

# August 29, 2021

# St. John XXIII



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## MASS TIMES

Saturday at 4pm

Sunday at 8am & 10am

T-W at 7:30 am, Th at 12:15 pm

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in session)

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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:

As in generations before us, the problems in our world today are a strong cry to us, the Disciples of Christ, to live in a more effective way our vocation as the light of the world and salt of the earth. The world is hurting, and Christ is calling us to wake up from our slumber, arise from our sleep, and rebuild the world as the city of God. Moses tells us in the first reading that if only we will return to the Commandments, we can reshape the world into the way God created it. We shall once again become a world that is truly great, wise, and intelligent. If we stop replacing God's law with human teachings and rather begin to think as God thinks and live as God teaches us, things will change; and we can build a better world with the grace of God. Let us pray for the grace to humbly return to the Word of God that has been implanted in our souls so that we can once again become a blessing to one another, our families, communities, and our world.

### 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.
- **All Who Attended Our First Young Adult Group Meeting:** We are very grateful for all who attended our first meeting and the good discussions on Catholic Faith and living more passionately for Christ and those he has placed in our lives. Please join us again on **September 19th at 7:15 pm**. 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.

### FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL ATTENTION AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Helping our brothers & Sisters in Haiti:** Thousands were killed in the earthquake last weekend, many more thousands were injured, buildings collapsed, and public utilities were cut off. Archbishop Jackels invites all of us to accompany the people of Haiti with prayers and support. As a Parish, we will walk with our brothers and sisters in these difficult times by taking a second collection on September 12th to help them recover and rebuild their lives. 100% of what's donated will be sent to Catholic Relief Services, who will make a donation on behalf

of the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Thank you for your prayers and support.

- **Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet:** Next week, September 4th & 5th, we shall be welcoming Sr. Sally Harper (see intro below) from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet for this year's annual missions appeal. Sister will be speaking at all three Masses to invite us to share in their missions. Please make Sister Sally feel at home!
- **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.

Thank you very much for all your love and support for our parish!

In prayer with you,  
Fr. Richmond

**REACH OUT TO THE POOR IN PERU:** Sister Sally was a missionary in Peru for many years and recently returned from visiting the sisters in Peru. She knows well the needs of the sisters and the people to whom they minister. With donations, the Sisters of St. Joseph are helping the families cope with the pandemic. They provide groceries to families that have nothing to eat, oxygen to those suffering from Covid, transportation to and from medical appointments and to the hospital, and helping families with funeral expenses for those who have died from the coronavirus. However, the needs in Peru far outweigh the funds available. Your prayers are requested for the Sisters of St. Joseph and your generosity to reach out to our brothers and sisters in Peru in a special collection on the first weekend in September.

## Your Shared Treasure

For: August 14/15, 2021

Adult Budget (100).....	\$4,423.23
Adult Budget EFT (77).....	2,694.33
Offertory .....	128.00
Visitor .....	275.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$7,520.56</b>
Extending the Dream.....	\$205.00
Extending the Dream EFT (34) .....	654.21

## First Reading

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy  
Moses said to the people: "Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. Observe them carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say, 'This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.' For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him? Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?"

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

## Responsorial Psalm

R. (1a) **The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Whoever walks blamelessly and does justice;  
who thinks the truth in his heart  
and slanders not with his tongue.

R. **The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Who harms not his fellow man,  
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;  
by whom the reprobate is despised,  
while he honors those who fear the LORD.

R. **The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Who lends not his money at usury  
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things  
shall never be disturbed.

R. **The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

## 2nd Reading

Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

A reading from the Letter of St. James

Dearest brothers and sisters: All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change. He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Father willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

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

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. —For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. — So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## Mass Intentions

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

**Monday, August 30 - Weekday - No Mass**

**Tuesday, August 31 - Weekday**

7:30 am Agnes & Irvin Kintzle

**Wednesday, September 1 - Weekday**

7:30 am Mary Tines

**Thursday, September 2 - Weekday**

12:15 pm Jim Rump

**Friday, September 3 - St. Gregory the Great**

7:00 am Pat Stallman

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, September 4**

4:00 pm Leonard & Jeannie Lonasco

**Sunday, September 5**

8:00 am All Parishioners

10:00 am Regis Stallman

## Meetings & Happenings:

**Sunday, August 29**

Confirmation Kick-Off, 6 pm



**Tuesday, August 31**

Eucharistic Adoration, 8 am-7 pm

Men of Action, 6 pm

Rosary & Benediction, 7 pm

**Wednesday, September 1**

Cleaning crew, 9 am

Formed study group, 10 am

J23 Potluck group, 12 pm

RE parent meeting, 7 pm

Zoom Formed study group, 8 pm

**Thursday, September 2**

Women scripture sharing, 1 pm

Liturgy committee, 6 pm

Rosary, 7 pm

**Friday, September 3**

Men of Action, 6:30 am

**Saturday, September 4 & Sunday, September 5**

Mission Appeal

## **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 online (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

## **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. Stay for cards after.

## **Fall Fundraising News**

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our Wall of Giving! 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 18. 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](http://auctria.com/auction/StJohnXXIII).



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