

*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

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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

To Our Parishioners & Friends

AN INSIDER'S LOOK AT SEMINARY FORMATION

A real sense of formation rejuvenation and nostalgia came upon me as I joined the archbishop of my home archdiocese of Cape Coast, Charles G. Palmer-Buckle, the priests, and seminarians to celebrate Mass on 1st October, as part of the events marking the 90th anniversary of the seminary where the seed of formation to the priesthood was sown in me.

As I can recall, more than thirty years ago, I used to sit in the rustic chapel of the seminary to pray and discern my vocation. The priesthood I'm enjoying now in a stunning manner is linked to the years of prayers, rosaries, and Masses I experienced on the holy grounds of St. Teresa's seminary.

The highlights of the anniversary included the ordination of 15 young men to the priesthood. One of the episodic moments of my visit was the participation in the 90th anniversary. It was back to the basics! It was a homecoming; I reconnected with the nurturing environment of my calling. A few pictures of the events.



Faith Formation Information by Linda Hansmeier

Catholic Posture

No matter how spiritual we are, we cannot ignore our bodies when we pray, indeed, we pray with and through them, not only with our voice and thoughts. The catechism teaches us that, "God seeks worshipers in Spirit and in Truth, and consequently living prayer that rises from the depths of the soul. He also wants the external expression that associates the body with interior prayer, for it renders Him that perfect homage which is His due" (CCC 2703).

Ever hear the term "Catholic calisthenics?" It refers to our posture during Mass. Sit, stand, kneel, sit, stand, kneel. So why do Catholics do this during Mass? Is it all just arbitrary? Hardly!

Here is the deal. Each different posture helps us get into a different mindset. Sitting is the posture of learning. That is why we sit during the readings and the homily.

Standing is the posture of reverence and prayer. Ever notice how you stand when a judge or dignitary enters the room? How much more so, then, should we be in reverence and prayer than when the priest processes in, when we listen to the gospel proclaimed or join in the prayer of the faithful?

And kneeling is the posture of worship and humility. Therefore, we kneel during the Eucharistic prayer and after receiving Communion.

At a typical Mass, you will sit four times, stand seven and kneel three. Because as Catholics, we do not just worship with our hearts and minds, we put our whole bodies into it!

Thank you Fr. Dennis Juhl:

I have had several people asking for Fr. Dennis Juhl address so they could send him a "Thank You" card for filling in the last four weeks so that we may have Mass here at St. John's. Thank you for the Friday Masses, a funeral, and Sunday Masses while Fr. Andrew went home to visit his family and friends in Ghana.

You are a blessing to us Fr. Dennis may God Bless you in your ministry, retirement and filling in for priests so that they may have some time off.

Rev. Dennis D. Juhl
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Did you know?

RCIA Classes are open to the parish!

Next session October 14
in the education wing

Class meets Thursday evenings at 6 pm.
The RCIA candidates, their sponsors and the RCIA
team gather for an interactive and informative
learning session.

All are welcome -- current parishioners,
community members and anyone interested
in learning more about Catholicism.

Our next topic will be:
"Why we Desire God"

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Tuesday, October 12th

7:00 pm - Social Justice Mtg.

Wednesday, October 13th

NO MASS TODAY

6:00 pm - Faith Formation grades 4th - 8th

7:00 pm - Faith Formation for high school

Thursday, October 14th

6:00 pm - RCIA Session

Saturday, October 16th

6:30 am - 8:00 am - TMIY (That Mas Is You)

Sunday, October 17th

8:00 am - Rosary

8:30 am - Mass

Preschool Faith Formation

9:30 am - Faith Formation grades K - 3rd

After Mass Confirmation Session

4:00 pm: Blessing of Pets/Animals

4:30 pm: 1st Communion Students & Parents Session



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

Contributions Received

Online ACH September

Budget, Adults	\$ 5,123.00
Backpack	\$ 315.00
Air Conditioning	\$ 185.00
Food Pantry	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 5,648.00

YTD collection needed	\$71,706.71
YTD collections received	\$71,806.71
YTD	\$ 100.00

October 3, 2021

Budget, Adult.....	\$ 2,305.00
Loose Coin/Currency	\$ 145.00
Backpack	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 2,500.00

YTD collection needed	\$75,923.12
YTD collections received	\$74,256.71
YTD	\$ 1,666.41

Friday, October 15th

8:30 am - Allison Horton Jacobi

Sunday, October 17th

8:30 am - Wayne Tauke



Liturgical Ministers - October 17th

Sacristan: Jim Kendall

EM: Lisa Thuerauf Charlene Vig
De Wagner Tom Wieseler

Lectors: Vicky Wieseler Stephanie Brehm

Servers: Laura Swart Penelope Vig

Hospitality: Jamie & Annalyn Elloren
Brett & Diane Kimm
John & Stephanie Brehm

Pray for a renewal of our zeal to offer generous help to the unborn and their families. Continue to join us in prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in front of Planned Parenthood until Sunday, Oct. 31st. Web: <https://40daysforlife.com/cedar-rapids>
Phone: Call Pat 319-721-9730

Email: coalitionforlife@gmail.com

Save the date: Closing rally will be Oct. 31st is at a new time
2:00-4:00

**28th Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 10, 2021**