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3rd SUNDAY
OF LENT
Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of
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Dear parishioners,

We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.

It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician’s act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts – Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn’t come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and life! ©LPi

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

Next Week’s Liturgical Ministry Schedule
Saturday, March 21 at 4 pm
Lector #1 - Joe Blanck; Lector #2 - Jerry Portis
Eucharist Ministers - Meg Hansen (Tabernacle), Julie LeCaptain (Captain), Mary Ferden
Altar Servers - Caroline Tucker & Maggie Tucker
Ushers - Dave Kohouteck (head), Juanita Kohouteck
Greeters - Phil Hartgrave family
Sacristan - Phil Hartgrave

Sunday, March 22 at 8 am
Lector #1 - Ron Junge
Eucharist Ministers - Paul David (Tabernacle), Geri David (Captain), Jackie Falter
Altar Servers - Brayden Ballard & Austin Becker
Ushers - Kevin McCarville (head), Becky McCarville
Greeters - Denny Ballard family
Sacristan - Vanessa Junge

Sunday, March 22 at 10 am
Lector #1 - Lisa-Marie Forcier; Lector #2 - Joseph Glass
Eucharist Ministers - Carol Doser (Tabernacle), Nick Volk (Captain), Carol Volk
Altar Servers - Cole Schmerbach & Austen Eich
Ushers - Glen Koenigsfeld (head), Bebe Koenigsfeld, Marco DaSilva, Gary Haut
Greeters - Terry & Carrie Helgeson
Sacristan - Charlie Smith

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

Your Shared Treasure
For: February 29/March 1, 2020

Adult Budget (178/765).......................... $7,477.00
Adult Budget EFT (65).......................... 1,925.00
Offertory............................................648.38
Visitor .................................................450.00
Total.................................................. $10,500.38

Extending the Dream............................$278.00
Extending the Dream EFT (51)..............$890.39

Thank You For Your Support!
Cookie Social
Our parish life committee will be serving cookies after mass on Saturday, March 21. Everyone’s encouraged to stay for a short social time with fellow parishioners.

We are in need of cookie donations for the social. If you’d like to donate 2 dozen cookies, please contact Tracy at the parish office. Thank you!

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

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.

Mary’s Meals
Thank you to every one from the parish who continues to support Mary’s Meals through your donations of coin banks, checks, purchasing t-shirts, etc. Your donations/almsgiving on Ash Wednesday will be sent along with your other donations for the continued support of our sponsored school in Chizungulire, Chirazulu, Southern Malawi. It costs just $21 to feed a child for a whole school year.

Here’s another way to help: A generous donor has agreed to feed a child for every new person that signs up to learn more about Mary’s Meals. Text LENT to 614721-6644 and a child will be fed (for an entire year) in your honor.

Welcome New Parishioners
Suzanne Lockhart

Rosary
There will be a 4th Sunday Rosary at 9:35 AM on Sunday March 22 led by the Knights of Columbus. All are welcome to participate.

Thank You
The family of Mildred Harover would like to thank Father Vu, the organist, the soloist and the funeral dinner committee from St. John XXIII for all of your kindness during the time of our loss.

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.

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.

Social Justice Corner
Facts from Family Promise on the Risk of Homelessness. Did you know that 1.7 million households in the U.S. live on cash income of less than $2.00 a day. 55% of people have subprime credit, and 75% of people are living paycheck to paycheck.

A fun way to support Family Promise is to attend their upcoming concert, Joyful Noises. Friday April 17th 6-9 pm. Held at St Paul’s United Methodist Church, 1340 3rd Ave SE, in Cedar Rapids
Mass Intentions

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 14
4:00 pm  All Parishioners

Sunday, March 15
8:00 am  Mike Scott
10:00 am  Jim Jacobi

Monday, March 16 - Lenten Weekday
7:30 am  Louis Buresh

Tuesday, March 17 - Lenten Weekday
6:00 pm  Leo Lamparek

Wednesday, March 18 - Lenten Weekday
7:30 am  Peg & Emmett Cahill

Thursday, March 19 - St. Joseph - No Mass

Friday, March 20 - Lenten Weekday - No Mass

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 21
4:00 pm  Maddy Beran

Sunday, March 22
8:00 am  All Parishioners
10:00 am  Gwen Rumbo

Meetings & Happenings:

Sunday, March 15
Baptism, 10:00 am

Monday, March 16
RCIA, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 17
Stations of the cross, 5:30 pm
Cleaning crew, 6:30 pm
Parish life committee, 6:30 pm
Cancer support group, 6:30 pm

Thursday, March 19
Men of Action, 6:00 pm
Bible study, 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 21
Baptism, 4:00 pm

Sunday, March 22
Baptism, 11:00 am
Thank You from Catholic Charities
These past many weeks Catholic Charities has received strong prayerful and financial support as part of their 2020 Annual Appeal. These gifts provide needed funds to provide assistance to the most vulnerable in our communities and in our families. Thank you to all who have given so generously. It is never too late to join this important effort. To learn more about Catholic Charities or to give go to http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org.

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.

Help Wanted: Fellowship Coordinator
St. Pius X Parish is actively searching to fill a NEW part-time position with flexible hours. Please submit your resume to Fr. Phil Thompson at pastor@crpiux.org or by mail at St. Pius X Church, 4949 Council St. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. Complete job description is available on our website at www.crpiux.org.

Holy Family School System
Seeking Childcare Associates
2 year old full-time child care associate and part-time floater position (20 hour). As well as substitute positions and afternoon assistant teachers. Please contact Chief Administrator, Zach Zeckser, at zzeckser@holyfamilycr.org or 319-396-7792. Thank you!

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319-739-5490

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Xavier High School (9-12) 319-294-6635