

*Working Together To
Build the Kingdom of God*

*December 26, 2021
The Holy Family*

Mass Schedule:

St. John the Baptist, Mount Vernon
Sunday, Wednesday and Friday - 8:30 am

Parish Confession:

Sunday at 8 am or by appointment

St. Isidore the Farmer, Springville:

Saturday, 5 pm - Tuesday & Thursday 8 am

St. John Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:

8 am - 5 pm

Friday:

7 am - 3:30 pm

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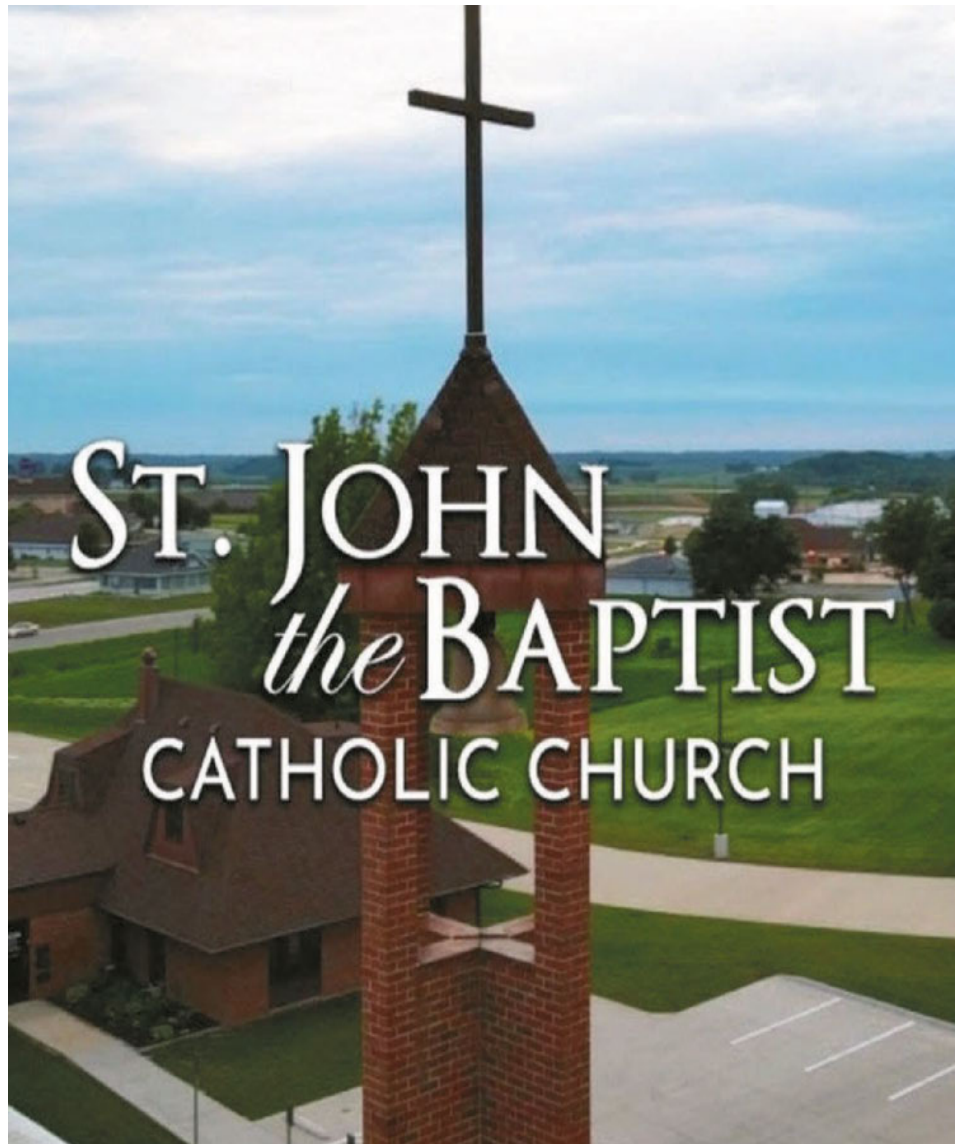
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PARISH THEME: RETURN TO ME AND RENEW YOUR SPIRIT

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too. ©LPi



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In memory of Raphael and Elizabeth Pisarik and Pat Pisarik

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Bob and Kay Woods

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For the Hohmann and Grutz families



Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wed: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday:
Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



Wednesday, December 29th

8:30 am - Ruth Morio

Friday, December 31st

8:30 am - Al Opatz

Saturday, January 1st: Holy Day - Note Time
“Mary Mother of God”

9:00 am - Carl & Marie Morrison

Sunday, January 2nd

8:30 am - Jim Schemmel

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly contributions needed \$5,423.08

Contributions Received

December 12 & 13, 2021

Budget, Adult	\$ 2,785.00
Loose Coin/Currency	\$ 185.00
Faculty-Upkeep	\$ 120.00
Holiday Flowers	\$ 495.00
Our Call to Share	\$ 345.00
Sisters Christmas	\$ 1,450.00
Total Collected	\$ 5,380.00

YTD collection needed.....	\$130,153.92
YTD collections received.....	\$136,595.36
YTD	\$ 6,441.44

MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, December 28th

6:30 pm - Pastoral Council

Wednesday, December 29th

6:00 pm - Stewardship Mtg

Saturday, January 1st

9:00 am - Holy Day Mass “Mother of God”

Liturgical Ministers January 2, 2022

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EM: Judy Poduska Allison Nissen
Bev O’Connor Theresa Patterson

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