thur. 2/26/2026 No Daily Mass
- Sat. 2/28/2026 Mike, Jimmy, David Rufer & Peggy Lund**

To have Mass said for your loved one, contact the parish office at 319-854-6141

### Financial Stewardship Feb. 7 Week 32

	Week 32	YTD
<b>Stewardship Revenue</b>	\$ 3,291.00	64,945.52
<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	\$ 2,736.92	87,581.54
<b>Over/(Under Budget)</b>	\$ 554.08	(22,636.02)
<b>Other Revenue</b>	\$ 20.00	43,061.50
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$ 3,311.00	108,007.02
<b>NET Result</b>	\$ 574.08	20,544.73

will benefit from the success of this Annual Appeal.

**Food Drive: The Social Justice Committee** is collecting non-perishable foods for SANSI now through February 28th. Items needed are egg noodles, spaghetti sauce, pork'n beans, Hamburger helper, Instant potatoes, soup and canned chicken. Please help support our local food pantry –let's fill the shelves!

**CEW Retreat:** Do you want your faith to grow during this Lenten season? This is a great opportunity to spend time in prayer with God and fellow Christians. Ignite your faith by joining us for a Christian Experience Weekend! The CEW Retreat will be held February 27-March 1 at the Bean Farm in Scotch Grove, Iowa. The retreat beings Friday at 7:00 pm and concludes Sunday at approximately 4:30 pm. The renewal weekend is designed for adults to more deeply experience their relationships with themselves, God, and the Christian Community. Registration is \$55.00 and includes all meals, snacks, and lodging. For more information, please contact Lynn Engelken at 319-551-2139 or visit: <http://www.thebeanfarmofscotchgrove.org>



What do you want to do this Lent to grow closer to the Lord? What does the Lord want you to do to grow closer to Him? These two questions may leave you with some pondering. But what are you going to do to

make this Lent a new path in your faith life? What are you going to do to help your family grow this Lent? Have you signed up for the Book Study “The Consecration to St. Joseph”? Below are some links with lots of resources for every age and every level of faith. These include many forms of resources to help you make this Lent a great Lent. Make your Lent and Easter great this year!

<https://dbqarch.org/lent>

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/lent>

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html>

<https://watch.formed.org/lent>

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/lent/>

<https://www.leveluppress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/>

2/12...Donna Drake

2/14...Jennifer Horning

2/23...Norm Jacobson, Julie Meyer

2/25...Erin Waldron

2/26... Tyler Rowell

2/29...Gracin Helmrich

**February Anniversaries**

There are no February Anniversaries

**St. Isidore is signed up to sponsor and serve meals to the Springville Youth Group** on Wednesday evenings the month of February. (There will not be youth group on February 18th due to Ash Wednesday Mass). We need simple meals for February 11th and February 25th to serve 10 people 6:30 to 7:00 pm at the Springville Methodist Church. If interested, please contact Sandy Hoogland at 319-573-7532 or email [iowahoogland@gmail.com](mailto:iowahoogland@gmail.com)



JOIN US FOR  
**Ash Wednesday Mass**  
**February 18th**

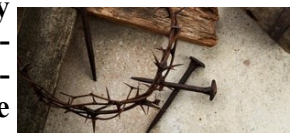
Begin the Lenten season with prayer and reflection as we receive ashes, a symbol of repentance and renewal.

**5:30 p.m. - St. Isidore**  
**7:00 p.m. - St. John's**

“Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ, our salvation and our hope”:



**Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Wednesday February 25th from 5:30-6:55 pm, immediately followed by Stations of the Cross.**



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**Ash Wednesday Liturgical Ministry February 21, 2026**

Sacristan:	Marilyn Andersen	Ken Klees
Greeters:	Lyle Andersen, Mike Machovec	Mike Courtney, Matt McArthur
Servers:	Kenneth Sundstrom, Ryan Brecht	Mya Gourley, Jaelyn Woods
Lectors:	Kristofer Sundstrom, Cheryl Machovec	Cindy Kellerman, Laddie Nachazel
Gifts:	John & Cindy Kellerman	Joan & John Roberts
EMs:	Mary Buelow, Deacon Mark.	Deacon Mark, Richie Drake.

**This Week at St. Isidore:**

Tues. Feb. 17	7:40 am Rosary 8:00 am Daily Mass 5 pm Finance Council Mtg 6 pm Consecration to St. Joseph Book Study
Wed. Feb. 18	5:30 pm Ash Wednesday Mass 7 pm Mass @ St. John's No RE class so youth can attend Mass
Thu. Feb. 19	No 8 am Daily Mass