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St. John XXIII



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Saturday at 4pm

Sunday at 8am & 10am

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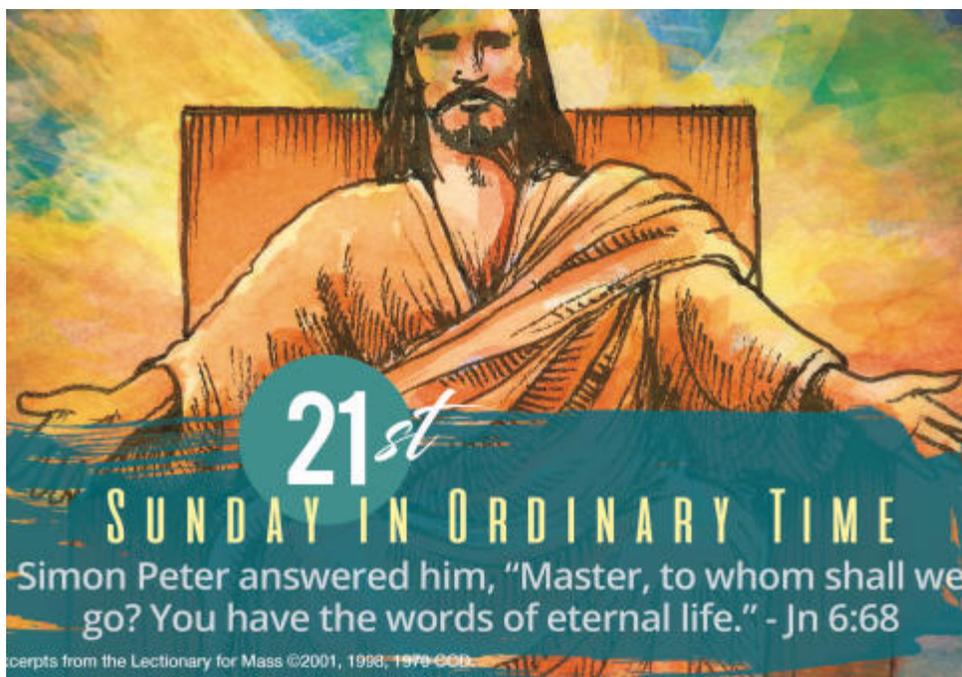
OFFICE HOURS

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.

RECONCILIATION

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

BAPTISM

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

MARRIAGE

Contact the pastor eight (8) months before your wedding.

From the Desk of Father Richmond

My Beloved Parishioners:

St. Paul reminds us in our second reading today that true faith is like a love-relationship between a husband and a wife. He describes faith as a mystery because it can be tested in good and bad times and in ways that defy all understanding. Only love can sustain faith to the end. When some of Jesus's disciples had a crisis of faith and abandoned him because of his teaching on the Eucharist, Jesus asked Peter and the other disciples whether they also wanted to abandon him. Jesus did not change his teaching because the disciples were leaving. God does not need to change; we have to change! Even in the face of this crisis in the early Church, Peter and other disciples choose to stay with Christ and his Church. This was not a problem only for the early Church. It is also the problem of our day, as many recent studies and surveys of Catholics have reported a growing decline in the number of Catholics who believe that the Eucharist is the Real Presence of Christ. Ultimately, faith is a gift; but it is also a choice. Jesus' question for all eternity is and will forever remain: "I love you; do you love me? I have faith in you; do you have faith in me?"

SPECIAL GRATITUDE:

- **Catechists and ALL who help with Religious Education:** Special thanks to all who have volunteered their time and talents to help bring faith to our young ones this year. May God continue to bless you and your families.
- **Parish Youth Council:** We are very grateful to Steve Kimbro, Jenny Sebetka, Sabrina Keiper, Abby Sebetka, Molly Bourgeois, Tracy Stocker, and all who help us plan and organize such great events to provide rich spiritual experiences, study, and fun times for our youth.

FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL ATTENTION AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Mask at Indoor Events:** Based on Linn County and CDC recommendations regarding places of high transmission, We, at the Parish Council, would like to Strongly recommend that you please CONSIDER wearing masks at Mass and other indoor church events at our parish. This is not a requirement but a strong recommendation for all (both vaccinated and unvaccinated). Thank you for all the sacrifices you are making to help us keep one another safe. Please continue to pray for an end to this pandemic.

- **Special Prayer for Children and Youth Returning to School:** Please join us on Tuesday 24th & Thursday 26th @ 7 pm for a special Rosary and Benediction for God's protection for our children as they start a new school year.
- **RCIA:** Are you or do you know any Non-Catholic adult desiring to learn more about our beautiful Catholic Faith to discern whether God is calling you to become a member of the Catholic Church? Please contact Fr. Richmond or Lorraine Blanck to learn more about how you can join our RCIA Conversations Starting in October. We will work around your schedule, make it flexible, and walk this journey with you, so please don't hesitate to contact us.

May God continue to bless you and your family.
In prayer with you, Fr. Richmond

Fall Fundraising News

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our Wall of Giving! We are thrilled with how quickly envelopes are being taken and filled! There are still some hanging on the bulletin board for you to grab if you would like to participate. You can continue to return your Wall of Giving envelopes as well as your raffle tickets into the offertory basket. We greatly appreciate any and ALL donations for our upcoming fall fundraiser auction. You can drop your donations off in the parish office from now thru September 18th. Whether you feel like showing your creative side and putting together an entire auction basket of items, making something homemade to donate, donating a service you provide (such as painting, cleaning, photography, etc), donating something you might have sitting around in a "gift drawer", or giving a monetary donation for us to do the shopping for you... whatever the case may be, we are very grateful for your generosity and support! If you would like to contribute to the silent auction but need some help with ideas, we have a small board in the entrance with ideas you are welcome to take, or you can shop our Amazon Wish List. You can find the link to the Wish List, as well as all other information regarding the fall fundraiser on our fundraising website auctria.com/auction/StJohnXXIII.

Your Shared Treasure

For: August 7/8, 2021

Adult Budget (102).....	\$6,880.23
Adult Budget EFT (77).....	2,694.33
Offertory.....	103.00
Visitor.....	275.00
Total.....	\$9,952.56
Extending the Dream.....	\$410.00
Extending the Dream EFT (34).....	654.21

First Reading Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

A reading from the Book of Joshua

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

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.

The LORD has eyes for the just, and ears for their cry. The LORD confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

When the just cry out, the LORD hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Many are the troubles of the just one, but out of them all the LORD delivers him; he watches over all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2nd Reading Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters: Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body. As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

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

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 6:60-69

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

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

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Mass Intentions

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 21

4:00 pm All Parishioners

Sunday, August 22

8:00 am Richard Schulte

10:00 am Rob Stallman

Monday, August 23 - Weekday - No Mass

Tuesday, August 24 - St. Bartholomew

7:30 am Joseph Vassallo

Wednesday, August 25 - Weekday

7:30 am Louis & Verna Metz

Thursday, August 26 - Weekday

12:15 pm Carol Voss

Friday, August 27 - St. Monica

7:00 am Dolores Reger

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 28

4:00 pm Robert & Josie Stallman

Sunday, August 29

8:00 am All Parishioners

10:00 am David Volz

Meetings & Happenings:

Sunday, August 22

Baptism, 11:30 am

Monday, August 23

Cleaning crew, 8 am

Tuesday, August 24

Eucharistic Adoration, 8 am-7 pm

Men of Action, 6:00 pm

Rosary & Benediction, 7 pm

Wednesday, August 25

Formed study group, 10 am

Catechist training, 6 pm

Zoom formed study, 8 pm

Thursday, August 26

Women's scripture sharing, 1 pm

Rosary, 7 pm

Sunday, August 29

Confirmation Kick-Off, 6 pm



Bible Timeline Study

Have you wondered how the entire Bible fits together? Are you enjoying Fr. Mike Schmidt's Bible in a Year Podcast? Do you want to learn more? Join us on Thursdays at 6:00 beginning on September 16 and walk the Bible TimeLine: The Story of Salvation. This is a 24 session course which will be broken into three 8 week sessions. Participants will watch the 50 minute video on-line (or use the Parishes DVDs) individually. We'll then meet at 6:00 pm to 6:45 PM on Thursday night at St. John XXIII for the discussion group. Use this link to see a Free Preview and order your materials. <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/the-bible-timeline-the-story-of-salvation>

The first 8 week session will start on September 16 and will finish on November 11. If you have questions, please contact Joe Blanck (dbq227d2@dbqarch.org or 319-360-7648). If you plan to attend, please email Joe Blanck at dbq227d2@dbqarch.org

Catechists Needed

Please consider helping form our youth by volunteering as a catechist. Resources and support are supplied. Leaders are needed for our early (4:45-6:00pm) 4th, 6th and 8th grade sessions, and 4th grade for our late (6:30-7:45pm) session. Contact Amy at dbq227resec@dbqarch.org for details.

J23 Potluck Group

Our first potluck since the pandemic will be on Wednesday, September 1. Note change from first Tuesday as that day our parish has Adoration all day. Everyone is welcome to join us for good food and fellowship. Bring a dish to share, or a cash donation. Drinks and tableware are provided. We eat at noon in the church gathering space. Anyone interested in playing cards or games after can do so.

Social Concerns Donations

The Social Concerns Committee would like to thank all parishioners who donated clothing, household items and other miscellaneous things for the immigrant families who were in need after the derecho. At this time, they are not communicating any needs to us so items still at the church were distributed to other nonprofit organizations in Cedar Rapids who could use them. We are asking that if you have items to donate you no longer bring them to the church but donate them directly to one of the local agencies. A list of agencies and what they take can be found on the Social Concerns table in front of the bulletin board. Thank you again for your generosity!

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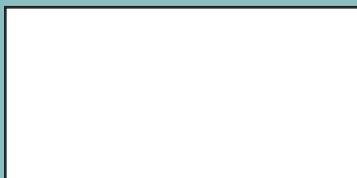

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