



**St. Isidore the Farmer
Mass Times**
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 am

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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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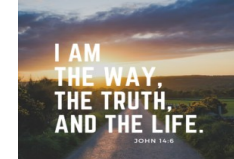
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May 5, 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7
Responsorial: Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19 (22)
Reading II: 1Peter 2:4-9
Gospel: John 14:1-12



Stewardship: “Those who have faith in Me will do the works I do, and far greater than these,” Jesus tells His disciples. That’s quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards!

Vocation View: *Don't let your hearts be troubled.* The Lord shows the way, just ask Him. (John 14:1-12)

Readings for the week of May 3, 2026

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

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

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

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

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

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

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

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

ture, 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



Religious Education students will close their 2025-26 school year celebrating a 6 PM Mass this Wed., May 6th, followed by an ice cream social in the parish hall.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sat. 5/2/2026 Troy Buth**
- Tues. 5/5/2026 Chuck Sjostrom Jr.
- Thur. 5/7/2026 Dave Shaw
- Sat. 5/9/2026 Welch & Waldron Families**
- Tues. 5/12/2026 Jane Melchert
- Thur. 5/14/2026
- Sat. 5/16/2026 Linda Nachazel & Larry Heiar**
- Tues. 5/19/2026
- Thur. 5/21/2026
- Sat. 5/23/2026 Dave Shaw**
- Tues. 5/26/2026
- Thur. 5/28/2026
- Sat. 5/30/2026 Jane Melchert**

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

Financial Stewardship April 25 Week 43

| | <u>Week 43</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Stewardship Revenue | \$ 1,855.00 | 84,759.88 |
| Budgeted Expenses | \$ 2,736.92 | 117,687.69 |
| Over/(Under Budget) | \$ (881.92) | (32,997.81) |
| Other Revenue | \$ 50.00 | 73,127.43 |
| Total Revenue | \$ 1,905.00 | 157,887.31 |
| NET Result | \$ (831.92) | 40,199.62 |



Front: **Dylan Vaske**, son of Paula & Craig; **Simon Rowell**, son of Jade & Spencer; **Jacoby Gourley**, son of Michelle & Jeff.

Back: **Aubrey Heims**, daughter of Amanda & Kevin; **Delilah, Isabella & Shayla Witt**, daughters of Faith & Jacob Witt; **Desiree Woods**, daughter of Jenny Van Genderen & Dillon Woods.

Our Call to Share - Thank you

As Catholics, we're all called to support not only our local parishes and ministries, but also the broader diocesan, national, and global ministries of the Catholic Church.

The bi-annual *Our Call to Share collections provide us with an easy opportunity live out Jesus' call for us to be as one body through our support of these ministries.*

Thank you for your generous support of this spring's four collections making up *Our Call to Share!*



Fr. Andrew is currently working with Fr. Neil Manternach to create the interim Mass schedule that will be used from July 15, 2026-January 15, 2027. A draft of the interim Mass schedule will be shared with St. Isidore's Pastoral Council, Deacon Mark and parish staff in order to gather feedback on the draft. Fr. Neil, as incoming pastor, will consider all feedback received in the creation of the interim schedule. Interim Mass schedules will be

- 5/19...Kjersten Sundstrom, Kathryn Sundstrom
- 5/26...Jacob Witt
- 5/27...Kelsey Offerman

May Anniversaries

- 5/15...Jeff and Michelle Gourley
- 5/17...John and Joan Roberts
- 5/18...Dean and Mary Gerdemann
- 5/28...Joe and Jacke Martin

St Isidore Graduates-2026

Luke is the son of Tim & Lisa Lansing.

Luke Lansing will be attending Kirkwood Community College for their Plumbing Pre-Apprenticeship program this fall to begin the process of becoming a plumber.



Kristofer is the son of Josh and Theresa Sundstrom.

Kristofer Sundstrom has a music scholarship to attend Mount Mercy University and study Business Administration.



If you are homebound or know of a parishioner who is homebound and would like to receive the consecrated Sacrament of the Eucharist brought to you at home, please contact the parish office at 319-854-6141.



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Saturday May 9, 2026

This Week at St. Isidore:

- Sacristan: Al & Julie Meyer
- Greeters: Dean Gerdeman, Mike Courtney
- Servers: Kaylen Sundstrom, Nolan Grekoff
- Lectors: Al Meyer, Cheryl Machovec
- Gifts: Jacob & Faith Witt Family
- Ems: Josh Sundstrom, Deacon Mark, Connie Sjostrom

- Tues. May 5 7:40 am Rosary
 8:00 am Daily Mass
 10:30 AM Chuck Schmidt Funeral
 6 pm 33 Days Book study
 6 PM Liturgy Committee Mtg
 6 PM Community Life Mtg
 6:30 PM Social Justice Mtg
- Wed. May 6 6 PM Closing RE Mass
- Thu. May 7 7:40 am Rosary
 8:00 am Daily Mass