

September 19, 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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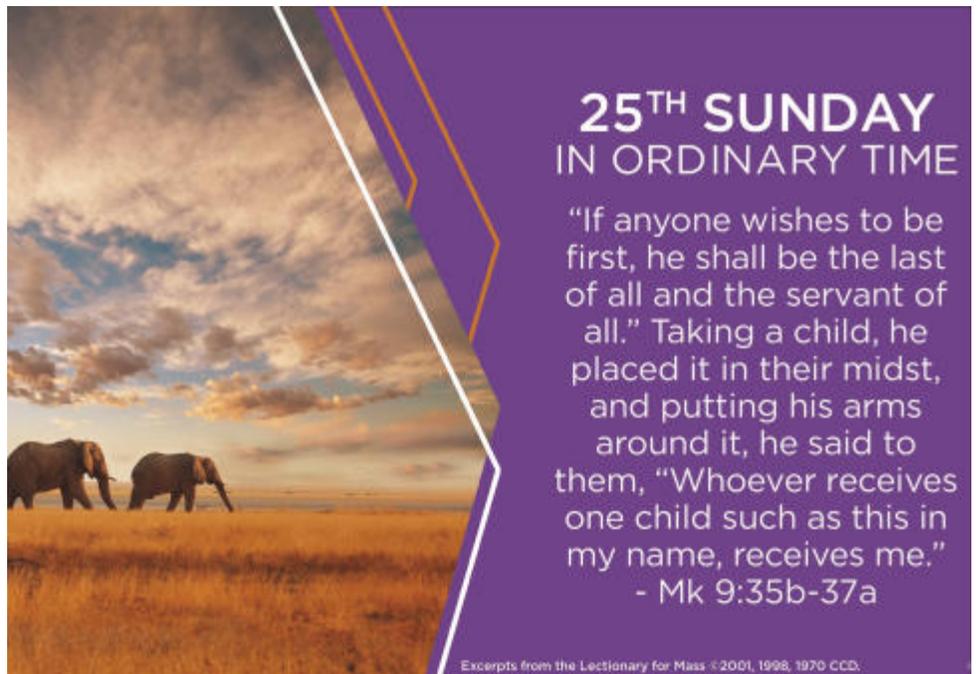
OFFICE HOURS

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.

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:

There are two types of sufferings in the life of a Christian: One is the type that we bring upon ourselves through the wrong choices we make. That is the type that St. James talks about today in our second reading and invites us to avoid. That type of suffering we cause by our passion, greed, and all the sinful choices we make. Those sufferings destroy relationships and communities. They do not lead to salvation and must be avoided. However, there are other types of suffering we go through because we try to do good and live our Christian calling. That is what is commonly called *Christian suffering*, the type of suffering that our Lord Jesus Christ went through. Those sufferings reveal God to others and bring salvation. That kind of suffering is what we read about in the first reading and the gospel today. God allows these sufferings not to cause us to fail but to give us opportunities to witness. I don't know what you are going through right now, but don't let your suffering call your faith into question. Let it call your faith into action.

SPECIAL GRATITUDE:

- **Our Catechists:** Our Catechists play a significant role in helping us develop and live our faith in Christ. We praise God for all our past and current catechists. We are very grateful to all of you for the sacrifices you make to help us develop and grow in our faith in Christ. May God continue to bless you!

FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL ATTENTION AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **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.

- **Ushers at Mass:** We need ushers for all weekend Masses. Please prayerfully consider serving the Lord in this ministry at our parish. Contact Ann Scheiding if you feel called to this ministry.
- **English Tutors:** The Catherine McAuley Center is looking for volunteers to tutor English one-on-one every Tuesday from 9:30-10:30AM and/or 10:30-11:30AM at St. Jude Catholic Church. There are students in our community who want to learn English, and if you have a high school diploma and speak English, you can tutor them! There's no experience necessary! We just ask that you commit to one hour of tutoring per week for 10 weeks. Tutoring is in the community room from 9:30-11:30 AM every Tuesday. The next orientations for new volunteers are October 7th from 5:30-7:30PM and October 8th from 10-12PM. If you're interested, please contact the Catherine McAuley Center at 319-731-0444, email education@cmc-cr.org, or sign-up directly at <https://cmc-cr.org/volunteer/register-orientation/>

In prayer with you,
Fr. Richmond

Fall Fundraiser

Scan this code to go to our online auction website. Bidding runs from September 25 to October 9. Also please remember to sell those raffle tickets. Raffle drawing is scheduled for October 9 at 5 pm. Thanks for all your support!



Your Shared Treasure

For: September 4/5, 2021

Adult Budget (103).....	\$6,068.26
Adult Budget EFT (77).....	2,694.33
Offertory.....	120.00
Visitor.....	310.00
Total	\$9,192.59
Extending the Dream.....	\$180.00
Extending the Dream EFT (34).....	654.21

Thank You For Your Support!

First Reading

Wis 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The wicked say: Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training. Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him. For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes. With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience. Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him.

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

Responsorial Psalm

R. (6b) **The Lord upholds my life.**

O God, by your name save me, and by your might defend my cause. O God, hear my prayer; hearken to the words of my mouth.

R. (6b) **The Lord upholds my life.**

For the haughty have risen up against me, the ruthless seek my life; they set not God before their eyes.

R. (6b) **The Lord upholds my life.**

Behold, God is my helper; the Lord sustains my life. Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O LORD, for its goodness.

R. (6b) **The Lord upholds my life.**



2nd Reading

Jas 3:16—4:3

A reading from the Letter of St. James

Beloved: Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

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

Gospel Acclamation

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

Mk 9:30-37

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

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

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, “The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.” But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him. They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Mass Intentions

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 18

4:00 pm Nick Homan

Sunday, September 19

8:00 am All Parishioners

10:00 am Rob Stallman

Monday, Sept 20 - St. Andrew Kim Taegon - No Mass

Tuesday, September 21 - St. Matthew

7:30 am Lorena Schulte

Wednesday, September 22 - Weekday

7:30 am Bill Junge

Thursday, September 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina

12:15 pm Connie Donovan

Friday, September 24 - Weekday

7:00 am Betty Emanuel (@ Xavier HS)

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 25

4:00 pm Peggy & Emmett Cahill

Sunday, September 26

8:00 am All Parishioners

10:00 am Mike Scott

Meetings & Happenings:

Sunday, September 19

2nd grade parent meeting & class, 4 pm

Young adult gathering, 7:15 pm

Monday, September 20

Cleaning crew, 8 am

St. Monica's Hope, 12:15 pm

Fundraising committee, 4 pm

Parish life committee, 6 pm

Tuesday, September 21

Men of action, 6:30 am

Eucharistic Adoration, 8 am - 7 pm

Men of action, 6 pm

Rosary & Benediction, 7 pm

Wednesday, September 22

Formed study group, 10 am

RE classes, 4:45 pm

Zoom formed study group, 8 pm

Thursday, September 23

Women's scripture sharing, 1 pm

Cleaning crew, 4pm

Fundraising committee, 4 pm

Rosary, 7 pm

Sunday, September 26

Confirmation large group, 6 pm



Feast of St. Francis Pet Blessing

Would you like to paws and celebrate with your pet? Join us Sunday, October 3 at 2 PM for the Feast of St. Francis. All you need is you and your pet(s). Join us in the parking lot for a service in which Fr. Richmond will be blessing each of the pets. Pets should be on-leash, in-hand, or in a carrier. If the weather does not cooperate, this event will be cancelled.

St. Monica's Hope

The women's prayer group, St. Monica's Hope will meet Monday, September 20 from 12:15 to 1:15 pm, in the church. Come join us in prayer for our family and friends who have left the church. Bring a rosary, if you like. If you have questions, contact Ann Scheiding at crflowergarden@mchsi.com or cell 319-270-9256.

Fasting Brothers

Since 2017, the Seven Sisters Apostolate has been praying for our pastor, one woman, one hour, each day. In addition, a men's team called "Fasting Brothers" is forming to fast specifically for our pastor. Each man prayerfully discerns the type of fasting (e.g., from food or tv or alcohol, etc.) he will offer and commits to fast a designated day of the week (except Sunday, a day of feasting). If you are interested, please contact Ann Scheiding at saintjohnxxiiicr@gmail.com

Holy Land Religious Artifacts

Alfred & Grace Salsa' natives of Bethlehem in the Holy Land will be with us on the weekend of Oct. 2 & 3 with a beautiful collection of handmade religious artifacts made by the Christian community in Bethlehem, please stop by their display in the parish center as you will find meaningful religious items for your house or as gifts for your loved ones especially Christmas gifts such as Nativity scenes, Ornaments, Crosses, Rosaries, Statues of our Blessed Mother, Angels, Saints, The Holy family and much more. 85% of the proceeds will go to the remaining 1.5% Christians in the Holy Land. Thank you and God Bless.

Cancer Support Group

Our cancer support group plans to start meeting again starting on September 27 from 6:30- 8pm. Anyone touched by a cancer diagnosis (patients, caregivers, etc.) are invited to take part. We will meet monthly on the 4th Monday. Please join us when you're able. Any questions, contact Judy Henley at jdhenley54@yahoo.com or 845-2116. Masks will be required.

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