

November 7, 2021 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:

God will call on us to offer sacrifices at some time in our lives that might not make sense to us according to human reason. The widow of Zarephath was not a Jew but a gentile woman who had had many problems of her own. She had lost her husband and did not have enough food to take care of herself and her only son. In fact, she told Elijah that she and her family would die after eating the little food she had left. Yet, it was at this point in her life that the God of Israel called on her to feed the prophet, Elijah. If you look at this request from the human perspective, you will say this does not make sense. But when she obeyed, she became God's instrument of salvation for Elijah, she and her family were saved and blessed with miracles, and God was glorified! Yes, that is what happens when we dare to obey God, even when it is difficult to do so! God's words always contain life even when they don't make sense to us.

FAITH NUGGETS (BRIEF CATECHIZES)

Holiness: To be holy does not require being a bishop, a priest, or a religious. We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer. That is not the case. We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves. Are you called to the consecrated life? Be holy by living out your commitment with joy. Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church. Do you work for a living? Be holy by laboring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters. Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus. Are you in a position of authority? Be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain. (From "Rejoice And Be Glad" para. 14)

SPECIAL GRATITUDE:

Seven Sisters & Fasting Brothers: This is a group of men and women who dedicate their time to take turns to fast and pray for me and our parish each day of the week. I feel so blessed, loved, supported,

and uplifted through your prayers. THANK YOU VERY MUCH for all your prayers. I cannot do without your prayers. Please continue to pray for me and our parish, as I do for you and your families each day.

FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL ATTENTION AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Book of Remembrance & Prayer.** Please write the names of your loved ones you would like to pray for in the Book of Remembrance, which can be found in the Church's main entrance. Also, anytime you drive/walk past a cemetery, make the Sign of the Cross and say this prayer: "May the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace!"
- **REJOICE AND BE GLAD (*Studying our Faith in 2021-22 Liturgical Year*):** As Disciples of Jesus, one of our duties is to learn more about our faith every day. For the Liturgical Year 2021-22, starting the first Sunday of Advent, we will read and discuss **Rejoice And Be Glad**. This is an Apostolic Exultation written by our Holy Father, Pope Francis. It focuses on the call to holiness in today's world. Please pick up a hard copy here at Church (or scan the QR code on the bulletin board in the entryway for an electronic one), read, and share your reflections on this with family, friends, and small groups at Church.

In prayer with you,
Fr. Richmond

Your Shared Treasure

For: October 23-24, 2021

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| Adult Budget (83)..... | \$6,925.00 |
| Adult Budget EFT (77)..... | 2,694.33 |
| Offertory | 65.00 |
| Visitor | 75.00 |
| Total | \$9,759.33 |
| Extending the Dream..... | \$2,205.04 |
| Extending the Dream EFT (34) | 654.21 |

Thank You For Your Support!

First Reading

1 Kgs 17:10-16

A reading from the first Book of Kings

In those days, Elijah the prophet went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the entrance of the city, a widow was gathering sticks there; he called out to her, "Please bring me a small cupful of water to drink." She left to get it, and he called out after her, "Please bring along a bit of bread." She answered, "As the LORD, your God, lives, I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug. Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks, to go in and prepare something for myself and my son; when we have eaten it, we shall die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son. For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the LORD had foretold through Elijah.

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

Responsorial Psalm

R. (1b) Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD gives sight to the blind. The LORD raises up those who were bowed down; the LORD loves the just. The LORD protects strangers.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts.

The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

2nd Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

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 12:38-44

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, November 8 - *Weekday* - No Mass

Tuesday, Nov. 9 - *Dedication of Lateran Basilica*

7:30 am Ed Heilers

Wednesday, November 10 - *St. Leo the Great*

7:30 am Patrick Earley

Thursday, November 11 - *St. Martin of Tours*

12:15 pm Davidson & Magner family

Friday, November 12 - *St. Josaphat*

7:00 am Bill Junge

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 13

4:00 pm All Parishioners

Sunday, November 14

8:00 am Lora Gudenkauf

10:00 am Florence Penticoff

Meetings & Happenings:

Sunday, November 7

Parish novena, 7:30 & 9:30 am

Evangelization committee mtg, 11:30 am

2nd grade RE, 4:00 pm



Monday, November 8

Cleaning crew, 4 pm

Youth group planning, 6 pm

Social concerns committee, 6:30 pm

Parish Novena, 7 pm

Tuesday, November 9

Men of Action, 6:30 am & 6 pm

Eucharistic Adoration, 8 am - 7pm

Parish Council, 5:30 pm

Parish Novena, 7 pm

Zoom Formed study group, 8 pm

Wednesday, November 10

Formed study group, 10 am

Thursday, November 11

Women's scripture sharing, 1 pm

Bible timeline study, 6 pm

Rosary, 7 pm

Saturday, November 13

Baptism, 5:30 pm

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.

Rosary Challenge Wrap-Up

Thank you for participating in the October Rosary Challenge! Everyone who prayed the rosary will receive graces! Many prayers had their picture taken to add to the rosary board. 500 tickets were in the tumbler! That means 500 rosaries were prayed in October, plus many more rosaries were prayed where people did not enter our drawing. The winners of the rosary challenge drawing are: Mary Statue - Mary Patterson, and rosaries: Jackie Stallman, Connie Benyshek, Josie White (RE student), and Ernie Decious. Please continue to pray the rosary. May Our Blessed Mother intercede for you and your family always!

ATTENTION!!! Crafters

We are hoping to bring together all those that like to knit/crochet to make prayer shawls for parishioners that are suffering various illnesses. This is an activity that can be done as a group and/or individually. Great for those that are being cautious due to COVID, and still want to be involved. If interested in participating in or want more information, contact Jackie Stallman at jastallman1@icloud.com or 319-521-1136.

Need Yard Work Help?

The Social Concerns Committee is seeking to assist parish members who need help with raking leaves this fall. Please contact Deacon Stanley Scheiding at (319) 534-0425.

Unplanned - Abby Johnson Story

The Social Concerns Committee appreciates those that attended their showing of the movie "Unplanned" during Respect Life Month. If you were unable to attend and would like more information, Formed has the following videos about Abby Johnson and her story: Unplanned: Behind the Scenes, Changing Sides, and Why I Left Planned Parenthood.

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