April 4, 2021 St. John XXIII

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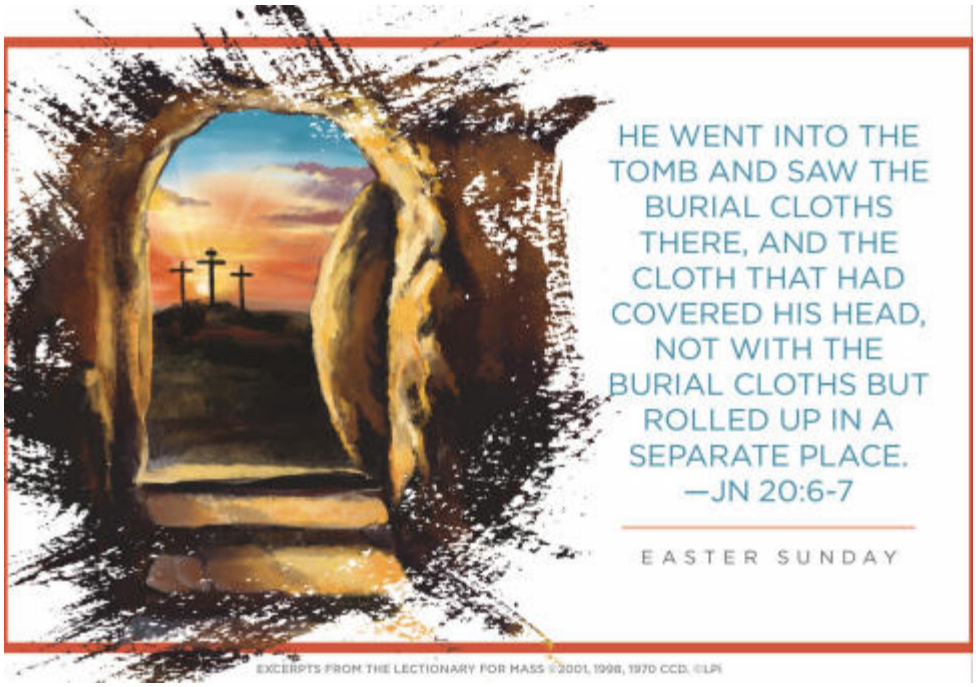
MISSION STATEMENT

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:

HAPPY EASTER!!! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!!! Our Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

"If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith is in vain" (I Cor 15:14-15). Our belief in the Resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our Christian Faith. Without it, Christianity fails, and nothing about it makes sense. The Resurrection of Jesus is not a miracle of a resuscitated corpse, but rather power over death in a way that leads into a NEW LIFE in God, a new dimension of human existence, a new kind of future not only for Jesus but for all who place their faith in Him.

Yes, our Lord has Risen, but two things can prevent us from experiencing the joy of the Resurrection: sin and the problems in our life. We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at a time when the world is still suffering from Covid-19 and all the effects it has had on our lives. We are also aware of our personal sins. We are not perfect yet, and our world is not perfect. However, in the midst of all our imperfections, suffering, and pains of life, we need to renew our faith in the Resurrection of Christ, which brings life beyond any experience that human beings have ever known and yet is real, present, and tangible. The Resurrection of Jesus means that it does not matter what life brings; those who place their trust in Jesus and approach life the way he did will experience a new life that can happen only in the union between the finite (human beings) and the infinite (God). We, Christians, rejoice and live in Easter joy not because we have no problems, but because we know that with God, we can walk through the fire and not be burnt, through the water and not be drowned and that even at the point of death God will breathe new life into us. May the Risen Lord continue to raise us up above our sins and the problems of our lives.

SPECIAL APPRECIATION

- **All Who Helped With Lenten Services, Holy Week & Easter Celebrations:** I am very grateful to the Liturgy Committee, Music Ministry, Cantors, Lectors, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and ALL who helped us plan, decorate the Church, and celebrate Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. You did a wonderful job to help us celebrate the Passion and Resurrection of our Savior even in a challenging year like this. May God continue to bless you and your families!

FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL ATTENTION AND INVOLVEMENT

- **First Communion.** We have 29 candidates who will receive First Communion on April 18th at a special Mass at 2 pm. Please keep the candidates and their families in your prayers.

- **Confirmation.** We have 79 candidates who will be confirmed by Archbishop Jackels on Saturday, April 24th at 7pm. Please keep our candidates and their families in your prayers.

- **Divine Mercy Novena:** We will continue our April parish novena, praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for our families and in a special way for all our First Communion and Confirmation candidates. Please come and join us as we pray for our candidates and children.

Finally, Beloved, thank you ALL for the many times you have allowed Jesus to accompany me through you! In you, I see the Risen Lord every day. Thanks for being the face of the Risen Lord for me. It is a great joy and a privilege to be your pastor and serve the Lord with you! **HAVE A HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER!!!**

In prayer with you,
Fr. Richmond

Your Shared Treasure

For: March 20/21, 2021

Adult Budget (105)	$8,235.23
Adult Budget EFT (65)	1,925.00
Offertory	124.00
Visitor	295.00
Total	**$10,579.23**
Extending the Dream	$65.00
Extending the Dream EFT (51)	890.39

Thank You For Your Support!

First Reading Acts 10:34a, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R. (24) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. or: **R. Alleluia.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."
R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. or: **R. Alleluia.**

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted.
I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD."
R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. or: **R. Alleluia.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.
R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. or: **R. Alleluia.**

2nd Reading Col 3:1-4

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians
Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation Cf. 1 Cor 5:7b-8a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us then feast with joy in the Lord.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel John 20:1-9

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.
On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Mass Intentions

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Saturday, April 3
8:30 pm R.J. Vidimos
Sunday, April 4
8:00 am All Parishioners
10:00 am Richard Fergen & Ron Olberding
12:00 pm Delmar & Virginia Thoman

Monday, April 5 - *Monday within the Octave of Easter*
12:15 pm Jim & Greg Rump
Tuesday, April 6 - *Tuesday within the Octave of Easter*
12:15 pm Jerry Hall
Wednesday, April 7 - *Wed. within the Octave of Easter*
12:15 pm Special Intention
Thursday, April 8 - *Thurs. in Octave of Easter* - No Mass
Friday, April 9 - *Friday within the Octave of Easter*
7:30 am Peg & Emmett Cahill

2nd Sunday of Easter
Saturday, April 10
4:00 pm C.L. Smith
Sunday, April 11
8:00 am Herman & Lillian Becker and
Herman & Eleanor Kahle
10:00 am All Parishioners

Sunday, April 4
Parish Novena, 7:30 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

Monday, April 5
Staff meeting, 1:00 pm
Parish Novena, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 6
Cleaning crew, 9:00 am
Eucharistic Adoration, 1-7:00 pm
Men of Action, 6:00 pm
Parish Novena, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 7
RE classes (3-5 grade), 4:45 pm
Parish Novena, 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 8
Parish Novena, 7:00 pm

Friday, April 9
Men of Action, 6:30 am
Staff prayer, 8:00 am
Parish Novena, 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 10
Baptism, 5:30 pm

Sunday, April 11
Adult faith formation committee, 11:30 am
Baptism class, 3:00 pm
Confirmation retreat, 6:00 pm

High School Service Trip

This summer, July 18-23, we will be taking a small group of our high schoolers to the Twin Cities to experience a Catholic Heart Workcamp week of service and faith building. Students entering 9th grade next fall through this year's seniors are invited to join us on this experience. We have a small number of openings. Contact Tracy if you're interested in getting more information or to register.

Help Needed

We have a parishioner that lives in the Gardens on Dean Road SW that is looking for someone that could give her a ride to Masses. If you live in the area and would be willing to help, please contact Lorraine Blanck.

Holy Family Schools

Holy Family has a beautiful history and an even better future! Our strategic planning team has drafted our initial goals and objectives to advance our mission better than ever before. These will impact areas of vibrant faith, rigorous academics, operational vitality, and excellent governance. More details are soon to follow, and we plan to begin implementation by June of 2021!

College Scholarships for Parishioners

High School Seniors...don't forget to get your application in to our local Knights of Columbus Council. They are offering (3) $500 college scholarships to any of our seniors preparing to attend an accredited vocational school or college next fall. Applications can be found on the parish website (education tab) or on the cart in the parish center. Deadline to apply is 4/11/21.

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