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St. John XXIII



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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)

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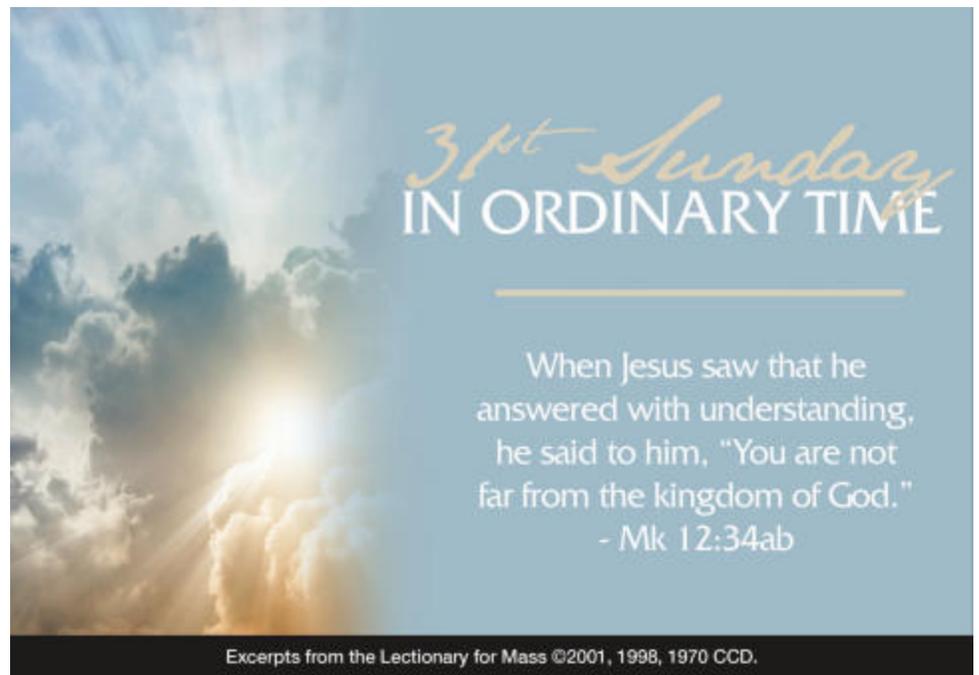
OFFICE HOURS

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:

Beneath any true love lies friendship. Without friendship with God and his people, all human efforts to grow in love will be in vain. Jesus reminds us that the greatest commandment is to love God and love our neighbor. To do this, we need to look at how Jesus loves the Father. He had reverential fear for his Father and his disciples. Jesus loved the Father so much that he would not do anything to lose that friendship. He loves us so much that he will not do anything to lose our friendship. To love God, we can also learn from the saints. The saints had two things in common: They all obeyed God's commandments, and each of them had some friendship with God expressed through the special love they showed God here on earth. We cannot love God if we don't have friendship with him. True friendship always comes with do's and don'ts because true love creates order and beauty and produces joy and peace. Do I have friendship with Christ? If you do, how deep is that friendship?

FAITH NUGGETS (BRIEF CATECHIZES)

Praying for the Dead: Praying for and helping bury the dead is one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy. The clearest reference in the Bible about praying for the dead is from the Second Book of Maccabees. When soldiers were preparing the bodies of their slain friends for burial, they discovered they were wearing amulets taken from a pagan temple, which violated the law of Deuteronomy, so they prayed that God would forgive the sin these men had committed (2 Mac. 12:38-46). In the second letter of Timothy, St. Paul prays for the soul of his friend called Onesiphorus, that the Lord may grant him mercy and salvation (2 Tim. 1:18). The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that "All who die in God's grace and friendship but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death, they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (CCC#1030).

SPECIAL GRATITUDE:

- **Parish life & Liturgy Committees:** All the sacrifices you made to help us gather and

celebrate as a God's family. We are particularly grateful to you for all you did to help us have our Movie night, Parish Ice-cream social, Parish Feast Day, and the Mass for the Anointing of the Sick. May God continue to bless you and your families.

- **All Veterans:** We thank all of you, our veterans, for the sacrifices you have made for our country. May God bless you and give you all the graces you need to continue to serve Him and all He has placed in your life.

FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL ATTENTION AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **All Saints & All Souls:** Please come and join us to celebrate the Feast of All Saints on November 1st @ 5:30 pm and Pray for All Souls on November 2nd @ 7 pm.
- **Novena for the Dead:** Please come and join us in person from November 1st - 9th to pray for those who have died in our families and All the Faithful Departed. Jesus said anything we ask the Father in his name, the Father will grant it. Come and let us ask for God's mercy for our loved ones.
- **Birthdays & Anniversaries:** Starting in November, we would like to pray for all those celebrating Birthdays and Special Anniversaries at the end of the month. These special blessings will be given during Masses on the last weekend of each month. Let us know when your birthday and anniversaries are so we can celebrate YOU!

In prayer with you,
Fr. Richmond

Your Shared Treasure

For: October 16-17, 2021

Adult Budget (93).....	\$4,252.00
Adult Budget EFT (77).....	2,694.33
Offertory	283.00
Visitor	275.00
Total	\$7,504.33

Extending the Dream.....	\$1,188.11
Extending the Dream EFT (34)	654.21

Thank You For Your Support!

First Reading

Dt 6:2-6

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy
Moses spoke to the people, saying: "Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey. "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

R. (2) I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, O LORD, my strength, O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

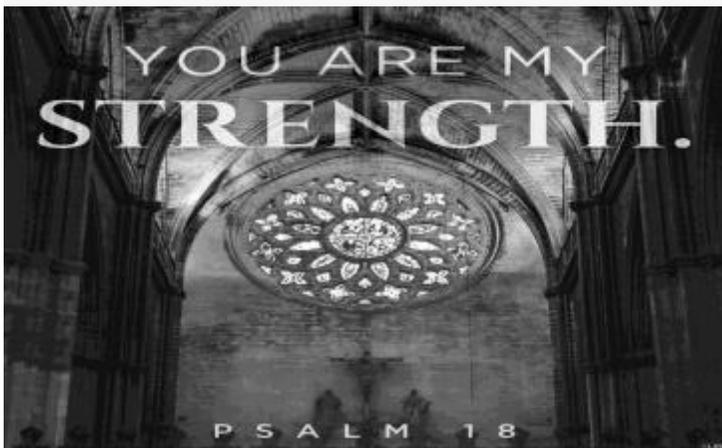
R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold! Praised be the LORD, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

The LORD lives! And blessed be my rock!
Extolled be God my savior. You who gave great victories to your king and showed kindness to your anointed.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.



2nd Reading

Heb 7:23-28

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews
Brothers and sisters: The levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them. It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my father will love him and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 12:28b-34

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

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

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Mass Intentions

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 30

4:00 pm Herb Musser

Sunday, October 31

8:00 am All Parishioners

10:00 am Rick Oldham

Monday, November 1 - All Saints Day

5:30 pm Bill Jacobi

Tuesday, November 2 - All Souls Day

7:00 pm Lowell Baber

Wednesday, November 3 - Weekday

7:30 am Mary Tines

Thursday, November 4 - St. Charles Borromeo

12:15 pm Special Intention

Friday, November 5 - Weekday

7:00 am Steve Kadlec

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 6

4:00 pm Nick Homan

Sunday, November 7

8:00 am All Parishioners

10:00 am Ron Olberding

Meetings & Happenings:

Monday, November 1

Parish Novena, 5 pm

Adult faith formation committee, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 2

Men of Action, 6:30 am

Eucharistic Adoration, 8 am-6:30 pm

Parish Novena, 6:30 pm

Formed (Zoom) study, 8 pm

Wednesday, November 3

Cleaning crew, 9 am

Formed study group, 10 am

RE Classes, 4:45 pm

Parish Novena, 7 pm

Thursday, November 4

Scripture sharing, 1 pm

Liturgy committee, 6 pm

Bible timeline, 6 pm

Parish Novena, 7 pm

Friday, November 5

Wedding rehearsal, 5:30 pm

Saturday, Nov. 6

Wedding, 1 pm

Novena, 3:30 pm



Rosary Challenge Ends Today

Last chance to enter the Rosary Challenge! Thanks to all who have prayed the rosary in October. Did you pray the rosary before Mass today? Be sure to drop your rosary challenge tickets into the tumbler no later than after the 10 am Mass. You may enter one ticket for each time you prayed the rosary this month. The drawing for the Mary statue and one of four rosaries will be held after the 10 am Mass.

Angel Tree

Our Social Concerns committee will once again be sponsoring the Angel Tree. If your family needs assistance with gifts this Christmas season, please speak with Father Richmond. All requests will be kept confidential.

Catholic Worker House

The Catholic Worker House in Cedar Rapids provides shelter for homeless families and helps them get more permanent housing and jobs. They also provide two warm meals a day. One way that St. John XXIII Parish helps is by providing supper on the first Sunday of the month. Three parishioners rotate coordinating the meals and parishioners sign up to bring an item to share with the approximately 20 residents. The residents eat their meal at 5:30 and we may drop off the food or stay to eat (when Covid is over). Thank you to all who have been contributing to the meals. Please contact Tracy in the office if you are interested in helping with this ministry and she will get you on the rotation.

Rose Drive

The Knights will be collecting for the annual Rose Drive after Masses this weekend. Proceeds benefit Birthright which supports women who are pregnant and new mothers.

Thank You

The family of Bob Spellerberg would like to thank everyone in the parish who took the time to help them during their loss. To Father Richmond and Father Vu for helping with the funeral. For Leah Rae and Sam who helped with the music. And, a special thank you to the ladies who helped with the funeral dinner. We appreciate your kindness!

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