

March 7, 2021

St. John XXIII



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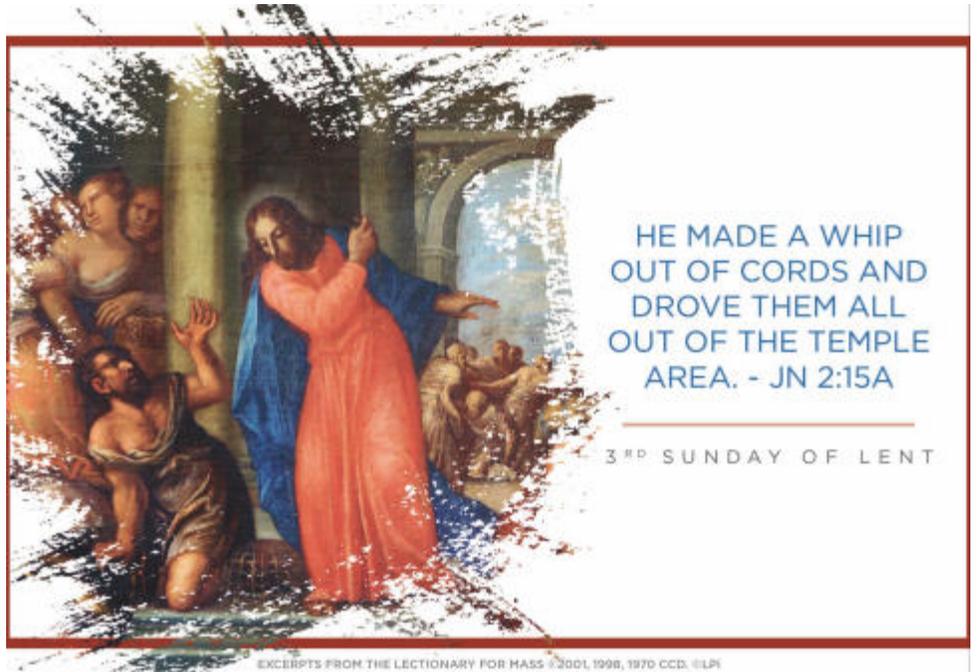
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MISSION STATEMENT

**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:

As we begin the 3rd Week of Lent, let's make some time to reflect on our lives in the Light of the Ten Commandments. "We have lost our axis to the world of "anything goes" and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on "relativism island" where only a possible suggestion to "love and do not harm" may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus' display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. "

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 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 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 and 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.

I pray that all of us will become more open to God's will for our lives as we once again commit to live by the Ten Commandments. "Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships." May all our Lenten practices help us to find the strength to return into the arms of our Lord Jesus Christ. Have a blessed Third Week of Lent!

In prayer with you,
Fr. Richmond

Your Shared Treasure

For: February 20/21, 2021

Adult Budget (99).....	\$8,093.00
Adult Budget EFT (65).....	1,925.00
Offertory.....	82.00
Visitor.....	50.00
Total	\$10,150.00
Extending the Dream.....	\$310.00
Extending the Dream EFT (51).....	890.39

Thank You For Your Support!

First Reading

Ex 20:1-17

A reading from the Book of Exodus

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments. "You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain. "Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy. "Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

19:8, 9, 10, 11

R. (John 6:68c) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul;
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold;
sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.

2nd Reading

1 Cor 1:22-25

A reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians
Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16

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

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

Gospel

John 2:13-25

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

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

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, March 8 - Lenten Weekday

12:15 pm Joe Davis

Tuesday, March 9 - Lenten Weekday

12:15 pm Dick Harover

Wednesday, March 10 - Lenten Weekday

12:15 pm Frances Hall

Thursday, March 11 - Lenten Weekday - No Mass

Friday, March 12 - Lenten Weekday

7:30 am Peggy Cahill

4th Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 13

4:00 pm All Parishioners

Sunday, March 14

8:00 am Francis, Bonnie & Aric Kahle

10:00 am Lora Gudenkauf

Sunday, March 7

Evangelization team mtg, 11:30 am

2nd grade RE, 1:00 pm

Parish Novena, 7:00 pm

Monday, March 8

RCIA, 6:00 pm

Parish Novena, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 9

Eucharistic Adoration, 1 to 7:00 pm

Parish Council, 5:30 pm

Men of action, 6:00 pm

Youth group planning, 6:00 pm

Parish Novena, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 10

Confirmation retreat planning, 5:30 pm

Thursday, March 11

Rosary & Adoration, 7:00 pm

Friday, March 12

Men of action, 6:30 am

Stations of the Cross, 5:30 pm

Sunday, March 14

Adult faith formation committee, 11:30 am

Baptism class, 3:00 pm



Catholic Evangelization Outreach

Our next CEO is on March 11 at 7pm. Due to Covid 19 this event will be virtual only via livestream. Check the St. Wenceslaus Facebook Page for the Live Stream Link. Listen online as speaker Raleigh Perkins shares how he was on the road downward...fast. With bad decision after destructive decision Raleigh found himself at "rock bottom". Hear what happened when Raleigh turned his gaze upward and surrendered his life to Christ.

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. 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.

Scholarship Opportunities for Xavier High School Tuition

Thanks to multiple generous financial donations, the Xavier Foundation is able to offer two scholarship opportunities for students who wish to attend Xavier High School.

St. Francis Xavier Scholarship: The St. Francis Xavier Scholarship offers full tuition for up to four years to a qualifying Xavier High School student. Students in grades 8-11 may apply.

Jim Victor (R64) Memorial Scholarship: The Jim Victor (R64) Memorial Scholarship offers full in-parish tuition for one year to a qualifying Xavier High School student. Students in Grades 8-11 may apply.

Head to XavierSaints.org/Scholarship to learn more and apply. Deadline to submit an application for the 2021-2022 school year is April 30, 2021.



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