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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

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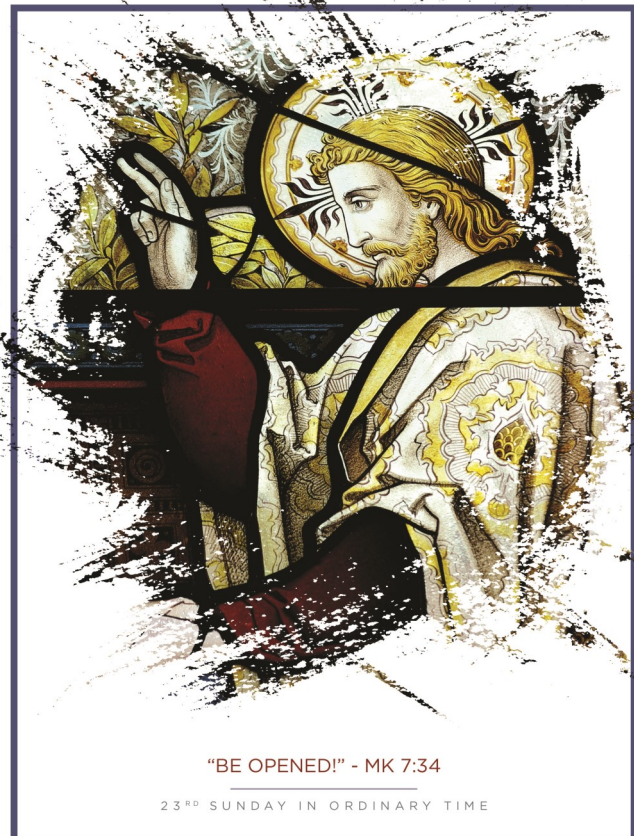
CATHOLIC CHURCH

212 7TH ST. SE

MOUNT VERNON, IA

LISBON - MOUNT VERNON, IA
AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

*Working Together To
Build the Kingdom of God*



Year of Seeking and Healing through Prayer and Kindness

To Our Parishioners & Friends

Here are some things I want to share with you:

1. Parish Leadership Commissioning

It is a common practice in the church to commission church leaders and ministers. Such individuals are presented to the members of the community and prayers are offered to ask for God's bountiful graces for them to undertake their responsibilities. In keeping with this beautiful church custom, all those serving in the parish leadership, including the members of Pastoral Council, Faith Formation, Finance Council, Stewardship, Liturgy, and Social Justice, will be commissioned for the 2021 fiscal year on Sunday, September 12th during Mass.

Also, the Pastoral Council has recently revised its Constitution and the By-laws of the standing committees. Following Mass on that day, the Council will hold a meeting with all the members in the groups mentioned above to present the Constitution and the bylaws and discuss ways to work together as leaders.

2. Changes in Communion Rite

One noticeable missing element in our Communion rite is the Communion affirmation or formula: "The Body of Christ" with the response "Amen." during Communion. This brief communication between the minister and the individual receiving the Eucharistic bread constitutes the threshold where Christ makes his entrance into the sanctuary of the "believer's" body to dwell in.

To affirm our belief in divine presence of Christ in the Eucharist, we utter Amen. And this reminds us of these words of Christ: *Behold I stand at the door and knock. Whoever hears me and opens the door, I will come in and dine with him/her* (Rev 3:20).

So, beginning this first Sunday of September, we will go back to use the formula: "**The Body of Christ**" with the response "**Amen**" during Communion.

Also, the ropes on the left side of the center aisle will be removed, leaving only one roped off section.

3. September Count

We will take head counts of parishioners during the month of September. The data will be sent to the Archdiocese as well. We encourage our parishioners to come to church to be counted to reflect the reality of our parish.

4. Blessing of Animals

This year's October pet blessing during the feast of Saint Francis will be on Sunday, October 17 @ 4pm. Bring your family pet to see our church environment and make friends with other pets.

Faith Formation Information by Linda Hansmeier

- It is time to register your children/youth for Faith Formation. Go to <https://www.myschoolsystems.com/ArchDBQ/DBQ137/>
- And don't forget, you can pay online at stjohnmv.org, just click on "online giving."
- If you or someone you know is wanting to join the Catholic Church or learn more about it, RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) begins soon. Contact Linda at l.hansmeier@dbqarch.org or Fr. Andrew at dbq137@dbqarch.org for more information.
- It isn't too late to register for Run For Pie (September 18) or donate. www.runforpie.com. It is a barrel of fun!

Youth Ministry/Young Adult Daily Prayer

Lord Jesus,

I thank You for my life and for all the good qualities You have gifted me with. I thank You for friendships, family life and for so many opportunities to grow.

I thank You for inviting me to walk closely with You and to continue to proclaim and deepen what You stand for; love, justice and peace. Thank You for living with me through your Holy Spirit and encouraging, loving, forgiving, healing and empowering me.

Touch my heart and renew me with Your presence. Fill me with joy. Continue to mold and nurture me, so that I will never be afraid to respond to the needs of others and Your world, and turn to You in times of difficulty and distress. I trust You with my past life, my present situation and with my future.

Today I decide again to accept You and You alone as my God. I truly desire to know You better. Amen.

Bishop Joe Grech

Readings for the week of September 5, 2021

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
 Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/ Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
 Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/ Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49
 Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/ Mk 8:27-35

Weekly contributions needed..... \$5,423.08

August 29, 2021

Budget, Adult..... \$1,135.00
 Loose Coin/Currency..... \$ 188.00
 Mission Co-op Appeal..... \$4,821.66
 Total Collected \$6,144.66

E-Catholic August 1st - 31st, 2021

Budget, Adult..... \$5,510.00
 Air Conditioning..... \$ 160.00
 Back Pack Donation \$ 75.00
 SE Linn Food Pantry \$ 25.00
 Run for Pie Donation \$ 975.00

YTD collection needed..... \$48,807.72
 YTD collections received \$44,850.00
 YTD \$ **3,957.72**



**35th Anniversary Celebration
 Southeast Linn Community Center**

You're invited! Labor Day, Monday, September 6th from 10:00-noon. We'll have building tours (masks required)

from 10-11:30 and an anniversary program (outdoors) at 11:30. Reverend Kalen Fristad, one of the founders of SELCC will share his memories of the early years. Stop by the pancake breakfast at the ire Department and then come down the street to celebrate with us!

**Liturgical Ministers
 September 12, 2021**

Sacristan: Jim Kendall

EM:	Pam Kraus	Joe Lynott
	Pat Melchert	Andy Moeller
Lectors:	Denise Melchert	Dave Klostermann
Servers:	Ryne Moeller	Joey Rhomberg
Hospitality:	Jamie & Annalyn Elloren family Brett & Diane Kimm John & Stephanie Brehm	

Adoration Reminder:

Just a reminder that the first and third Wednesday of the month is evening adoration from 8 pm to 10 pm.

Come spend some quiet time with our Lord.

Welcome to our parish family: We welcome Will and Krista Pederson Martin and their children to our parish family.

Wednesday, September 8th

8:30 am - Ray Yonkovic



Friday, September 10th

8:30 am - Sally & John Schneider

Sunday, September 12

8:30 am - Wayne Tauke



Labor Day

