

*Working Together To
Build the Kingdom of God*

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

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8 am - 5 pm

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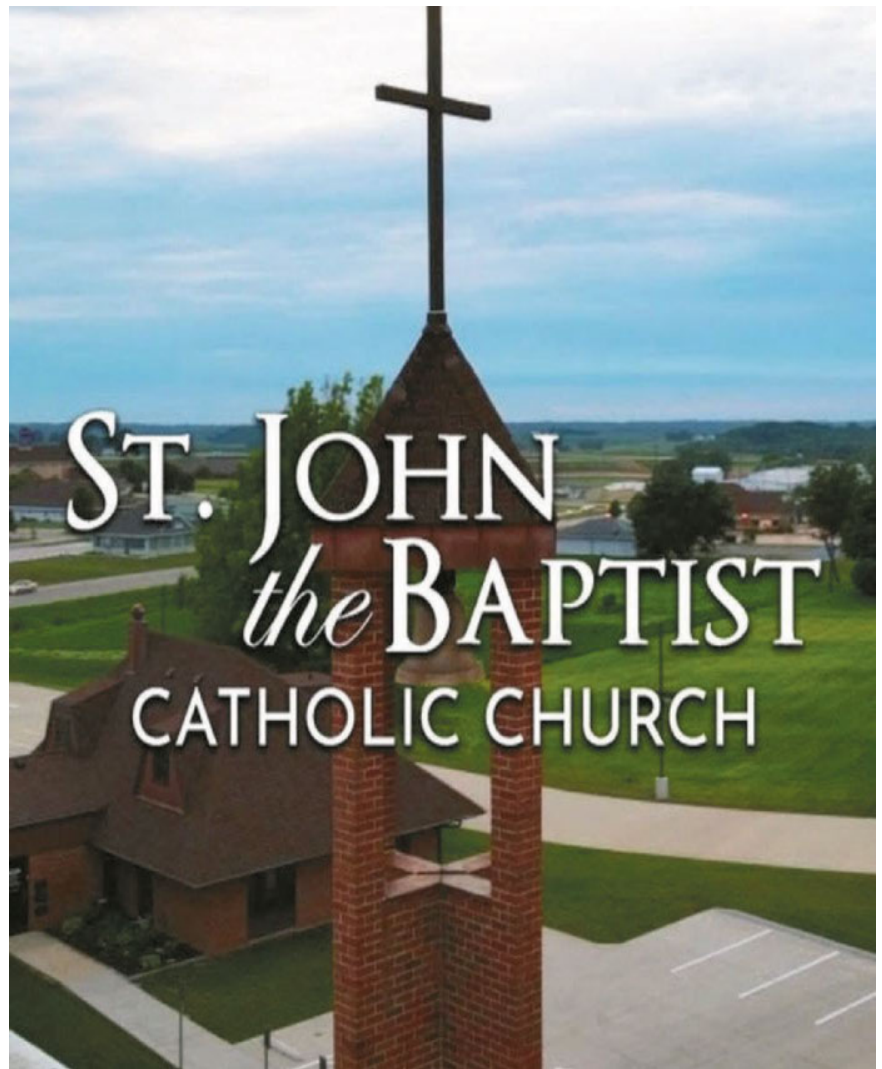
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*January 23, 2022
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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PARISH THEME: RETURN TO ME AND RENEW YOUR SPIRIT

To Our Parishioners & Friends

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—God’s Eternal Word

The first reading and the Gospel for this weekend point to the place of the eternal Word of God in our lives. Of course, every Catholic knows this primary reality. By our baptism, we are called not only to believe in the Word of God but also to welcome it and develop the right attitudes towards its meaning and application to our lives.

The first reading narrates an event in the Old Testament where the “Torah,” or the Law was discovered and celebrated by the Israelites who returned from captivity in Babylon. To the Jewish people, the “Torah” was the pride of individual life, family, and society; it was the scaffold on which the life and culture of the people were supported.

In the time of Moses, the teachings of the Torah occupied a central place in their lives of the individuals and the community to the extent that Moses exhorted them to “tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads,” (Deuteronomy 6:8). However, when they were taken into captivity, they lost contact with the Torah until their return when it was rediscovered in the ruins during the destruction of their temple, city, and their lives.

It is striking to note how the people celebrated and responded to what they considered the defining element of their lives, family, religion, and culture. It was an experience of gratitude, joy, and time with the Word.

The Gospel sets the stage for understanding the question of inspiration of the Word of God. The Gospel of Luke sets out to illumine our appreciation of how the gospels came to be constituted as the Word of God. Luke asserts in the introductory comments, “Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events ... I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence ... so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received,” (Luke 1:1-4).

The Bible attributes the way the biblical authors contributed to the composition of the Word of God as inspiration, (2Timothy 3:16-17). That is the Holy Spirit was the principal author dictating to the evangelists what God wanted them to frame in their human language.

The church not only affirms the divine inspiration of the biblical texts, but also takes it a step further to teach us that God acted in them and by means of them. This offers the assurance that all the various authors wrote constitute one and the same Word of God, without any error in the saving truth they communicate, (Catechism # 136).

I have noticed that the greater the commitment we make to cultivating God’s Word, the more we appreciate its relevance and develop a daily attitude towards reading it to inspire our lives.

Linda Hansmeier, Director of Faith Formation

On the altar at Mass, you will see different cloths being used. Each of these has a specific name and purpose. All the different cloths used during the Mass are considered sacred items, because they may come in contact with the Body and Blood of Christ.

The top of the altar is covered with a large linen table cloth. This is simply called the altar cloth. When the chalice is not in use, it is covered with a chalice veil.

Tantamount to a placemat is the corporal. The corporal is a square of absorbent white lined that is placed under the chalice, the paten, and the ciborium. This is used so that any particles of the host or drops of wine that fall on it can be collected. The name comes from the Latin corpus which means “body”.

At Masses where the Precious Blood is offered, each minister will wipe the brim of the chalice after each use. The small lined cloth used is called a purificator. The purificator is also used to clean the chalices and ciboria after Communion.

Finally, at every Mass the priest washes his hands at the preparation of the gifts. The small bowl or basin used to catch the water is called a lavabo. The Latin word means, “I shall wash”.

Middle and High School Students

SAVE THE DATE:

Wasn’t Catholic Jam awesome! Well guess what, February 20th, following our 8:30 am Mass, **Catholic Jam**, will be returning to lead us in praise and worship with fun, well-known Catholics songs. **All ages are welcome to participate in the Catholic Jam music and prayer gathering.**

Following the **Catholic Jam music and prayer** gathering there will be a Faith and Fun Youth Gathering in the Parish Hall - lower level. Come for some fun, faith filled games and refreshments!

Deanna Wagner, Youth and Young Adults
Theresa Sundstrom, Coordinator of Music

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC) #591 open to all Juniors and Seniors. Saturday, February 26th to Monday, February 28th, 2022 @ Beckman Catholic High School, Dyersville. **Registration deadline is February 11, 2022.** **TEC is a life-changing three day retreat for teens that focusses on the Paschal Mystery of Jesus. Need more information go to dbqarch.org/TEC**

Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/
Mk 16:15-18

Weds: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday:
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/
1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Wednesday, January 26th

8:30 am - Faye Pitlik

Friday, January 28th

8:30 am - Byrdena Ulrich

Sunday, January 30th

Ed & Rosalyn Ludwig



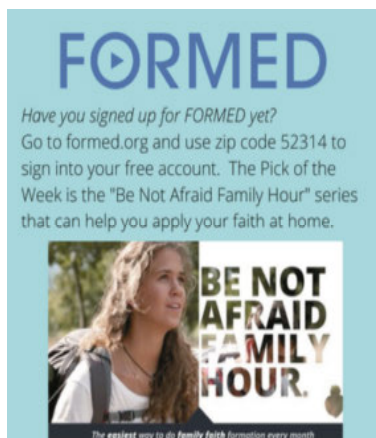
Dear Friends -

Thank you for the generous sharing from the “Giving Tree”. We know this represents the care, concern, and sacrifice. We are humbled and blessed that you are thinking of us. You are in our prayers.

May the gentle peace of Christ hold you throughout the coming year. God bless you!

With deep regards

*Sisters of Charity of the blessed Virgin Mary
Dubuque, IA*



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

Contributions Received

January 13 and 16, 2022

Budget, Adult	\$ 2,835.00
Loose Coin/Currency.....	\$ 446.25
Snow Removal	\$ 105.00
Fuel	\$ 275.00
Total Collected	\$ 3,661.25
YTD collection needed.....	\$157,269.32
YTD collections received	\$165,242.87
YTD	\$ 7,973.55

Liturgical Ministers January 30, 2022

Sacristan: Jim Kendall

EM: Nikki Sporrer De Wagner
Tom Wieseler Sarah Rhomberg

Lectors: Youth

Servers: Natalie Clark Jenna Woodward

Hospitality: Jamie & Annalyn Elloren family
Dave & Natalie Klostermann
Tyler & Teresa Patterson family

Meetings and Activities of the Week

Tuesday, January 25th

6:30 pm - Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 19th

6:00 pm - Stewardship Mtg.
6:00 pm - FF grades 4th - 8th
7:00 pm - FF high school

Thursday, January 27th

6:00 pm - RCIA Session

Saturday, January 29th

6:30 - 8 :00am - Men’s Group - “This Man is You”
8:30 am - 1pm - Women’s Conference/Sisters of Faith

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