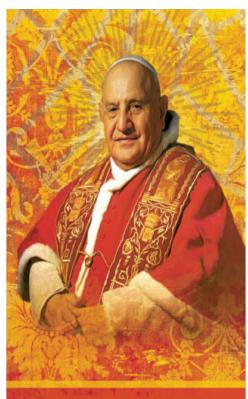
October 10, 2021 St. John XXIII



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OCTOBER 11TH

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parishioners of St. John XXIII, commit to be disciples of Jesus through prayer, Worship, study and service.

MASS TIMES

Saturday at 4pm Sunday at 8am & 10am T-W at 7:30 am, Th at 12:15 pm Fri at 7am (@ Xavier when school in session)

PARISH OFFICE

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8:00-4pm Friday, 8:00am-12:00pm

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.

STAFF

Pastor: Father Richmond Dzekoe DBQ227@dbqarch.org Deacon: Stan Scheiding DBQ227D@dbqarch.org 319-533-0425 Deacon: Joe Blanck DBQ227D2@dbqarch.org Religious Ed: Amy Prewett DBQ227REsec@dbqarch.org Secretary: Tracy Stocker DBQ227sec@dbqarch.org Liturgy: Ann Scheiding saintjohnxxiiicr@gmail.com **Ministries:** Lorraine Blanck DBQ227s1@dbqarch.org

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:

HAPPY FEAST DAY!!!

This weekend we celebrate our Parish Feast, which falls on Monday, October 11th. On this joyful celebration of our Patron, Saint John XXIII, I would like to THANK ALL OF YOU, our beloved parishioners, and wish you a Happy Feast Day! I greatly appreciate your involvement and all the sacrifices you make to help build God's church here at our parish and in your home (the domestic church). I thank our former pastors, Fr. Phil Thompson and Fr. Dustin Vu, for their leadership in serving and helping build such a welcoming parish. I also, with GREAT JOY, welcome all our new parishioners.

It is true that our continuous battle against the pandemic takes something away from all of our celebrations. So it is natural even on a feast day like this to feel less than happy or excited! But in the face of all the challenges of our lives, our Patron saint tells us, "*Consult not your fears, but hopes and dreams*". As Disciples of Christ, we strive to make this world a better place and dream of a better future, but our gaze is not only on this world but the ultimate goal of human existence, which is eternal life.

Thus, even when we face sufferings and the pains of life, we still smile, sing, and dance because of our hope in eternal life. As we celebrate our Parish Feast today, our scriptural readings invite us to reflect not only on how we can make life better on earth but, most importantly, on how we can attain the goal of our existence, eternal life with God.

In our gospel today, Jesus defines eternal life as **knowing** the Father and the Son whom He has sent (John 17:3). This knowledge is not just cognitive but experiential. Eternal life, therefore, means living the quality of life that God lives (seeing this as God sees them and responding to life as He does). Regardless of what life brings, the most important thing in life is to live as God lives, a life that reflects the wisdom of God. As we navigate the challenges and problems of life, let us continue to seek answers to the most essential question in life: **"What must I do to actually live like God?"**

In joy, live like God! In pain, live like God! May the Blessed Mother continue to intercede for our Archdiocese, Parish, families, and City of Cedar Rapids! HAPPY, HAPPY, HAPPY FEAST DAY!

Special Announcement

I will be on a retreat from Monday, October 11 through Sunday, October 17. If you need anything outside of office hours, please contact one of our Deacons. Keep me in your prayers as I pray for you.

In prayer with you, Fr. Richmond

Did you know....

Our parish patron, St. Pope John XXIII, wrote an encyclical letter: Pacem in Terris (Peace on Earth) addressing social concern issues. If you are interested in looking at it, the parish has a few hard copies (in the gathering area) and it can also be found online at (https://www.vatican.va/content/ john-xxiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_jxxiii_enc_11041963_pacem.html).



JOHN XXIII: THE POPE OF PEACE

This movie tells the whole life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as Pope. Elected supposedly as an "interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.



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Your Shared Treasure

For: September 25/26, 2021

Adult Budget (101)	\$5,440.00
Adult Budget EFT (77)	
Offertory	
Visitor	
Total	\$8,561.33
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First Reading

Wis 7:7-11

A reading from the Book of Wisdom I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her, nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand, and before her, silver is to be accounted mire. Beyond health and comeliness I loved her, and I chose to have her rather than the light, because the splendor of her never yields to sleep. Yet all good things together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

R. (14) Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. Make us glad, for the days when you afflicted us, for the years when we saw evil.

Let your work be seen by your servants and your glory by their children; and may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

2nd Reading

Heb 4:12-13

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews Brothers and sisters: Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation R. Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

Mk 10:17-30

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother." He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Peter began to say to him, "We have given up everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Mass Intentions

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, October 9 4:00 pm Veronica Henely Sunday, October 10 8:00 am All Parishioners 10:00 am Marcella Stallman Monday, October 11 - Weekday - No Mass Tuesday, October 12 - Weekday 7:30 am Everett Kroeze Wednesday, October 13 - Weekday 7:30 am Steve Neuzil Thursday, October 14 - Weekday 12:15 pm Bob Dahlgren Friday, October 15 - St. Teresa - No Mass

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, October 16
4:00 pm All Parishioners
Sunday, October 17
8:00 am Debbie Altenhofen Lyle
10:00 am Peggy & Emmett Cahill

Meetings & Happenings:

Sunday, October 10 Baptism class, 3 pm Youth group, 6 pm Young adult group, 7:15 pm

Monday, October 11 Cleaning crew, 4:00 pm Social concerns committee, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, October 12 Men of Action, 6:30 am Adoration, 8 am - 7 pm Men of Action, 6 pm Rosary & Benediction, 7 pm

Wednesday, October 13 Formed study group, 10 am Zoom Formed study group, 8 pm

Thursday, October 14 Women's scripture sharing, 1 pm Bible Timeline study, 6 pm Rosary, 7 pm

Sunday, October 17 Baptism, 11:30 am 2nd Grade class, 4:00 pm



High School Youth Group

Meets tonight (Sunday) from 6-8 pm. To celebrate the month of October we plan to pray the rosary and have a discussion on the Churches teachings on pro-life. And, of course, food & games! Grab a friend and join us!

40 Days for Life

The local "40 Days for Life" campaign continues through October 31. Please visit: http://40daysforlife.com/cedarrapids . Here you can sign up for a time slot to pray for the end to abortion in front of our local Planned Parenthood; you can also just show up if you feel the call. Options for prayer and fasting that you can do from home are also included. Contact information for the local leadership coordinating this event can be found on this site. Additional informational pamphlets regarding 40 Days for Life can be found by the Social Concerns bulletin board in the gathering area.

KMMK 88.7 Talk Radio

KMMK 88.7 FM Talk Radio for Catholic Living will host the 3rd Annual Fall Banquet on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at St. Patrick Parish Center, 120 5th ST NW, Cedar Rapids from 5:00-9:00 pm. Guest Speakers are Patrick Madrid, host of the Patrick Madrid Show on Relevant Radio and Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe, MFVA from EWTN. The dinner is free but reservations are needed. Reserve your place by emailing info@KMMK-FM.org with the names of those attending or call Sue May at 319-360-3290.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA)

Court Cedar Rapids #1768 will meet <u>Tuesday, Oct. 12,</u> 6:30 pm at St. Wenceslaus Church, doors open at 6 pm with refreshments. Catholic Daughter Roberta Peters will speak about White Ribbons Against Pornography (WRAP). Visitors are always welcome.

Catholic Daughters across the nation will celebrate Catholic Daughters Sunday on Oct. 17. Members of the Cedar Rapids Court will celebrate by attending the 10:30 am Mass at All Saints Church, and after Mass will hold a Court Recognition Ceremony. CDA engages in creative and spiritual programs which provide its members with opportunities to develop their special Godgiven talents. All Catholic women are welcome to come as guests to any of our meetings. Contacts are: Erika 238-1798 and Linda 480-4983.

