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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 6:00 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

Main Office Hours

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

Main Office: Secretary/Bookkeeper

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ST. JOHN

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

“I pray...that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me.” John 17:17-23

I am not sure where the summer went but it seems to continue to keep flying by. Faith Formation begins earlier this year with a parent night/opening Mass on September 1. This year the “Year of St. Joseph” continues and following Fr. Andrew’s emphasis that prayer is one of the most important things we can give our children, the Faith Formation Commission has provided Faith Formation with a revised order of prayers to be memorized, and/or become familiar with for grades preschool – eighth grade to be used with our Pflaum lessons. Prayer is one of the most powerful weapons God has given us but knowing how to pray is not always easy. Jesus’ disciples felt the same confusion. They were familiar with the oft-repeated prayers of the Torah. But Jesus prayed with a kind of authority and power they had never seen before—as though God was listening.

If you have not signed up for faith formation for the coming year of 2021-2022, please do. Ordering materials and supplies hinge on having correct student numbers as much as possible. To register go to:

<https://www.myschoolsystems.com/ArchDBQ/DBQ137/>

If paying for your fees online, please notice that there are two categories. One is for Faith Formation and the other is for Sacramental. It is very much appreciated if you can make use of e-connect online payments. If this does not work for you, payments can be sent to Loraine Kula at 212 7th St. SE, Mt. Vernon, IA 52314 or drop off at the office with either Loraine or Linda.

Mission Co-op Annual Appeal

Sunday August 29th: Piarist Fathers, Province of the United States and Puerto Rico. This year’s speaker will be Fr. Andrew Mbinkar Berinyuy from Bronx, New York. Please be generous.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God’s story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God’s love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God’s primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

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Readings for the week of August 8, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30 - 5:2/Jn 6:41-51
 Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
 Wed: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20
 Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
 Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
 Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15
 Next Sunday:
Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

St. Isidore Parish is seeking to hire an administrative assistant/bookkeeper. Position offers flexible part time hours of about 20 hours per week. Hours can be scheduled over 2 or 3 days per week. Office hours are required. Familiarity with word processing, spread sheets, and basic bookkeeping would be helpful. Please contact Fr. Andrew @ 319-854-6141 or email @ dbq137@dbqarch.org.

Examples of Duties:

- Serves as primary initial contact for visiting public. Answers telephone calls, receives and greets visitors and provides information to or refers callers and visitors.
- Maintains calendar and coordinates and schedules liturgy ministers and meetings as needed,
- Receives and processes receipts and invoices.
- Prepares correspondences, reports, lists, and other documents.
- Picks up, processes and distributes mail.
- Copies, packages, and distributes a variety of written materials as requested .
- Gathers, assembles, updates, distributes, and/or files a variety of information, forms, records, and data.
- Requisitions supplies and materials for the church as requested. Performs book keeping and related work as required.



Weekly contributions needed..... \$5,442.31

August 1, 2021
 Budget, Adult..... \$ 2,440.00
 Loose Coin/Currency..... \$ 104.00
 Air..... \$ 75.00
 Facility Up-Keep \$ 225.00
 Total Collected \$ 2,844.00

E-Catholic Monthly (July)

Budget, Adult..... \$ 7,475.00
 School Supplies \$ 395.00
 Air Conditioning \$ 160.00
 SE Linn Food Pantry \$ 25.00
 Total On-line..... \$ 8,055.00

YTD collection needed \$27,115.40
 YTD collections received \$26,889.91
 YTD \$ **231.49**



Wednesday, August 11th

8:30 am - Elsie Pisarik

Friday, August 13th

8:30 am - Dorothy Shaffer

Sunday, August 15th

8:30 am - Doris McElmeel

Liturgical Ministers August 15th

Sacristan: Jim Kendall

EM: Leona Smith Faoro Nikki Sporrer
 Gwen Schimek-Tischler
 Ann Thuerauf

Lectors: Sharon Grice Dave Klostermann

Servers: Lauren Stolte Laura Swart

Greeters: Chuck & Marylynn Murray
 Tim & Abby Keegan family
 Jeremy & Abbie Stolte