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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5 pm @ St. Isidore
Sunday: 8:30 am @ St. John
Weekday Mass Schedule
As stated in the weekly bulletin
Confessions Sunday: 8 am or by appointment

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:
8 am - 5 pm
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7 am - 3:30 pm

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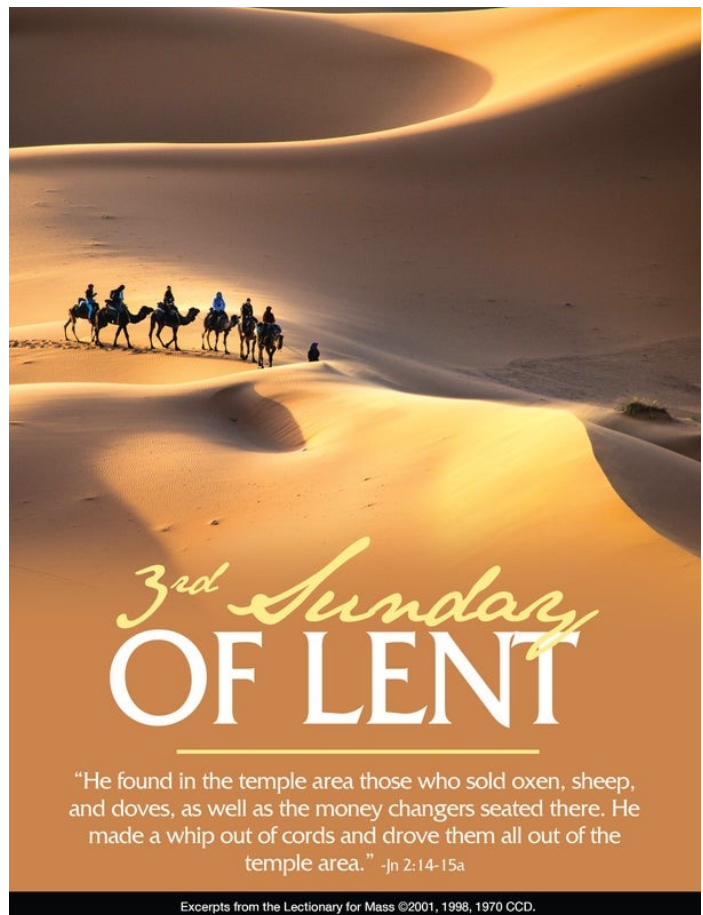
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212 7TH ST. SE
MOUNT VERNON, IA

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AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

*Working Together To
Build the Kingdom of God*



Year of Seeking and Healing through Prayer and Kindness

Faith Formation Information by Linda Hansmeier

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you,” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

As we continue to move deeper into this Lenten season, I am deeply appreciative of the many prayer opportunities we, at St. John, have been given to deepen our relationship with Christ. With Adoration offered every Wednesday night from 8-10:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross every Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m., and each Friday after Mass, 40 Acts of Mercy and more. Go to our St. John website at stjohnmv.org and check it out.

James C. Pauley says the following about how prayer is a transformative encounter. “The interior life is something God wants to build in us, with our free cooperation. We might think that the decision to pray originates in our own ideas and our own will; but, in fact, the very desire to pray is itself a gift from God.

When we say “yes” to his invitation, the practice of prayer allows us to develop “the habit of being in the presence of the thrice-holy God and in communion with him” (CCC #2565). Prayer acclimates us—helps us to be “at home”—in communion with God. It is a preparation for a life in heaven.” (An Evangelizing Catechesis” Teaching from Your Encounter with Christ,” James C. Pauley. Pages 43-44)

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

The year dedicated to St. Joseph.

Saint Joseph had many roles. He was a husband, a worker who provided for his family and he was Jesus’ earthly father. Jesus was not Joseph’s biological son as Jesus was the Son of God. But Jesus was the son of Joseph’s love.

“We know Joseph loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. Not only did he leave his home to protect Jesus, but upon his return settled in the obscure town of Nazareth out of fear for his life. When Jesus stayed in the Temple, we are told Joseph (along with Mary) searched with great anxiety for three days for him (Luke 2:48). We also know that Joseph treated Jesus as his own son for over and over the people of Nazareth say of Jesus, “Is this not the son of Joseph?” (Luke 4:22)”

There is a music video you can find on YouTube that we played for the high school students. It is a video that can give you an idea of some of the thoughts Joseph may have had as he was given the gift and responsibility of raising the Son of God. You can find it by going on YouTube and doing a search: “Michael Card Joseph’s Song” or go to this link:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=michael+card+joseph+song



Annual Lenten Fish Fries will look different this year due to COVID, it will be drive-up only.

Dinner includes fried battered Cod, a bake potato, coleslaw, dinner roll, and a large fresh baked cookie, all for \$10, **cash only**.

Located behind Casey’s at the corner of Hwy 13 and Mount Vernon Rd. Hours are 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm.

Sunday, March 7th

5:30 pm - Stations on the Cross

Tuesday, March 9th

7 pm - Social Justice Committee

Wednesday, March 10th

8:30 am - Mass

6 pm - 4 - 8th FF

7 pm - 9 - 12th FF

8 - 10 pm - Adoration

Friday, March 12th

8:30 am - Mass

9:00 am - Stations of the Cross



Birthright: On behalf of Birthright of Cedar Rapids, I would like to thank you very much for the wonderful donation of infant items you collected during your recent baby shower. During 2020, Birthright gave 90 baskets to parents of newborns. That's a lot of babies...and infant items! Your donation will make many new parents very happy.

Our reach out would not be possible without the time, effort and generosity of special people like the parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church.

Respectfully for life,
Janette Every
Treasurer for Birthright

Our next CEO Is on March 11 at 7pm. Due to COVID-19 19 this event will be virtual only via livestream coming from Immaculate Conception as St. Wenceslaus is still closed due to derecho repairs. Check the St. Wenceslaus Facebook Page for the Live Stream Link.

Listen online as speaker Raleigh Perkins shares how he was on the road downward...fast. With bad decision after destructive decision Raleigh found himself at "rock bottom". Hear what happened when Raleigh turned his gaze upward and surrendered his life to Christ.

Lenten Alms Giving: If you have not yet made a donation to the Lenten Alms Giving which is sponsored by the Social Justice Committee you may do so by picking up an envelope in the basket as you enter the church or go to St. John's website stjohnmv.org and go to on-line giving. You may also mail it to St. John, 212 7th St. SE, Mount Vernon, IA 52314. Donation will be going to our sister parish in Haiti for Education. Social Justice thanks you in advance for your support in this mission.

Liturgical Ministers March 14th

Sacristan: Jim Kendall

EM: Andy Moeller Marylynn Murray
Chuck Murray Fr. Andrew

Lectors: Sharon Grice Cindy Kendall

Servers: Luke Stephens Ryne Moeller

Hospitality: Larry & Judy Poduska
John & Amanda Rhomberg family
Dave & Natalie Klostermann
Dean & Kathy Mallie

Weekly contributions needed..... \$5,326.92

February 22 & 28, 2021

Budget, Adult.....	\$1,005.00
Loose Coin/Currency.....	\$ 142.00
Electricity /Gas Heat.....	\$ 125.00
Lenten Alms	\$ 150.00
Snow Removal.....	\$ 100.00
On-line Giving (Feb.).....	\$3,075.00
On-line Giving Electricity/Gas Heat (Feb).....	\$ 810.00
On-line Snow Removal (Feb.).....	\$ 215.00
On-line Giving Lenten Alms (Feb.).....	\$ 150.00
Total Collected	\$5,772.00

YTD collection needed.....	\$186,442.20
YTD collections received	\$199,533.78
YTD over/ short	\$ 13,091.58



Wednesday, March 10th

8:30 am - Chuck Hallier

Friday, March 12th

8:30 am - Joe Cullen

Sunday, March 14th

8:30 am - Dolores Suchomel



Readings for the week of March 7, 2021

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/
Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday:
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/
Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38