

# August 8, 2021

# St. John XXIII



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## MASS TIMES

Saturday at 4pm

Sunday at 8am & 10am

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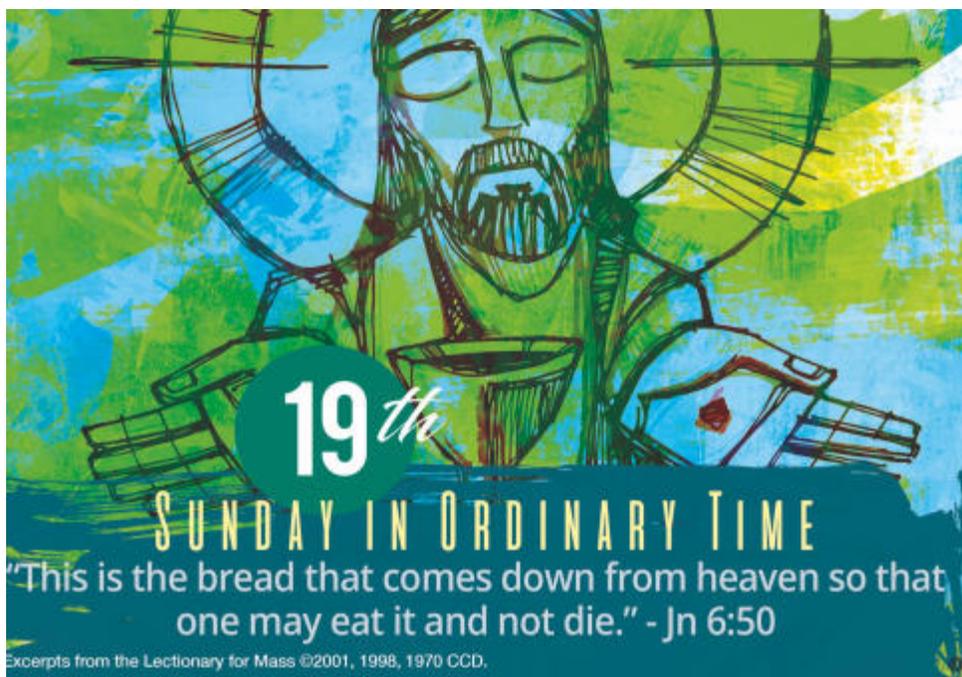
## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8:00-4pm

Friday, 8:00am-12:00pm

## 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 (2) Baptism Classes **prior** to scheduling Baptism. Call parish office to register for classes.

### 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 Parish Picnic Day :) !!!! In the midst of all the challenges of life, let's find some time today to celebrate and have fun as a parish family. St. Paul advises us to strive to get rid of all bitterness, fury, and anger and seek the joy of the Lord.

It is human to be bitter and angry when those you sacrifice your life for betray your love and fail to appreciate your love. The prophet Elijah felt this way in our first reading today. He loved God and his people. On Mt. Carmel (1 Kings 18), he literally put his life on the line for God and his people. He would stop at nothing to bring them God's love. However, despite all his love for the people, they rejected him. Some even wanted him dead. With all these troubles in his life, the prophet reached his breaking point and cried out: "It is enough!" I cannot take it anymore! I am done! But rather than giving up, he held on to the mission of loving God's people. There are times that we may all feel like Elijah. We may feel angry and frustrated and may even say, it is enough, I am done. If you feel this way, don't hide it. Talk to God the way Elijah did but also wait on God as Elijah did. God does not expect us to hide our frustrations, anger, and pain, but he expects us to hold on to the mission he has given us no matter what. That is love!

### SPECIAL GRATITUDE:

- **All who Serve in Parish Ministries:** We are VERY GRATEFUL to all of you who serve in various ministries in our parish. May God continue to bless you and your families for all the sacrifices you make for his Church.

### FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL ATTENTION AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Feast of Assumption: August 15th is the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary's entrance into heaven.** This feast commemorates the departure of Mary from this life and the Assumption of

her body into heaven. The Church's official doctrine of the Assumption says that at the end of her life on earth, Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven. Today is a good day to consecrate yourself and your loved ones to Jesus through the Blessed Virgin Mary. Invite your families and friends to pray the Rosary and watch the Videos on the 33-Days to Morning Glory on Formed: <https://watch.formed.org/33-days-to-morning-glory-1#>

- **First Young Adult Group Meeting:** Are you a young adult between ages 18-35 seeking to grow in your Catholic Faith and live more passionately for Christ and those he has placed in your life? Please join us for our first Young adult meeting on August 19th at 6 pm at the Church. You will meet other Christ-filled young adults who are ready to make friends and walk with you on your faith journey. You don't want to miss this. Come with your friends!

Again, enjoy our Parish Picnic with fun games, food, ministry fair, and above all, the blessings of one another!

In prayer with you, Fr. Richmond

## High Schoolers & College/Young Adults

We'd like to invite our former youth group members as well as all current high school students to come join us for a fun evening before heading off to college/high school. On Sunday, August 15, from 6-8 pm we are planning a fun evening of prayer, food and, yes, you asked for it again .... Slip and Slide kickball. Don't miss out on the fun! Grab a friend and join us.

## Your Shared Treasure

For: July 24/25, 2021

Adult Budget (93).....	\$5,785.23
Adult Budget EFT (77).....	2,694.33
Offertory.....	71.00
Visitor.....	0.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$8,550.56</b>
Extending the Dream.....	\$95.00
Extending the Dream EFT (34).....	654.21

*Thank You For Your Support!*

## First Reading

1 Kgs 19:4-8

A reading from the first Book of Kings

Elijah went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it. He prayed for death saying: "This is enough, O LORD! Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers." He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat. Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water. After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and ordered, "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

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

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. (9a) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Glorify the LORD with me, Let us together extol his name. I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy. and your faces may not blush with shame. When the afflicted man called out, the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him and delivers them. Taste and see how good the LORD is; blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

## 2nd Reading

Eph 4:30–5:2

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians  
Brothers and sisters: Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice.

And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ. So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel

Jn 6:41-51

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven," and they said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered and said to them, "Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: They shall all be taught by God. Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**WORD OF GOD**



## Mass Intentions

*19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Saturday, August 7**

4:00 pm Regis Stallman

**Sunday, August 8**

8:00 am Delmar & Virginia Thoman

10:00 am All Parishioners

**Monday, August 9 - Weekday - No Mass**

**Tuesday, August 10 - St. Lawrence**

7:30 am Edward Kulhavy

**Wednesday, August 11 - St. Clare**

7:30 am Frances Hall

**Thursday, August 12 - Weekday**

12:15 pm Dave Matt

**Friday, August 13 - Weekday**

7:00 am Margaret J. Easton

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Saturday, August 14**

4:00 pm Nick Homan

**Sunday, August 15**

8:00 am Gary Volz

10:00 am All Parishioners

## Meetings & Happenings:

**Sunday, August 8**

Parish Picnic, 11-4 pm

**Monday, August 9**

Cleaning crew, 4 pm

Social Concerns committee, 6:30 pm

Novena, 7 pm

**Tuesday, August 10**

Eucharistic Adoration, 8 am - 7 pm

Men of Action, 6 pm

Rosary & Benediction, 7 pm

**Wednesday, August 11**

Formed study group, 10 am

Zoom Formed study group, 8 pm

**Thursday, August 12**

Scripture study group, 1:30 pm

Rosary, 7 pm

**Friday, August 13**

Men of Action, 6:30 am

**Saturday, August 14**

Baptism, 5:30 pm



### Parish Picnic - August 8 Schedule for the Day:

8 - 9 am	Mass
9 - 10 am	Ministry Fair
10 - 11 am	Mass
11 - 3 pm	Games
11 - 1 pm	Ministry Fair
11:30 - 1:30 pm	Lunch
2 - 3 pm	Adoration
3 - 4 pm	Novena & Benediction

## **School Supply Collection**

You and your family can help a child begin the school year on a positive note by donating school supplies to our donation box at the entrance of the church. The school supplies will be donated to help the children and families of Four Oaks. We can help these children alleviate the anxiety that often accompanies the “starting over” at a new school. Backpacks, headphones, pencil boxes, folders, spirals, pencils, glue sticks, markers, crayons, etc. are some ideas. We will be collecting until Sunday, August 15. This is a great activity for families! Thank you for your generosity.

## **KC Tootsie Roll Drive**

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting for the annual Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities, after Masses next weekend. This benefits programs like Discovery Living, Camp Courageous and Special Olympics.

## **Fall Fundraiser**

This weekend kicks off our annual fall fundraiser! You can find all of the details on our fundraising website [auctria.com/auction/StJohnXXIII](http://auctria.com/auction/StJohnXXIII) Pope Francis established this year as the *Amoris Laetitia* Family Year and refers to it as the “Year of the Family”; a special year to grow in family love and an opportunity for a renewed and creative pastoral drive to place the family at the center of both Church and society. Because of the Pope’s special focus on families, this year’s fall fundraiser will also center around family. This year’s festivities will include:

- An online silent auction (September 25th thru October 9th)
- A “Gratitude Gathering” (Dinner for the whole family on Saturday, October 9th)
- A live auction (During the Gratitude Gathering consisting of around 5 large items)
- The Wall of Giving (August 7 until all envelopes are filled)
- \$10,000 Cash Prize Raffle (Ticket sales August 7th – October 9th... drawing held at the gathering)
- 50/50 Raffle (Ticket sales and drawing will be during the gathering on October 9th)

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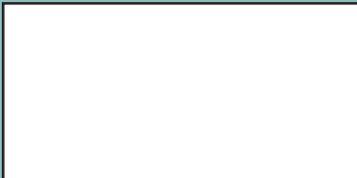

  
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