

## Daily Readings for the Week of August 3rd

Aug 3: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23/ Psalms 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/ Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11/  
Luke 12:13-21

Aug 4: Numbers 11:4-15/ Psalms 81:12-17/ Matthew 14:13-21

Aug 5: Numbers 12:1-13/ Psalms 51:3-7, 12-13/ Matthew 14:22-36

Aug. 6: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14/ Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/ 2 Peter 1:16-19/ Luke 9:28-36

Aug 7: Numbers 20:1-13/ Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9/ Matthew 16:13-23

Aug 8: 2 Timothy 4:1-5/ Psalms 37:3-6, 30-31/ Matthew 5:13-16

Aug 9: Deuteronomy 6:4-13/ Psalms 18:2-4, 47, 51/ Matthew 17:14-20

## Liturgical Ministries

### Schedule for Aug. 3, 2025

Lector: Shari  
Greeters/Gifts: Leeper Family  
Servers: Kevin/Evie  
Money Counters: Jon/Kris  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of the Eucharist: Jon/Margo

### Schedule for Aug. 10, 2025

Lector: Oliver  
Greeters/Gifts: J. Ahrendsen Family  
Servers: Kevin/Declan  
Money Counters: Monte/Jon  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of the Eucharist: Jon/Rick

### Today's Mass Intention Paul and Mary Lasack

Mass Intention Aug 10, 2025

Deceased Members of  
Ray Koppes Family

**Priest Visit to the Homebound**  
If you are sick or homebound or know  
someone who is, and would like Fr.  
Andrew to visit and pray, contact the  
main office at 319-320-5003 or email  
Fr. Andrew at DBQ137@dbqarch.org.

## PRAYER CORNER



Betty Anderson, Karen Kleineck, Bill Ihns, Mary Hansen,  
Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen, Margaret Fowler,  
Carrie Leeper, Larry Marek, Carl Koppes, Marsha Lasack,

# SACRED HEART



August 3, 2025

### Sacred Heart Office Hours

Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:00am-11:00am

Phone: 319-320-5003

### St. John the Baptist (Mt. Vernon)

#### Office Hours:

Tues.: 8:00am-5:00pm, Fri.: 7:00am-3:30pm

Phone: 319-895-6246

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Wed. & Thurs.: 10:00am-3:00pm

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**"BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY  
OF SACRED HEART: LOVE,  
PRAYER & SERVICE"**

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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Jon Eganhouse

Abby Inglis

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Julie Ahrendsen

Glenda Leeper

### Finance Council Members:

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Brett Moorman

Ron Nowachek

Kris Leeper

Mark Denniston

## PASTOR SPEAKS

Dear Parishioners,

I recently came across this story captioned "The Dollars Are in the Way". Henry Ford once asked an associate about his life goals. The man replied that his goal was to make a million dollars. A few days later, Ford gave the man a pair of glasses made from two silver dollars. He told the man to put them on and asked what he could see. "Nothing," the man said. "The dollars are in the way." Ford told him that he wanted to teach him a lesson: If his only goal were dollars, he would miss a host of greater opportunities. He should invest himself in serving others, not simply in making money.

The story further added that "That's a great secret of life that far too few people discover. Money is important. No question about that. But money is only a means by which we reach higher goals. Service to others. Obedience to God. God comes to the rich man and says, "You fool! This very night, your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?" The answer was clear. The rich man had put his trust in things. Now he was leaving these things behind."

Today's reading speaks about the emptiness of money or material resources, urging us to look beyond them, settling on what truly matters—life with God and the saints in heaven. While both the first and gospel readings discourage us from being steeped in materialism, it is the second reading that offers us the underlying reasons:

*"If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory" (Colossians 3:1-4).*

Taking Paul's exhortation into account, we need to think about what Harry Emerson Fosdick once said, "We're rich in things and poor in souls."

What else are Solomon, Paul, and Jesus saying to us today in the readings other than the fact that we are to go back to the basics and re-establish our priorities by putting God first? We need to remember the exhortations, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt. 22:37-39) and "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you" (Mt. 6:33).

**Blessings,**

Fr. Andrew Awotwe-Mensah

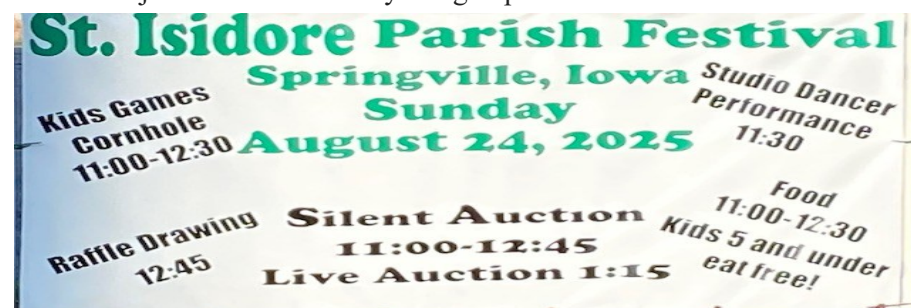
## News

"Table of Plenty" will take place today before and after Mass. Every purchase made goes towards our yearly budget.

Refreshments will be served following Mass today. The ladies in charge are: Mary M, Stacey A. and Sue E. Thank you ladies.

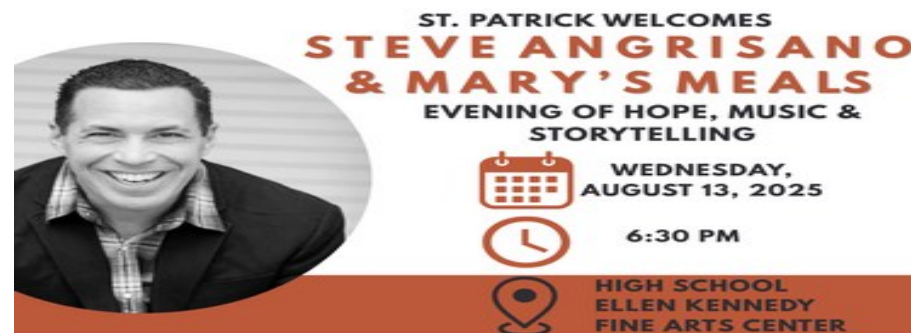
Remember to mark September 5-6 on your calendars for our next kolache bake. We still have some fliers available to hang up around Oxford Junction, Wyoming, Olin, etc....

In the hallway are sign up sheets for bible study on Wednesday evenings as well as a sign up sheet for a possible bible study for youth from confirmed to graduation. Get involved and join us for bible study. Sign up!






**St. Isidore Parish Festival**  
Springville, Iowa  
**Sunday August 24, 2025**

- Kids Games 11:00-12:30
- Cornhole 11:00-12:30
- Raffle Drawing 12:45
- Silent Auction 11:00-12:45
- Live Auction 1:15
- Studio Dancer Performance 11:30
- Food 11:00-12:30
- Kids 5 and under eat free!



**ST. PATRICK WELCOMES**  
**STEVE ANGRISANO & MARY'S MEALS**  
EVENING OF HOPE, MUSIC & STORYTELLING

 **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2025**  
 **6:30 PM**  
 **HIGH SCHOOL ELLEN KENNEDY FINE ARTS CENTER**

WEEKLY OFFERING	
<b>July 27, 2025 Collection</b>	
Envelopes	\$ 510.00
Offertory	63.00
Candles	12.00
Table of Plenty(July)	290.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 875..00</b>

### Baptism Information

If you wish to have your child baptized, please contact Wendy Swan at (319) 320-5003 or e-mail [dbq155sec@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq155sec@dbqarch.org) to get the process started.

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM