



**St. Isidore the Farmer  
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 6 months in advance 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**  
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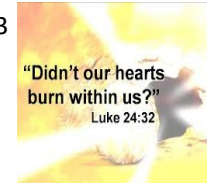
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## April 18, 2026 Third Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Act of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33  
Responsorial: Palm 16:1-2,5,7-8, 9-10,11  
Reading II: 1Peter 1:17-21  
Gospel: Luke 24:13-35



**Stewardship:** The disciples on the road to Emmaus walked and talked with Jesus all day long, but it was not until they offered Him hospitality and He blessed and broke the bread that they recognized Him. Simple acts of loving kindness *still* reveal the presence of God in midst.

**Vocation View:** They recognized Him in the breaking of the bread. How do I recognize Jesus? Am I being called to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother? (Luke 24:13-35)

### Readings for the week of April 18,2026

- **Monday, April 20:** Acts 6:8-15; Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; John 6:22-29
- **Tuesday, April 21:** Acts 7:51—8:1a; Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; John 6:30-35 (St. Anselm)
- **Wednesday, April 22:** Acts 8:1b-8; Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; John 6:35-40
- **Thursday, April 23:** Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; John 6:44-51 (St. George)
- **Friday, April 24:** Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; John 6:52-59 (St. Fidelis)
- **Saturday, April 25:** 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Psalm 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mark 16:15-20 (St. Mark)

**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

There is no denying that these past days have brought difficult news to our three sister parishes, as we will no longer be linked parishes—each one now belongs to a different pastorate in the archdiocese. I also will no longer be serving in the three parishes come July 14.

Change has come in a way we did not expect, and with it a real sense of loss, especially as two of our churches will no longer be hosting weekend Mass. Archbishop Zinkula’s fraternal letter to all the people of the archdiocese is part of the bulletin inserts for this week. Please take your time to read it.

Naturally, there may be feelings of sadness, confusion, disappointment, and even grief. Even Jesus’ disciples on the road to Emmaus knew those same feelings well. They walked away from Jerusalem heavy-hearted, trying to make sense of what had happened and unsure of what the future might hold. They even said, “We were hoping,” as they spoke of their disappointment. Yet the Gospel reminds us that Jesus drew near and walked with them, even before they recognized Him.

The entire experience that followed reminds us that Jesus comes precisely in such moments. He listened to their story, opened the Scriptures to them, and later was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Their hearts burned within them as He spoke. The same is true for us now. Christ is not absent in this transition. He is present in our prayers, in our personal and collective memories, in the friendships we share in our parishes, in the Scriptures, and in the Eucharist. Jesus still speaks to make our hearts burn within us. So let us listen to Him and remain in His company in the new pastorates.

As St. Peter reminds us, our faith and hope are in God, who raised Jesus from the dead. We are not losing who we are as the people of God; rather, we are being invited to live that identity in a new way, in new places, and with new people. In the days ahead, let us be patient and gentle with one another. Also, let us remain open to how the Lord is leading us forward, and embrace the change even if it comes with difficulties. Please let us continue to pray for one another and together let us trust that the Lord has His mark on all our experiences as an archdiocesan Church.

Peace be with you.

~Fr. Andrew



### MASS INTENTIONS

- Thur. 4/2/2026 Mary Rufer (at St. John’s 7 pm Mass)
- Fri 4/3/26
- Sun. 4/5/2026 Elaine & Dave Shaw**
- Tues. 4/7/2026 Shirley Meyer
- Thur. 4/9/2026
- Sat. 4/11/2026 Leonard & Mary Rufer**
- Tues. 4/14/2026 (NO MASS, Fr. Andrew @ Retreat)
- Thur. 4/16/2026 (NO MASS, Staff meeting Waterloo)
- Sat. 4/18/2026 Jim Weber**
- Tues. 4/21/2026 Dave Shaw
- Thur. 4/23/2026
- Sat. 4/25/2026 Linda Nachazel & Larry Heiar**
- Tues. 4/28/2026
- Thur. 4/30/2026

To have Mass said for your loved one, contact the parish office.

### Financial Stewardship April 12 Week 41

	<u>Week 41</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<b>Stewardship Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 639.00</b>	<b>82,266.88</b>
<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,736.92</b>	<b>112,231.85</b>
<b>Over/(Under Budget)</b>	<b>\$ (2,097.92)</b>	<b>(29,964.97)</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 407.58</b>	<b>72,772.08</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,046.58</b>	<b>155,038.96</b>
<b>NET Result</b>	<b>\$ (1,690.34)</b>	<b>42,807.11</b>

**in Faith** Trust. Transform. Together. pastorate will include St. Isidore, Springville, Sacred Heart Parish, Walker St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Hiawatha St. Joseph Parish, Marion St. Mary Parish, Urbana, St. Mary Parish, Vinton, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Coggon, and St. Stephen Parish, Central City. Our pastorate will be served by five priests; Fr. Neil Manternach as pastor, Frs. James Brokman, Jacob Dunne, Emmanuel Fenelus and James Goerend will serve as parochial vicars. One of our parochial vicars has additional assignments outside of the pastorate. Weekend Masses will be held at:

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Hiawatha- three Masses  
 St. Joseph Parish, Marion- three Masses  
 St. Mary Parish, Urbana- one Mass  
 St. Stephen Parish, Central City- one Mass

Additional information is available on the Archdiocesan website: <https://www.dbjournneyinfaith.org/final-pastorate-plan>



Thank you to the 7-8th Grade RE Students for cleaning up Butler Park April 9th!

The Cedar Rapids Knights of Columbus Golf League is in need of some new players. Play is on Monday evening. Starts April 27th. Must be a KOC member of any



- 4/17..Marilyn Orthaus, Harper Ries
- 4/18..Jacey Martin
- 4/19..Madelyn Gourley, Meleah Jones
- 4/20..Faith Witt
- 4/21..JD Martin
- 4/24..Dee Kalmes, Leighton Jones
- 4/25..Cary Loehr
- 4/27..Chloe Rudnicki, Shauna Fah, Jessica Cizmadia
- 4/28..Mary LaGrange
- 4/29..Mary Weber
- 4/30..Simon Rowell

**April Anniversaries**

- 4/19...Orv and Mary Peiffer
- 4/30...James & Nichole Offerman

**Our Call to Share - Spring:**

During the weekend of May 2-3, we will take up the *Our Call to Share* – Spring collection, a 4-in-1 collection supporting regional and national Catholic ministries. By giving beyond our local parish, we respond to Christ’s call to be as one body – united in faith and mission – throughout the broader Church. This week we highlight two of the four collections that make up the spring *Our Call to Share Collection*.

**The Catholic Campaign for Human Development** – The national anti-poverty program of the US Catholic Bishops, is focused on empowering people to break the cycle of poverty, rather than simply addressing its symptoms.

**The Retirement Fund for Religious** – Supporting congregations of religious sisters, brothers, and priests from across the United States who do not have adequate funding to support their members’ retirement and healthcare costs.



*Senior Recognition & Reception*

Saturday, April 25

5:00 PM MASS

Reception to Follow in Church Hall

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**Saturday April 25, 2026**

**This Week at St. Isidore:**

- Sacristan: Ann Lorenz
- Greeters: Elaine Jacobson, Youth Mass
- Servers: Youth Mass
- Lectors: Youth Mass
- Gifts: Youth Mass
- Ems: Ken Klees, John Kellerman, Todd Fah

- Tues. Apr. 21 7:40 am Rosary  
8:00 am Daily Mass  
6 pm 33 Days Book study
- Wed. Apr. 22 5:30-7:30 pm Adoration & Confession  
6:00-7:15 K-8 RE  
6:15-7:30 HS RE
- Thu. Apr. 23 7:40 am Rosary  
8:00 am Daily Mass;  
Coffee & Community