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Build the Kingdom of God*

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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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*October 31, 2021
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*



*LISBON - MOUNT VERNON, IA
AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES*

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

PARISH THEME: RETURN TO ME AND RENEW YOUR SPIRIT

To Our Parishioners & Friend THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS:

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven” (Matt 5:12a).

I recently read a story about a man who was attracted to the church after attending a bible study class in preparation for RCIA. He had become deeply engrossed in everything Catholic after realizing that Catholicism was never as bad as he had thought.

A few encounters in the RCIA were sufficient to cause him to walk on clouds as he became enthusiastic in everything he was discovering about Catholicism. He soon appreciated how priests celebrated the Mass and was sure he could do all the priests were doing. And delays to ordination seem arbitrary to him because he held deep misconceptions about what we are called to do in the church.

Many of us may hold a few misconceptions about the church like this newcomer to the church. We don't quite well understand the church just as we don't realize the significance of our personal commitment to it. So, it is critical that we take our cue from the saints as we take a moment to reflect on the life of the saints, which were characterized by daily discernment and stewardship, and patience.

Christian living is managed through discernment. Discernment itself is our ability to experience a voice in prayer other than one's own, directing us to accomplish something. The voice we hear through discernment is often that of the Holy Spirit who combines our experiences of the Word of God and the Sacraments to indicate a for us the path to follow that we may accomplish our mission in life as Christians. The process of discernment may take longer for some than for others. And importantly, we rely on God to discern his will and our mission.

True discernment ends in and improves our practice of stewardship—the use of our gift of life, talent, time, and treasure to facilitate God's work on earth and to make a difference in the lives of others, the church, and the world. This is what makes our vocation and are the holy events that gain God's attention and rewards. The words of Jesus in the Beatitudes indicate how God recognizes our holy actions and rewards us with his blessings. These blessings produce saintly life within us as we put everything we have and are into the service of others and the church, as did the saints.

The saints demonstrated patience in prayer and deeds. We too need to be patient in prayer and await all that God is asking of us to give and to do for him.

The celebration of All Saints is on Monday and Mass will be at St. John's at 6:30 pm. Come and let us pray together to seek the intercession of the saints.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry



Hey, our Young Church and Young Adults of St. John's, if you are looking for some quiet time with our Lord Jesus, then we have the answer. Come and enjoy time with Jesus in Adoration. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7:00 pm to 9:00pm. High school students, college students, single young adults and married young adults with or without children are all welcome.

"Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church."

Jesus said to the crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world." (John 6:51) *Quotes from: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/april-3>*

Faith Formation Information by Linda Hansmeier

If someone were to ask you if you could name the distinct parts inside the Church, what would you say? We all know that there are many distinctive styles and sizes of Churches. Some with high ceilings, lots of stained glass, and then some you have difficulty identifying as a Catholic Church unless you see a sign telling you it is. But even with all the differences on the outside and inside, they do share common elements.

Many churches have a narthex. We call it the gathering space at St. John, where Fr. Andrew greets the parishioners after Mass and where parishioners often gather to visit following Mass. From the narthex you enter the main worship space which consists of the nave and the sanctuary.

The nave is the main body of the church. The nave is where we sit, kneel, and stand as we take part in the liturgy of the Mass. Nave comes from the Latin word for ship. Early churches often resembled a ship in remembrance of St. Peter's boat, from which Christ sometimes taught. The sanctuary is the part of the church where the altar is. The word means 'holy place,' and is where most of the rites of the Mass take place.

Regardless of how our church is constructed the most important thing to remember is that Jesus is present at every Mass. And did you know that the stained-glass windows in our narthex represent each of the seven sacraments?

YOU'RE INVITED!

St. John's Women's
Mini-Retreat is coming up on
Saturday, November 6.

We will talk about saints --
What makes a saint?
Who are a few recent saints?
We want to hear about
your favorite one!

We will meet in the lower level.
8:30 - 10:30 a.m.



Congratulations to Enola Perez Martin on her baptism on Sunday, October 24, 2021 by Rev. Andrew Awotwe-Mansah.

Enola Perez parents are William and Krista Pederson Martin. May our faith community of St. John the Baptist provide Christian witness to **Enola Perez** and assist this child to grow in her faith



All Saints Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year as it falls on a Monday. Fr. Andrew will however have a Mass on Monday evening at **6:30 pm** at St. John's.

All Souls Day is Tuesday, November 2nd. St. Isidore's will have an 8 am Mass for any one who would like to attend at St. Isidore's.

Readings for the week of October 31, 2021

- Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
- Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
- Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a
- Weds: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10
- Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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October 22 & 24, 2021

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Stole Fee (Funeral).....	\$ 200.00
Up-Keep of Faculty.....	\$ 25.00
Thanksgiving.....	\$ 160.00
Memorial.....	\$ 25.00
Total Collected.....	\$ 4,762.63
 YTD collection needed.....	 \$ 92,192.36
YTD collections received.....	\$ 88,932.10
YTD.....	\$ 3,260.26

***Monday, November 1st**

6:30 pm - Arnold Brawner

Wednesday, November 3rd

8:30 am - Al Opatz



Friday, November 5th

8:30 am - Jim Schemmel

Sunday, November 7th

8:30 am - Wayne Tauke

Liturgical Ministers November 7th

Sacristan:	Brett Kimm	
EM:	Pam Kraus	Joe Lynott
	Bev O'Connor	Marylynn Murray
Lectors:	Cindy Kendall	Dave Klostermann
Servers:	Luke Stephens	Ryne Moeller
Hospitality:	Andy & Erin Moeller family	
	Tim & Kim Fall family	
	Dean & Kathy Mallie	

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Wednesday, November 3rd

- 9:00 am - St. Anne's
- 6:00 pm - FF Classes grades 4th - 8th
- 7:00 pm - FF Classes high school
- 7 - 9 pm - Adoration

Thursday, November 4th

- 6:00 pm - RCIA Session
- 6:30 pm - Liturgy Committee Mtg.

Saturday, November 6th

- 6:30 am - 8 am - TMIY (All Men Welcomed)
- 8:30 am - 10:30 am (All Women Welcomed)

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