



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 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
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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May 9, 2026 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts:5-8,14-17
Responsorial: Psalm 66:1-3,4-5,6-7,16,20
Reading II: 1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel: John 14:15-21

**WHOEVER HAS MY
COMMANDMENTS
AND OBSERVES
THEM IS THE ONE
WHO LOVES ME**

Stewardship: Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today's Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

Vocation View: If you love me you will hold My words and My Father will love you and will come to you. Where does God come to you? (John 14:15-21)

Readings for the week of May 10, 2026

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

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

Pastorates. Each parish will maintain a local parish finance council as a consultative body to the pastor, with new constitutions and norms replacing current practices on membership, elections, and responsibilities. Its role will include oversight of parish finances, human resources, facilities, annual parish budgets, and the parish's portion of shared pastorate expenses. It will also review monthly financial reports and communicate parish financial conditions clearly to the parish community.

The council will help educate parishioners on stewardship and the need for ongoing support of parish and pastorate ministries. It will also collaborate with the Pastorate Finance Commission, buildings and grounds committee, and school boards where applicable, especially regarding financial priorities, facilities, and subsidy budgets.

Current members may be considered for one-year appointments through June 30, 2027, with appointments confirmed by the new pastor no later than September 1, 2026. Meetings will generally be held quarterly or at the pastor's discretion, preferably coordinated with pastorate finance commission meetings to support communication and collaboration.

Pastorate Finance Commission

Each pastorate will create a pastorate finance commission beginning in 2026–27 as a primary consultative group to the pastor. Its role will be to oversee stewardship of pastorate resources, including finances, staffing, long-range priorities, shared expenses, and annual pastorate budgets. It will also help fund the priorities outlined in the Pastorate Implementation Plan.

The commission will review monthly financial reports for individual parishes and the pastorate, communicate financial conditions to the wider pastorate community, and educate parishioners on stewardship. It will also collaborate with parish finance councils, the pastorate buildings and grounds committee, and school boards where applicable.

Members will be appointed by the pastor, with representation from each parish and consideration for needed skills and perspectives. Appointments will be confirmed no later than September 1, 2026, and will last through June 30, 2027. The commission will meet monthly with the pastor, and the Director of Operations will serve as an ex-officio member once appointed.

Sensory-Friendly Mass provides a stigma-free environment where individuals with autism and other disabilities or mental health challenges can feel free to move around, express themselves vocally, use noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, fidgets, or alternative seating, and participate meaningfully in the Mass. These Masses will include adaptations such as lower lighting, softer music, a shorter homily, no incense, and use of simpler (Church approved) language for Scripture and Eucharistic Prayer. ALL ARE WELCOME! Invite families with unique needs in your faith community to attend! To learn more about Sensory-Friendly Masses, click [HERE](#) for a free guide. If your parish/pastorate is interested in hosting a Sensory-Friendly Mass, please contact [Lynne Chapman](#).

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 May 2, 2026 Week 44

	Week 44	YTD
Stewardship Revenue	\$ 1,355.00	56,114.88
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 2,736.92	120,424.62
Over/(Under Budget)	\$ (1,381.92)	(34,309.74)
Festival Revenue	\$ 100.00	100.00
Other Revenue	\$ 1,040.00	74,167.43
Total Revenue	\$ 2,495.00	74,267.43
NET Result	\$ (241.92)	39,803.68

Operating Cash Acct Balance \$53,839.84

ticipation in this effort ensures a clear, unified Catholic voice—one that is rooted in the Church's teaching on human dignity, authentic freedom and civic responsibility—while also providing trusted, ready-to-use resources for parishes, schools and ministries.

2026-2027 Marriage Preparation: The new dates and online registration for the *Pre-Cana* and *Two Become One* marriage preparation program offerings for the 2026-2027 school year will be available by June 1. If you have any questions about these programs or marriage formation, please [contact Matt Selby](#).

Outdoor Mass Sat., May 16, 2026 5 PM

Celebrating out Patron, St. Isidore's Feast Day!

Bring your picnic chairs to the west side of the church
Picnic dinner held after in the hall. St. Isidore will provide the meat; parishioners bring side or dessert
Games for the kiddos!

Inclement weather will move Mass indoors.

Liturgical Calendar Reminder: The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on Sunday, May 17, in the Archdiocese of Dubuque, replacing the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Therefore, Thursday, May 14, 2026 is celebrated as an Easter Weekday.

Ordination Mass-Saturday May 23, 10:00 am at the Cathedral of St. Raphael. Four seminarians are scheduled to be ordained on May 23rd at the Cathedral of St. Raphael at 10:00 am. The public are invited as Deacons Peter Brinder, Jacob Francois, Thiet Hoang, and Joshua Kirschel are ordained priests of the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Ordination Vigil will be Friday, May 22 at 5:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Raphael as we pray in anticipation of the next day's priesthood ordination.



SPRING CLEANING FILL THE TRUCK EVENT AT ST PIUS X ON Saturday May 16th 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm in the St Pius X parking lot. Recycle your old fabric (sheets, blankets, pillows, comforters, towels, clothing, hats, gloves, purses). We accept clothing and household

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



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When pastorates begin in July, it is important to remember each parish will continue to exist. Therefore, your parish will still need to be sustained financially by parishioners. All parishioners are encouraged to use electronic giving to ensure timely and predictable funding for parish needs. In July, money placed in a collection basket should be identified using your parishioner envelope and those funds will be deposited into your parish's bank account. Any loose cash (not in a labeled envelope) placed in a collection basket will go towards the joint expenses of the pastorate.

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 announced at Masses across the archdiocese the weekend of May 30/31st. Mass schedules will be published in our bulletin and website the weekend of June 6/7th.

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 16, 2026

Sacristan:	Josh Sundstrom
Greeters:	Matt McArthur, John Waldron
Servers:	Kristofer Sundstrom, Jaxon Barner
Lectors:	Josh Sundstrom, Jill Rowell
Gifts	Orv & Mary Beth Peiffer
Ems:	Deacon Mark, Ken Klees, Richie Drake

This Week at St. Isidore:

Sun. May 10	Mother's Day
Mon. May 11	5:30 pm OCIA Group Mtg
Tues. May 12	7:40 am Rosary 8:00 am Daily Mass 6:00 pm 33 Day book study
Wed. May 13	5:30-7:00 pm Adoration/Confession
Thu. May 14	7:40 am Rosary 8:00 am Daily Mass Ascension Thursday Trans to weekend Feast of St. Isidore celebrated May 16