

December 2, 2018 St. John XXIII



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MASS TIMES

Saturday at 4pm

Sunday at 8am & 10am

M-W-F at 7:30am, Tues at 5:30pm

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Monday - Thursday, 8:00-4pm

Friday, 8:00am-1pm

Bulletin deadline: Mondays at noon

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MISSION STATEMENT

*We welcome, we worship, we live the Gospel.
We are the people of Saint John XXIII.*



NEW PARISH REGISTRATIONS

First full weekend of every month, after Mass; or contact the parish office

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:00pm, by appointment or before or after weekday Masses.

BAPTISM

Must attend a Baptism Class **prior** to scheduling Baptism. Call parish office to register for class.

MARRIAGE

Contact the pastor eight (8) months before your wedding

Dear parishioners,

Tribulation. Wildfires. Tsunamis. Moral corruption. Disease. War. We tend to associate these things with the end times, and perhaps for good reason! In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world." Not exactly putting us in the Christmas spirit, is it? During Advent, we anticipate a celebration of Christ's first coming. There is a quiet stillness about our waiting, or at least we try to encourage that in ourselves. Perhaps we have an Advent devotional or we take time to pray together as a family around the Advent wreath.

But Jesus did not come only once into history. During Advent, we remember that he will come again. You may remember the rapture craze in the early 2000s, when a series of books and movies envisioned a future where Jesus was coming soon and all the true believers had been whisked away. Everyone else had one more chance to repent before things really went to hell...literally, in this case!

But is that what Jesus is talking about here? The truth is, we don't know what Jesus' Second Coming will be like. The actual return of Christ - though sudden and perhaps frightening to some - should not frighten us. Despite all the stories we may have heard about the apocalypse, the advice of Jesus is not to hang our heads or cower in fear. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." In a certain sense, we are already living in the end times. We already encounter great tribulation. We all find it easy to get distracted or discouraged in the grind of daily life. Today's Gospel reminds us that vigilance for God's presence is needed now. (LPI)

Due to a lot 'happening' around the country even at unexpected places, the Pastoral Council members and I discussed how we can **increase safety** for staff as well as parishioners when people are here at our church building. Since our building is out in nowhere, it was recommended (and I agree) that doors be locked during office hours. (People can ring the bell to be let in). That way, Tracy (from inside) can access who is permitted to enter the building especially when she is alone here at church. We will also install cameras in the church especially at all the doors so things can be reviewed and identified. There will also be security cameras in the parking lot. I know this will cause some inconvenience but is needed. If you are unsure, please call the office before arriving. Committees and groups, please call Tracy ahead of time so she can leave a lock box with door key inside if your meeting is on weekend or evening. Again, doors will not be left opened as they always has been.

May God bless you in the upcoming week, Fr. Dustin Vu

Next Week's Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 8 at 4 pm

Lector #1 - Karen Volz; Lector #2 - Luke Reichert
Eucharist Ministers - Julie LeCaptain (Tabernacle), Dianne Clarke (Captain), Anna Kuck, Jody Mahnke, Kathleen Maloney, Amy Prewitt, Paul Pospischil
Altar Servers - Blaise Lane & Ada McCrea
Ushers - Rick Kullander (head), John Clarke
Greeters - Testin Family
Sacristan - Phil Hartgrave

Sunday, December 9 at 8 am

Lector #1 - Susie Burns
Eucharist Ministers - Karen Schulte (Tabernacle), John Brunsman (Captain), Jessica Bunnell, Geri David, Paul David, Jackie Falter
Altar Servers - Jesse Sheehan & Austin Becker
Ushers - Mike Sheehan (head), Barb Sheehan
Greeters - Sebetka Family
Sacristan - Patty Davidson

Sunday, December 9 at 10 am

Lector #1 - Jim Brush; Lector #2 - Pat Brush
Eucharist Ministers - Carol Volk (Tabernacle), Judy Eilers (Captain), Nick Volk, Margaret Whitson, Michael Whitson, Rick Zettler, Ed Faber
Altar Servers - Danielle Boche & Addison Raczynski
Ushers - Judy Henley (head), Roger Henley, Marco DaSilva, Stephen Fuller
Greeters - Schaufenbuel Family
Sacristan - Charlie Smith

If unable to serve as scheduled, please find your own substitute.

Your Shared Treasure

For: November 17/18, 2018



Adult Budget (174/764)	\$9,302.00
Adult Budget EFT (65).....	1,925.00
Offertory	443.65
Visitor	73.00
Total.....	\$11,743.65
Extending the Dream	\$88.00
Extending the Dream EFT (51)	890.39

Thank You For Your Support!

Holiday Social

Please join us to celebrate the holiday season with sweets, treats, fun and laughter at a Holiday Social get together! December 8 at 9:00 am. Mothers, daughters, granddaughters - all ages welcome! If you would like to participate in an ornament exchange, please bring a wrapped \$5 ornament. Cash donations will be accepted. Proceeds will go to parishioners suffering from financial hardship. Space is limited, so please email Emily Benter at spiritgirlema@hotmail.com to reserve your seats (please include all names).

Mary's Meals Update

As many of you know, Mary's Meals is an International organization dedicated to feeding children at schools in the poorest countries of the world. In 2014, St. John committed to sponsoring a school of about 400 children in Malawi. \$20 feeds a child for an entire school year. Our commitment to feed our school is \$8,000/year. We will be selling Mary's Meals t-shirts starting this weekend (December 1) and also the weekend of December 8 for Christmas delivery. Must pay at time of order. Cost of shirt will include donation to feed a child. Contact Mary Patterson 335msp@gmail.com or 560-7827 with questions.

Angel Tree

The Angel Tree is up. If you'd like to help a needy family with Christmas gifts, please take an Angel off the tree and bring the wrapped gift back no later than December 16. Gifts will be delivered on the 17th so please be prompt, no late gifts can be taken. Thank you for helping brighten someone's Christmas.

Homebound Ministers Needed

Our homebound ministry is looking for parishioners interested in taking communion to our homebound parishioners about once a month on Saturday or Sunday. Jesus calls us to serve others, please consider sharing your time with them. Contact Shawn at dbq227s@dbqarch.org to volunteer or get more information.

Save the Following Dates

- Godparent/Godchildren blessing January 12/13th: celebrating the baptism of Jesus
- YMCA night January 19th from 6-9 PM: swimming, basketball and volleyball will be available
- Rough Riders Hockey February 1st at 7:05 PM: will be selling tickets after mass in January for \$12.75 per person.

Baptisms

Congratulations to the following who were baptized this past weekend:

Stanley Vernon Hartgrave, son of Philip & Cassandra Josephine May Tucker, daughter of Austin & Allison Sawyer Michael Vetsch, son of Jared & Michelle

Tuesday Potluck

When is a potluck NOT a potluck? When you have made your reservation for the catered meal on Tuesday, December 4 at noon. Bring only your appetite and enjoy Christmas cheer and fellowship.

Camp Kids Cheeseballs are Available

Our camp kids will be selling our hand-made smokey cheddar cheeseballs after masses this weekend and next. Cost is \$10 each. Proceeds will help send our high school youth to Fremont, NE, for a Catholic Heart Workcamp mission trip this summer. Thank you for supporting our youth!

Advent Reconciliation Dates

St. Ludmila, Thursday, December 13, at 7pm
All Saints, Saturday, December 15, at 10:30 am

Social Justice Corner

Challenge yourself to join a new community, do something new. Volunteer for a local food bank, raise donations for newly arrived refugees, tutor at a local community center. Whatever service you choose, sit and be present with whomever you are serving. Just listen and serve. Step out of your comfort zone. Sometimes those new experiences are the most rewarding.

Mass Intentions

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 1

4:00 pm Jeanie Altenhofen

Sunday, December 2

8:00 am Thomas Kilpatrick

10:00 am All Parishioners

Monday, December 3 - St. Francis Xavier

7:30 am Marge Hagarty

Tuesday, December 4 - Advent Weekday

5:30 pm Pat Davidson

Wednesday, December 5 - Advent Weekday

7:30 am Margie Hansen

Thursday, December 6 - Advent Weekday - No Mass

Friday, December 7 - St. Ambrose

5:30 pm Perri Family

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 8

8:00 am Gary Volz (Immaculate Conception, Holy day of Obligation)

4:00 pm Ramona Smith

Sunday, December 9

8:00 am Everett Kroeze

10:00 am All Parishioners

Meetings & Happenings:

Sunday, December 2

Confirmation class, 6:00 pm

Tuesday, December 4

Cleaning crew, 9:00 am

Potluck Tuesday, 12:00 pm

Social justice committee, 6:15 pm

Wednesday, December 5

RE classes, 4:45 pm

Thursday, December 6

Bible study, 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 8

Women's Holiday Social, 9:00 am

Sunday, December 9

Reconciliation interviews, 11:15 am

Baptism class, 1:00 pm



Mark Your Calendars

The next KC Blood Drive and Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 26 at the Fairfax American Legion from 8 a.m. to noon. December 1 is the last day to give blood and be eligible to donate at this drive. To sign up, contact Rick Zettler at 319-551-9361 or rickkzettler@gmail.com, or visit bloodcenterimpact.org.

Women's Conference

Tired of trying to be “perfect”? Sick of society's demands on women for the Perfect body? Perfect family? Perfect children? Perfect job? Come and hear Katie Wicker, author of *Getting Past Perfect: Finding Joy in the Messiness of Family Life* at the Archdiocesan Women's Conference, *Beauty in Christ: “perfect” isn't perfect*, Saturday, January 26, DoubleTree by Hilton, Cedar Rapids, IA, 9am to 3pm, discount rates apply until Monday, January 7. To register: <https://archwomensconference.org/registration/>

Catholic Evangelization Outreach

Our next CEO (Catholic Evangelization Outreach) will be held at Mt. Mercy University, Busse Chapel on Thursday, December 6 at 7:00pm. College student Noelle Resse will share her story how she learned to give herself grace and is learning to love herself with the help from God. No childcare is available. There is no charge. Bring a friend.

4th Annual Angel of Hope Prayer Service

Please join us December 6 at 7pm outside Xavier High School, the statue provides a place to remember, grieve, and pray for parents that have endured the death of a child and are seeking the Hope of Christ. The prayer service is brief but the comfort and hope that is offered is long lasting.

Retirement Fund for Religious

A donor writes, “Your flyer touched my heart – seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced.” Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's collection.

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