

*Working Together To  
Build the Kingdom of God*

**LISBON - MOUNT VERNON, IA  
AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES**

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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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*Welcome to all visitors this weekend.  
We are happy you could join us!*

**Year of Seeking and Healing through Prayer and Kindness**



for NCYC

We are asking our parish for your involvement with our group that will be going to the National Catholic Youth Conference from November 18<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>. We would really benefit from any prayers you say for us as we are preparing to go and during our trip. We are planning, organizing, and getting what we will need for our trip. We are also preparing spiritually as we gather in community. The students include Libby, Mark, Betsy, and Nicole. The two faith mentors from St. John are Tracey and De. We also have Michele as an extra supportive adult from St. Isidore. Please pray that we will form a spiritual excitement as we prepare ourselves to get ready for some amazing encounters with Christ. Also pray that we will have the spiritual grace we need to receive everything God wants us to while we are there. This is a great opportunity for our youth as well as for the adults. Thank you and God bless you for your support!

**Readings for the week of September 26, 2021**

- Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:16/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
- Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
- Wed: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
- Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Next Sunday:  
Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9  
11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

**Did you know that St. John's has a cemetery located in Lisbon!  
If you are interested in prices for lots/graves call the parish main office  
895-6246.**

Women's Mini-Retreat  
Saturday, October 2 from 8 to 10:30 AM  
NOTE: Earlier time at 8.



Our topic will be "A Walk Through the Mass"  
We will talk about our prayers and rituals and why we do what we do. Please join us and bring a friend! The morning will include fun social time, breakfast and a project to take home.



**Faith Formation Information by Linda Hansmeier**

The early Christians focused on coming to know Christ in three powerful ways, through the sacraments, especially the Eucharist; the stories and emerging writings about Jesus; and his powerful presence when they gathered in his name.

God, is a relational God who constantly invites us, through prayer to come to know Him, on a more intimate level as we travel on our journey to reach the Kingdom of God. One method of prayer to use is Lectio Divina.

- Choose a Bible passage/s, or an epistle or Gospel reading. Finding a place of quiet, acknowledging God's presence, offer a prayer to the Holy Spirit for inspiration and guidance: "Come, Holy Spirit, enlighten my heart and mind to listen to your word."
- Read the text slowly and prayerfully.
- When a word or phrase strikes you, stop and rest with it.
- Prayer begins your dialogue with God that comes from your heart.
- Rest in God's presence and receive His transforming embrace, allowing God to act in you.



**IN NEED OF A VOLUNTEER:**

We are in need of someone who is willing to send out the monthly anniversaries and birthdays cards to parishioners. It is not the whole parish, certain age groups and years of marriage that cards are sent to. If you are interested please call Thelma Rife at 895-6357. Envelopes, stamps and cards are provided. We need someone to start in October.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE BACKPACK PROGRAM

Again, this year we are asking for monetary donations for the **Annual Backpack Program**. Your donation makes a big impact to our local children by providing them with healthy food option - fresh fruit. Thanks to you generosity last fiscal year July 2020 - 2021 donations came to \$786.55, and our committee spent \$737.82 of those funds on fresh fruit for the Backpack program. Children at SE Linn, Lisbon and Mount Vernon Schools will benefit from your donation. How can you help? You may send you donation in the mail to:

St. John Catholic Church  
ATTENTION: Backpack  
212 7th St. SE  
Mount Vernon, IA 52314-1518

You may drop an envelope marked Backpack Program in the Sunday collection basket. Even easier you can donate on our website [stjohnmv.org](http://stjohnmv.org) and go to **online giving**, its easy to use. **Social Justice** thanks you for your donation .



Pray for our local pregnancy help centers: for those who answer calls from women considering abortion, those who provide ultrasounds, and those who personally help mothers prepare to parent or place for adoption.

The Cedar Rapids **LIFE CHAIN is Sunday, Oct. 3rd** from 2:00-3:30 PM along First Avenue SW. Join this public witness of prayer and repentance, united in solidarity against abortion, while boldly standing in the hope of Christ. Register today with Sue Martinek at 319-270-0054 or [susjmar@aol.com](mailto:susjmar@aol.com)

The Coalition for Life of Iowa is looking for people to commit to pray in front of Planned Parenthood for **40 Days for Life** campaign. Sign up for an hour any day or night! Join us in prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in front of Planned Parenthood Sept. 22-Oct. 31st

Web: <https://40daysforlife.com/cedar-rapids>  
Phone: Call Pat 319-721-9730  
Email: [coalitionforlife@gmail.com](mailto:coalitionforlife@gmail.com)

### REGISTERED FAMILIES THIS WEEK:

We want to welcome to our parish family the following: Adam Krapfl; Michael & Sara Branamann and their daughters, Audrey, Madeline, and Hallie; Eric and Erin Nelson and their children Graham, and Parker.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

### Contributions Received

September 16 & 19, 2021	
Budget, Adult.....	\$ 3,885.00
Loose Coin/Currency.....	\$ 260.25
Memorial .....	\$ 125.00
Total Collected .....	\$ 4,270.25
YTD collection needed.....	\$ 65,076.96
YTD collections received .....	\$ 63,839.71
YTD .....	\$ <b>1,237.25</b>

### Liturgical Ministers October 3, 2021

Sacristan: Jim Kendall

EM: Richard Povey Heidi Ryan  
Jacob Ryan Hugh Scieszinski

Lectors: Gwen Schimek-Tischler  
Lisa Thuerauf

Servers: Alex Fencil Natalie Clark

Hospitality: Andy & Erin Moeller family  
Tim & Kim Fall family  
Dean & Kathy Mallie



**Wednesday, September 29th**  
NO MASS

**Friday, October 1st**  
8:30 am - Irvin & Louise Clark

**Sunday, October 3rd**  
8:30 am - Darlene Allard

### **Meetings and Activities of the Week**

**Tuesday, September 28th**  
6:30 pm - Pastoral Council Mtg.

**Wednesday, September 29th**  
6 pm - Stewardship Meeting  
FF Classes grades 4th - 8th  
7 pm - FF Classes high school

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 26, 2021**