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

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

1st SUNDAY OF LENT
Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, “All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me.” - Mt 4:8-9

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,

Life can easily spin us out of control. While there are so many wonderful opportunities before us, we can also get easily distracted and exhausted. There is always something to do, respond to, or check. The clutter of our lives can take us off course, and the best remedy for getting back on track is the experience of the desert. Here we can face our demons square on, resist them, and get back on course. We desperately need the season of Lent. This simple time of year forces us into greater awareness and grounds us in what is good and true.

What weighs you down and keeps you trapped? Maybe you are trying to do too much and please too many people. It could be that your fragile self-image is always pushing you to prove yourself and find success. Anxiety and worry, ultimately due to a lack of faith, can quickly tempt you with despair. It could be that you are listening to too many voices and allowing all of the negativity that is present to erode the genuine goodness in your heart and in all of God’s creation. Or maybe you struggle too much with fear. Perhaps so much so that you are far too preoccupied with your own agenda and goals and left with little psychological or spiritual room to consider and respond to the plight of your neighbor. Do anger, bitterness, stubbornness, and hatred have homes in your heart? How about greed, gluttony, pride, apathy, or lust?

For many, their passions and what can be found on the internet are their downfall, and they are robbed of their inner life and freedom. What is it, specifically, that tempts you away from a childlike trust in God? Define this and use the next few weeks to allow God to chart you a course away from them. Silence, being alone, grace, honesty, struggle, tears, and dryness are all found in the desert. You will also find God and your true self in this holy place. Ready to go? @LPI

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

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Next Week’s Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 7 at 4 pm
Lector #1 - Theresa Fry; Lector #2 - Karen Volz
Eucharist Ministers - Kelly O’Connell (Tabernacle), Amy Prewett (Captain), Kathy Maloney, Mark Mittauer, Luke Reichert, Marisa Rodriguez, Taryn Davis
Altar Servers - Mac Feldmann & Brayden Netolicky
Ushers - Mike Hansen (head), Rick Kullander
Greeters - Dennis Feldmann family
Sacristan - Taryn Davis

Sunday, March 8 at 8 am
Lector #1 - Sandy Ford
Eucharist Ministers - Brian Bedard (Tabernacle), Shari Bedard (Captain), Cathy McAllister, Pat McAllister, Mary Patterson, Theresa Havlik
Altar Servers - Curtis Sebetka
Ushers - Doug McDonnell (head), Gordon Hackett
Greeters - Theresa Havlik family
Sacristan - Patty Davidson

Sunday, March 8 at 10 am
Lector #1 - Lois Robson; Lector #2 - Mike Whitson
Eucharist Ministers - Roger Henley (Tabernacle), Judy Henley (Captain), Jackie Stallman, Mike Whitson, Margaret Whitson, Ed Faber, Theresa Leskovec
Altar Servers - Madeline Ellsworth & Sophie Musick
Ushers - Thad Driskell (head), Gary Haut, Joey Musick, Collin Musick
Greeters - Pam Shultz family
Sacristan - Amy Ellsworth

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

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Your Shared Treasure

For: February 15/16, 2020

Adult Budget (157/765) ......................... $7,729.00
Adult Budget EFT (65) ..................... 1,925.00
Offertory ........................................ 481.31
Visitor ................................................. 175.00
Total .............................................. $10,310.31

Extending the Dream ....................... $783.00
Extending the Dream EFT (51) ......... 890.39

Thank You For Your Support!
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 looking for volunteers to help mow the parish and rectory grounds. If interested, 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!

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.

Couples Golf League
There is a Couples Golf League for parishioners of St John XXIII. Sundays at 3:00 pm held at Twin Pines golf course. League starts May 3rd and runs for 17 weeks. This is just a fun league. No standings or handicaps are kept. Just play and get to know our fellow parishioners. For information contact Roger Henley, rdhenley45@yahoo.com

Stations of the Cross
Stations of the Cross will be said at 5:30 pm (followed by mass at 6 pm) every Tuesday evening during Lent.

Potluck Tuesday
Everyone’s invited to join us on Tuesday, March 3, for our Potluck Tuesday gathering. If you’re able, bring a dish to share. We dine at noon.

Lent Food Drive
Our Knights of Columbus council will be taking any food donated to the parish during Lent to Metro Catholic Outreach for their Forty Cans for Lent project. For each 1/2 ton of food donated, they will receive $100 from Supreme which will also be donated to MCO.

College Scholarships for Parishioners
The Fr. Thomas J. Schwinn Knights of Columbus Council is once again offering $500 college scholarships for multiple students! If you are a high school senior preparing to attend an accredited vocational school or college next fall, and an active member of St. John XXIII parish, please submit your application now. Since 1999, our parish Knights council has awarded more than $20,000 in college scholarships. This is a valuable benefit for our parishioners and we encourage all students to apply. Applications can be found on the cart in the parish center or on our parish website under the education tab. Deadline for submission is 4/12/20.

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
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.

Social Justice Corner
Be attentive to the needs of the poor, the suffering, the lonely, for whoever has chosen to love Jesus cannot but love his neighbor.

(12/18/14)
Mass Intentions

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

Monday, March 2 - Lenten Weekday
7:30 am  Jim & Greg Rump
Tuesday, March 3 - Lenten Weekday
6:00 pm  Everett Kroeze
Wednesday, March 4 - Lenten Weekday
7:30 am  Betty Hickenbottom
Thursday, March 5 - Lenten Weekday - No Mass
Friday, March 6 - Lenten Weekday - No Mass

Second Sunday of Lent
Saturday, March 7
4:00 pm  All Parishioners
Sunday, March 8
8:00 am  Marvin McAllister
10:00 am  David Volz

Meetings & Happenings:

Sunday, March 1
Baptism, 11:00 am
Confirmation class, 6:00 pm

Monday, March 2
RCIA, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 3
Cleaning crew, 9:00 am
Potluck Tuesday, 12:00 pm
Stations of the Cross, 5:30 pm
Finance committee, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 4
RE classes, 4:45 pm

Thursday, March 5
Men of Action, 6:15 pm
Bible study, 7:00 pm

Friday, March 6
Men of Action, 6:30 am

Sunday, March 8
Office open, 7:30 am
2nd grade RE class, 1:00 pm
Jail and Prison Ministries Program
Did you know that clients in Catholic Charities’ Jail & Prison Ministry program are 49% less likely to reoffend when compared to the state’s average rate? This work saves taxpayer money, decreases the strain on our law enforcement and most importantly improves the quality of life for those in the program and their families. Support this important work, and much more with your gift to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Learn more at http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org.

Catholic Young Adult Volleyball Night
All young adults are invited to join us Sunday, March 8 at 4:30pm in the LaSalle Middle School Gym for an evening of fun and community. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP contact Kate Tyler at ktyler@stmatthewcr.org

Catholic Evangelization Outreach (CEO)
Gineal Schrunk is a history teacher at Xavier High School. She will share how God has guided her in answering one of the most pressing questions of youth: “What will I do with my life?” Through her fumbling’s, she learned to perceive God’s guidance in discerning her vocation and career. God used her thirst for greater understanding to help deepen intimacy with her in prayer.
St. Wenceslaus Church. Thursday, March 12, 6:30-8:30 pm. A light dinner will be served. Child care is available. This event is free and all are welcome.

St. Jude Church Employment Opportunity
St. Jude Church is seeking a business manager. Interested persons are invited to pick up a job description and application at the parish office at 50 Edgewood Rd. NW or by emailing Father Mark Murphy at m.murphy@dbqarch.org.

Catholic Radio
KMMK 88.7 fm

Metro Catholic Outreach
Utility/rent assistance, food bank.
319-739-5490

Holy Family School (K-8) 319-396-7792
Xavier High School (9-12) 319-294-6635