

June 13, 2021

St. John XXIII



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Saturday at 4pm

Sunday at 8am & 10am

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

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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.**

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GROWTH

*"To what shall we compare
the kingdom of God? It is like a
mustard seed ... once it is sown,
it springs up and becomes the
largest of plants." - Mk 4:30a, 31a, 32*



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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:

It is a great joy and a privilege to serve God with you, as your pastor. Serving God with you makes me grow. Thank you for being part of my spiritual journey. God knows I cannot get to Heaven without you, so he brought me to you, but I am not the only one who needs you. There are many more like me in our world today that need you to help them get closer to Christ. Many of those you meet in person and online are thirsting for God, and you and I are to help them come to the Font of life, our beloved God and friend, Jesus.

In his homily for the Feast of Corpus Christi, Pope Francis, once again, gave some practical challenge for the Church today. I would like to bring an excerpt from that homily for our reflection. Pope Francis noted that “As Church, it is not enough that the usual little group meets to celebrate the Eucharist; we need to go out into the city, to encounter people and to learn how to recognize and revive their thirst for God and their desire for the Gospel....The Church must be a large room. Not a small and closed circle, but a community with arms wide open, welcoming to all. Let us ask ourselves this question: when someone approaches who is hurting, who has made a mistake, who has gone astray in life, is the Church, this Church, a room large enough to welcome this person and lead him or her to the joy of an encounter with Christ?”

SPECIAL THANKS

- **ALL Parishioners:** We thank you VERY MUCH for your love for Christ and for all the love and support you continue to give to our dear Parish. We greatly appreciate you as a member of our Parish. May God continue to bless and protect you and your families.

FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL ATTENTION AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Invite Somebody to Mass:** Make time to share a testimony of something that Christ has done for you with somebody and invite the person to join you for Mass next week.

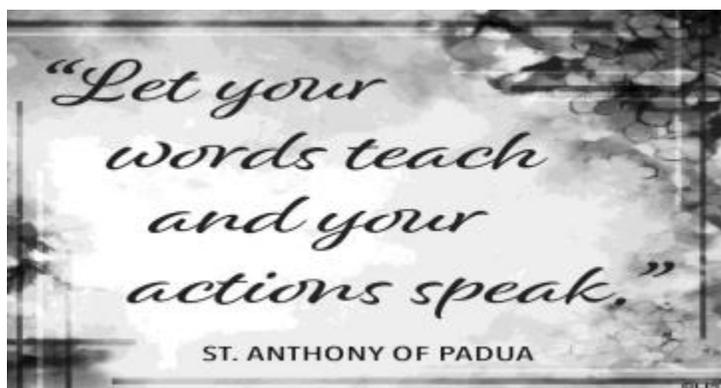
- **Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration:** We offer Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday from 1pm to 7pm and end with benediction at 7pm. Please come join us to adore the Lord. Spending even 15 minutes before God will bring you blessings that words cannot describe.

Finally, for the rest of this month, let's pray the Memorare for the grace to be missionary disciples of Jesus and bring others to come and experience the love and mercy that we are so privileged to experience here every day! Please find the Memorare below:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

It has been a great joy and a blessing to serve God with you these past ten months. May God continue to bless our Parish and your families (the domestic Church).

In prayer with you, Fr. Richmond



Your Shared Treasure

For: May 29/30, 2021

Adult Budget (77).....	\$4,365.00
Adult Budget EFT (65).....	1,925.00
Offertory.....	132.00
Visitor.....	25.00
Total	\$6,447.00
Extending the Dream.....	\$25.00
Extending the Dream EFT (51).....	890.39

Thank You For Your Support!

First Reading

Ez 17:22-24

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel
Thus says the Lord GOD: I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

R. (cf. 2a) **Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, Most High, To proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night.

R. **Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow. They that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

R. **Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

They shall bear fruit even in old age; vigorous and sturdy shall they be, Declaring how just is the LORD, my rock, in whom there is no wrong.

R. **Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

2nd Reading

2 Cor 5:6-10

A reading from the second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.
All who come to him will live forever.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

Mk 4:26-34

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

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

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Mass Intentions

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, June 12

4:00 pm Marie Hess

Sunday, June 13

8:00 am All Parishioners

10:00 am Florence Penticoff

Monday, June 14 - Weekday

12:15 pm Lorena Schulte

Tuesday, June 15 - Weekday

12:15 pm Ron & Vanessa Junge (L)

Wednesday, June 16 - Weekday

12:15 pm Bill Junge

Thursday, June 17 - Weekday - No Mass

Friday, June 18 - Weekday - No Mass

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, June 19

4:00 pm All Parishioners

Sunday, June 20

8:00 am Regis Stallman

10:00 am Mike Scott

Meetings & Happenings:

Sunday, June 13

Baptism class, 3-5 pm

CHWC campers meeting, 6:00 pm

Monday, June 14

Cleaning crew, 3 pm

Youth group planning, 6 pm

Social concerns committee, 6:30 pm

Fall Fundraising committee, 7 pm

Tuesday, June 15

Eucharistic Adoration, 1-7pm

Men of Action, 6:00 pm

Parish life committee, 6 pm

Rosary & Benediction, 7 pm

Wednesday, June 16

Liturgy committee, 7 pm

Thursday, June 17

Scripture study, 1:30 pm

Cleaning crew, 4 pm

Rosary garden planning, 5:30 pm

Rosary, 7 pm

Friday, June 18

Men of action, 6:30 am

Funeral, 10 am

Wedding rehearsal, 4 pm

Totus Tuus

Summer Catechetical Youth Program

We will once again be partnering with St. Jude Parish to offer Totus Tuus to our 1st through 12th grade students. It will be held August 1-6, 2021 at LaSalle Middle School. 1st to 6th grade will be held August 2-6 from 9 am to 2:30 pm daily. 7th-12th will be held August 1-5 from 7-9:15 pm daily.

What is Totus Tuus? The Totus Tuus parish summer catechetical program, a week long “parish mission” for Catholic youth is dedicated to proclamation of the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, apologetics, Christian witness, the sacraments, Marian devotion, and Eucharistic worship. Missionaries (college students and seminarians) engage the youth with skits, songs, games and inspiring, interactive teaching. Registration forms can be found on the parish website or can be picked up in the parish center.

Religious Ed Registration

Registration for the 2021/22 school year has begun. Forms are available on the parish website under the education tab or can be picked up in the parish center. Class assignments will be made and materials ordered based on registration so return your forms as soon as possible to help with planning. Registration deadline is 7/15/21.

St. John XXIII Team,

Last fall we kicked off the Xavier Impact Fund (XIF) campaign across all 11 of our metro parishes. At St. John XXIII, we are at 78% to our Xavier Impact parish goal of \$30,500! We are SO CLOSE to meeting this goal and we need your help to knock it out of the park by June 30! (As you know, every dollar raised above that amount goes directly back to St. John XXIII to be used for whatever the greatest need may be.) We have just a few weeks so please donate TO-

DAY at www.XavierSaints.org/Impact or mail your check to Xavier Foundation, P.O. Box 10956, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52410. Gifts of any size make a difference!

If you are unable to give at this time, we ask that you pray for our efforts, students, and faculty.

As a reminder, your gift to XIF will...

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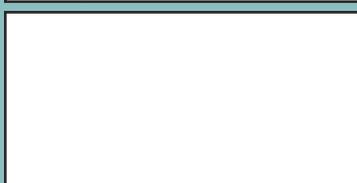
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