**Mission Statement**

We, the parishioners of St. John XXIII, commit to be disciples of Jesus through prayer, Worship, study and service.

**Mass Times**

Saturday at 4pm  
Sunday at 8am & 10am  
M-W-F at 7:30am, Tues at 5:30pm

**Staff**

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**Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday, 8:00-4pm  
Friday, 8:00am-1pm  
Bulletin deadline: Mondays at noon

**Prayer Chain**

blessedjohnprayerchain@gmail.com  
or (319)846-3139

**New Parish Registrations**

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

**Baptism**

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

**Reconciliation**

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

**Marriage**

Contact the pastor eight (8) months before your wedding
Dear parishioners,

The Gospels continue to challenge us to the core. This is especially true in the way our social relationships have developed. Feeling safe and secure in the world are not things that come easily these days. Actually, we may find ourselves feeling more reservation, caution, reluctance, and fear than ever before. In a moment’s notice, life can drastically change. When someone has been intentionally and violently hurt, especially someone we love, we can all too easily find ourselves very attracted to the Old Testament philosophy of “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.”

Intellectually, we know this is not what Jesus wants us to do. But on some level it just seems to make practical or even political sense. After all, why should we allow someone to get away with a heinously violent act? Yet, Jesus cannot be any clearer than he is with this! Offer no resistance to one who is evil. Turn the other cheek as well. When pressed into service, go two miles. Do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. Love your enemies. Now, take a moment to reflect on all of this. Consider a horrible act of violence committed against someone you love. Listen. Think. Be honest. Can you do as Jesus directs?

We want to be holy. But we are more comfortable with a definition of holiness that can keep us saying our prayers and on our knees in church. We are not comfortable with a definition of holiness that has something to say about how we react to and negotiate life. We like to keep a sharp and strong line between the secular and the sacred. In fact, we would prefer that the doors between them be kept closed. God wants us to be holy as He is holy. If God sees this one way and we see it another, then where does this leave us on our journey to God?

Our minds like the practical, worldly, and secular answers to things. They are more black and white and at first glance appear to make more sense. Holiness wells up from our souls and is beyond reason. It cannot be explained. It is something we just simply know comes as a result of deep prayer. The truly contemplative eye knows inwardly that what Jesus asks is true and then willingly does it. It may not be easy. @LPI

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

Next Week’s Liturgical Ministry Schedule
Saturday, February 29 at 4 pm
Lector #1 - Dianne Clarke; Lector #2 - Rick Cuddeback
Eucharist Ministers - Lisa Doser (Tabernacle), Meg Hansen, Mary Ferden, Julie LeCaptain, Bernie Kleppe, Jody Mahnke, Briona Charipar
Altar Servers - Adam Stallman & Tyler Patten
Ushers - Theresa Fry (head), Betty Micka-Rolwes
Greeters - Diane Alsager
Sacristan - Paul & Deb Mallie

Sunday, March 1 at 8 am
Lector #1 - Marty Langel
Eucharist Ministers - Jessica Bunnell (Tabernacle), Beth Smith (Captain), Curt Woods, Karen Woods, Kevin Moser, Cameron Kadlec
Altar Servers - Nicole Schroeder
Ushers - Bill Schrader (head), Molly Schrader
Greeters - S. Bryson & P. Davidson
Sacristan - Lori Volz

Sunday, March 1 at 10 am
Lector #1 - Ryan Bunge; Lector #2 - Jack Devones
Eucharist Ministers - Cindy Schmerbach (Tabernacle), Judy Eilers (Captain), Mary Gudenkauf, Deb Kiwala, Lisa Marie Forcier, Chris Schaufenbuel, Allie Day
Altar Servers - Elizabeth Burns & Maxton Burns
Ushers - Ed Faber (head), Marco DaSilva, Stephen Fuller, Tricia Fuller
Greeters - Jason Davis Family
Sacristan -

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

Your Shared Treasure
For: February 8/9, 2020

Adult Budget (161/765) ......................... $8,738.23
Adult Budget EFT (65) ......................... 1,925.00
Offertory ........................................... 467.00
Visitor .................................................. 1,415.00
Total .................................................. $12,545.23

Extending the Dream ................................ $171.00
Extending the Dream EFT (51) ............. 890.39

Thank You For Your Support!
Euchre Night
Please join us next Saturday evening, February 29, for a fun evening of Euchre. Our camp kids will be serving a free will offering meal after mass and the games will begin after (approximately 5:45 pm). We hope you can join us.

Respect Life Activity
The Social Justice Committee, as a Respect Life activity, would like to invite you to join us in a Sing a Long. We will be going to the Colonial Manor, 3207 220th Trail, Amana, on Sunday, March 8, beginning at 12:15. All ages are welcome. To let us know you will be joining us, or for more information, call Jack at 270-0053. A great Lenten activity, hope you can join us.

Mowing Volunteers
We are currently looking for volunteers to help mow the parish and rectory grounds next spring/summer. If you’re interested in helping out, please contact Jim Brush at pjbrush@southslope.net or 846-2697. All those that were on a crew last year will be left on unless you let Jim know that you will not be able to help again this year. Thank you!

KC Blood Drive
The Knights thank all who came out to support last month’s blood drive and pancake breakfast. Through the blood donations on Saturday and the weeks before and after the drive, we collected over 50 pints of blood, which will touch the lives of over 200 area residents. Because of your support, this is one of the largest area blood drives in the region! Mark your calendars now, our next blood drive will be at St. John XXIII on Saturday, June 13.

Mary's Meals T-Shirts
Mary’s Meals t-shirts (new style) will be sold after all masses on the weekends of March 7/8 and March 14/15. Please help feed the students at our sponsored school in Southern Malawi by purchasing a shirt. Thank you for your continued support in this important mission.

In Need of Ministers
We are finding ourselves short on some of our mass ministries. The places we could really use some help are: 8 am servers and ushers, 10 am ushers and 4 pm ushers. If you’re interested in helping out in any of these areas, please contact Tracy at the parish office to set up training. Thank you for your consideration in helping.

In Sympathy
Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the families of Mildred Harover and Jeff Stallman. May they rest in peace.

Parish Administrator
St. Ludmila Parish is seeking a part-time qualified individual to keep accurate records of our financial books, maintain human resource files and record keeping for St. John Cemetery. Candidate must be a self-starter, detail oriented, accurate and confidential. Degree in bookkeeping or finance preferable and/or experience. Please submit a cover letter and resume to: Fr. Ken Glaser, 2107 J Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404 or dbq029@dbqarch.org.

Social Justice Corner
Giving primacy to God means having the courage to say ‘no’ to evil, ‘no’ to violence, ‘no’ to oppression, to live a life in service of others and which fosters lawfulness and the common good. When a person discovers God, the true treasure, he abandons a selfish lifestyle and seeks to share with others the charity which comes from God. He who becomes a friend of God, loves his brothers and sisters, commits himself to safeguarding their life and their health, and also to respecting the environment and nature. (7/26/14, Homily)
Mass Intentions

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 22
4:00 pm  Dave Fry & Sue Gruenloh

Sunday, February 23
8:00 am  Emmett Cahill
10:00 am  All Parishioners

Monday, February 24 - Weekday
7:30 am  Marcella Stallman

Tuesday, February 25 - Weekday
5:30 pm  Mike Scott

Wednesday, February 26 - Ash Wednesday
7:00 am  Donald Andrle
12:10 pm  Jim & Greg Rump
5:30 pm  Ron Maxa

Thursday, February 27 - Lenten Weekday - No Mass

Friday, February 28 - Lenten Weekday - No Mass

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 29
4:00 pm  Elma Buresh

Sunday, March 1
8:00 am  Steve Kadlec
10:00 am  All Parishioners

Meetings & Happenings:

Sunday, February 23
Confirmation class, 6:00 pm

Tuesday, February 25
Cleaning crew, 8 am

Thursday, February 27
Men of Action, 6 pm
Bible study, 7 pm

Friday, February 28
Men of Action, 6:30 am

Saturday, February 29
Euchre night, (meal) 5 pm & game after

Sunday, March 1
Baptism, 11:00 am
Confirmation class, 6:00 pm
Partner with Catholic Charities
Did you know that 90% of every donation to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque goes toward direct service of individuals in need? Your gift will make an impact. To learn more about the ways your gift can change lives in the Archdiocese go to https://youtu.be/Y8tIeUHkqFk. Please partner with Catholic Charities and make your contribution to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal today. Learn more at http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org.

Catholic Daughters Rosary for Life
Catholic Daughters will again pray the “Rosary for Life” after the 11:15 Mass at Mercy Hospital Chapel every Monday in March to pray for an end to abortion, uniting with those in prayer during the 40 Days for Life spring campaign (Feb. 26-April 5). Please join us.

2020 Men’s Conference
Saturday, March 14 at Xavier Catholic High School, Cedar Rapids. The keynote speaker will be Patrick Madrid, host of “The Patrick Madrid Show” on Relevant Radio. The day will also include breakout sessions and Mass with Archbishop Jackels. More details and registration may be found at www.CatholicMenOnline.com.

Evening for the Divorced and Separated
Whether you’re divorced or separated, want to help someone you love, or are interested in working to help divorced families, join Catholic author and evangelist, Rose Sweet, for “An Evening for the Divorced and Separated and Those who Love Them” on Friday, March 27 from 6:30-8:30 PM at St. Pius X Church. Learn more and RSVP for this FREE event at www.DBQArch.org/Divorce.

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