

# February 28, 2021 St. John XXIII



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## MASS TIMES

Saturday at 4pm

Sunday at 8am & 10am

M - W at 12:15pm, F at 7:30am

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Monday - Thursday, 8:00-4pm

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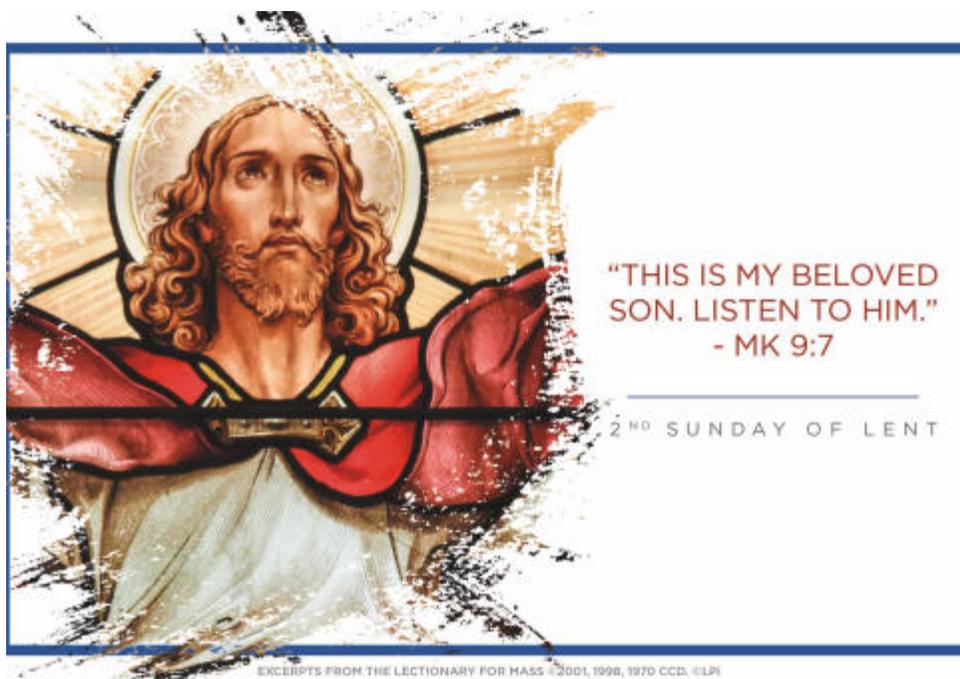
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## MISSION STATEMENT

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



### NEW PARISH REGISTRATIONS

Registration form can be found on the front page of parish website or contact parish office.

### BAPTISM

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

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 2:30 pm, by appointment or before or after weekday Masses.

### MARRIAGE

Contact the pastor eight (8) months before your wedding

## From the Desk of Father Richmond

My Beloved Parishioners:

What a joy it was to see all of you on Ash Wednesday and last Sunday at Mass. You made me very happy, and I can only imagine how happy you made Jesus for coming back in person to dine with him at the altar. As we continue to navigate the challenges of life, we need each other, and we need the Grace from the Eucharist more than ever. We cannot find that Grace outside the Eucharist. So, please invite and encourage family, friends, and other parishioners, who can, to come and join us in person at the altar.

### *Special Gratitude*

**The Seven Sisters Apostolate:** You may be wondering who are the Seven Sisters. They are seven parishioners who take turns to pray a Holy Hour for me each day of the week before the Blessed Sacrament. This apostolate, which began in 2010 by Janette Howe at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul, Minnesota, has spread to many parishes in the United States and other parts of the world. Here at St. John, I am blessed to have seven of our parishioners praying for me each day. I need those prayers very much, and I just want to express my deepest appreciation to the Seven Sisters and all of YOU who have been praying for me. I am eternally grateful.

### **For Your Prayerful Attention and Involvement**

- **Parish Retreat (Lenten Day of Recollection):** Please save the date! Come and join us in our Parish Day of Recollection on Saturday, March 27th. The Theme for our Retreat is “Coming Jesus Through St. Joseph.” The Retreat will start at 9 am and end with the 4 pm Mass. Even if you cannot spend the whole day with us, please stop by for an hour or two to join us to meditate on how we can look at our Christian life through the lens of St. Joseph and ask for his intercession for our Church, family, friends, and the world.

- **In-Person Mass:** Please invite and encourage family, friends, and other parishioners, who can, to come and join us in person at the altar. We need the Grace from the Eucharist to find the joy and peace we need and become a blessing to those God has placed in our lives.
- **Fasting & Abstinence:** The Church invites us to fast during Lent. If you are between the ages of 18-59 the law of the Church requires that you fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Church also highly recommends that we practice fasting and abstinence on all Fridays of Lent. You can fast by forgoing food all day (from morning to evening), or half-day (from morning to afternoon). You can also fast by forgoing one or two meals in a day or even reducing the quantity of food you eat. If you cannot fast because of your age or any health conditions, you can practice abstinence, which is identifying some source of pleasure that you are attached to, and practicing self-denial by giving that attachment up. Remember, it does not have to be something sinful. Even if it is a good thing, but you are too attached to it, it will prevent you from embracing the will of God for your life, so give it up. Above all, fasting must always be accompanied by prayer (lifting up of your mind and heart to God and asking that his will be done). Fasting without spending time in prayer is a total waste of time.

I pray that all of us will become more open to God’s will for our lives. May all our Lenten practices help us to find the strength to return into the arms of our Lord Jesus Christ. Have a blessed Second Week of Lent!

In prayer with you, Fr. Richmond

## Your Shared Treasure

*For: February 13/14, 2021*

Adult Budget (58).....	\$5,220.00
Adult Budget EFT (65).....	1,925.00
Offertory.....	19.00
Visitor.....	325.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$7,589.00</b>
Extending the Dream.....	\$180.00
Extending the Dream EFT (51) .....	890.39

*Thank You For Your Support!*

## First Reading Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

A reading from the Book of Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

**R. (116:9) I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted." Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds. To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people, In the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

## 2nd Reading

**Rom 8:31b-34**

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans  
Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Mt 4:4b**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless Glory.**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

## Gospel

**Mk 9:2-10**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved one. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



## Mass Intentions

*2nd Sunday of Lent*

**Saturday, February 27**

4:00 pm Marcella Stallman

**Sunday, February 28**

8:00 am All Parishioners

10:00 am Elma Buresh

**Monday, March 1 - Lenten Weekday**

12:15 pm Jim & Greg Rump

**Tuesday, March 2 - Lenten Weekday**

12:15 pm Jerry Hall

**Wednesday, March 3 - Lenten Weekday**

12:15 pm McNamara & Earley families

**Thursday, March 4 - Lenten Weekday - No Mass**

**Friday, March 5 - Lenten Weekday**

7:30 am Lou Richert

*3rd Sunday of Lent*

**Saturday, March 6**

4:00 pm Peg & Emmett Cahill

**Sunday, March 7**

8:00 am All Parishioners

10:00 am David Volz

### Meetings & Happenings:

**Sunday, February 28**

High school youth group, 6:00 pm

**Monday, March 1**

RCIA, 6:00 pm

Parish Novena, 7 pm

**Tuesday, March 2**

Eucharistic Adoration, 1-7:00 pm

Finance council, 5:30 pm

Men of Action, 6:00 pm

Parish Novena, 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, March 3**

RE grades 3-5, 4:45 pm

Parish Novena, 7:00 pm

**Thursday, March 4**

Parish Novena, 7:00 pm

**Friday, March 5**

Stations of the Cross, 5:30 pm

Parish Novena, 7:00 pm

**Saturday, March 6**

Parish Novena, 7:00 pm



## **High School Youth Group - TONIGHT**

All high school youth are encouraged to join us TONIGHT, February 28, from 6-7:30 pm to spend some time with the Lord and with our parish friends. We will spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration which will include some worship music, play a game of Trivia, and, of course, there will be pizza. Please come and bring a friend!

## **Stations of the Cross & Testimonies**

Please come and join us in person and online for the Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 5:30 pm. This will be followed by a short period of Testimony. Each Friday, one of our parishioners will share personal stories of God's love, mercy, and salvation going on right here in our parish. Come and be inspired.

## **Reconciliation Times During Lent**

Every Monday and Wednesday - 11 am to 12 pm  
Saturday's - 2:30 to 3:45 pm  
March 23 - 6:00 to 9:00 pm  
March 24 - 6:00 to 9:00 pm

## **College Scholarships for Parishioners**

The Fr. Thomas J. Schwinn Knights of Columbus Council is once again offering (three) \$500 college scholarships! 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 4/11/21.

## **Catholic Daughters of the Americas #1768**

Will meet Tuesday, March 9 at Immaculate Conception Church (entrance off church parking lot), doors open 6 pm with refreshments, meeting 6:30 pm. We will make Easter favors for the retired Sisters of Mercy. Visitors are always welcome. Contacts: Erika at 238-1798 & Linda at 480-4983.

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