

# December 26, 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

Fri at 7am (@ Xavier when school  
in session)

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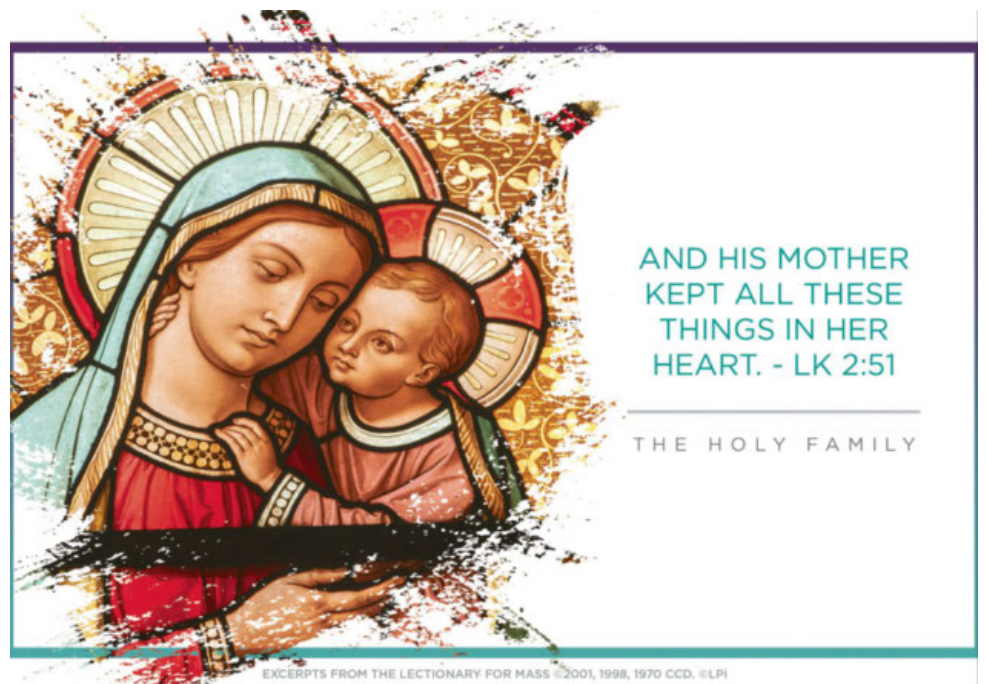
## OFFICE HOURS

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.

### **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:

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

With a joyful and grateful heart, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Despite the challenges of 2021, we have come thus far as a parish family by the grace of God and with your love and support. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!! I am very grateful to God for the gift of you and your family to our Parish. Even though Christ is born, some challenges of life might prevent you from experiencing the joy of this Christmas. I would like to remind you that our Christ has come to make all things new so don't lose hope. Do not let any difficulty you might be going through now take away your joy!

### *Special Gratitude:*

For the past one and a half years that I have had the privilege and honor to serve you as your pastor, I have witnessed the great love you have for Christ and His Church. You have demonstrated this in the way you serve our Parish and one another. You are truly WONDERFUL and FAITHFUL people of God. Thank you very much for all the love and support you have and continue to give me. I am also extremely grateful to you for all the sacrifices you make to join us for Mass. Thank you for the love and generosity you show to parishioners who are going through difficulties. Thank you for the love you share with the needy in our city and children around the world who receive food through the Mary's Meal Project, the families who have received joy and hope through the Angel Tree Project, and all you continue to do to spread the love of Christ in your daily lives. My special gratitude goes to our staff, volunteers, and all of you who serve on various committees here at our Parish. Thank you for making St. John XXIII such a spiritual home for all of us.

***Hope & Rejoice in Christ!*** Christmas is a new beginning! The birth of Christ is about restoration! The power of our God does not only lie in the fact that he created all things, but most importantly, that

he restores all things! So if you are feeling displaced in your life right now, imagine yourself as the newborn child in the manger and see this Christmas as a new birth for you. God has the power to restore your life and situations and make you begin your life anew! So be happy and let your words and actions adore him! Light the advent candle, sing the Christmas Carols, put on the Christmas tree and lights, enjoy the gift of the Holy Spirit, family, and friends, have a good dinner, kneel by the manger and adore HIM because God will make a way even where there seems to be no way. He works in ways we cannot see.

***My Christmas Wish*** is that "Santa" will bring each of us the Holy Spirit and help us deepen our friendship with Christ and with one another so that we will continue to turn our Parish into a community of friends of God! We prayerfully wish that, this year, we will help one another grow in holiness and deepen our devotion to Christ in the Blessed Sacrament! As we celebrate the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ, may God fill your heart with Hope, Peace, and Joy! HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

In prayer with you,  
Fr. Richmond



## Your Shared Treasure

For: December 11-12, 2021

Adult Budget (111).....	\$7,708.00
Adult Budget EFT (77).....	2,694.33
Offertory.....	80.00
Visitor.....	640.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$11,122.33</b>

Extending the Dream.....	\$65.00
Extending the Dream EFT (34).....	654.21

*Thank You For Your Support!*

## January Parish Novena

Saturday, January 1, 8:30 am & 3:30 pm

Sunday, January 2, 7:30 am & 9:30 am

Monday-Friday, January 3-7, 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 8, 3:30 pm

Sunday, January 9, 7:30 am & 9:30 am

Please join in-person at the parish or Livestream. We will be praying a Novena of Thanksgiving praising God for the gift of a new year and asking for God's blessings upon the year!

## Join us for the Second Session of the Bible Timeline.

Join us on Thursdays at 6:00 beginning on January 13<sup>th</sup> and walk the Bible TimeLine: The Story of Salvation Session 9 through Session 16. If you missed these sessions in the past, please join us. Participants will watch the 50 minute video on-line (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 second 8 week session will start on January 13 and will finish on March 3rd.. 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

## Catholic Heart Workcamp

We still have a few openings for our service trip to Cincinnati CHWC from July 17-22, 2022. This is open to all high school students. Contact Tracy at the parish office for more information.

## Mark Your Calendars

Do these cold winter days make you wish you were on the beach with some Church friends. Well, mark your calendars and you can be May 13-15, 2022, Group camp spot has been reserved at Sugar Bottom Campground. Stay tuned for more details.

## Volunteer Opportunities at the Parish

Sponsor couples for marriage prep. Training and materials provided.

Many of our cleaning crews could use extra hands. Day and night time spots available. Once a month commitment.

We need families or individuals to work on a team to serve donuts after all Masses. A sign up is sent out and you choose the dates you volunteer.

Children's liturgy leaders and helpers are needed. Children's liturgy is offered on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month during 10 am Mass.

Mass Ministers: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers.

Contact Tracy at the parish office for information on any of these ministries.

## KC Blood Drive & Pancake Breakfast

The Knights will hold their annual Fairfax Community Blood Drive and Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, January 22 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Fairfax American Legion. To schedule an appointment to donate, go to [www.bloodcenterimpact.org](http://www.bloodcenterimpact.org) and search for the Fairfax Community drive, email Rick Zettler at [rickzettler@gmail.com](mailto:rickzettler@gmail.com) or call Rick at 319-551-9361. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Employment Opportunity

LaSalle Catholic Schools food service department is currently looking for subs to help in our kitchens! The hours are Monday through Friday 9:00AM - 1:00PM with some flexibility. You would spend the day preparing and serving food to the students and some clean up afterwards. If interested please Contact Ryan Geerts at 319-396-7792, or [rgeerts@lasallecatholiccr.org](mailto:rgeerts@lasallecatholiccr.org), or stop by Lasalle Catholic Schools. Thank you!

## Thank You!

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Cedar Rapids Court #1768 extends a big THANK YOU to all for your support of our recent successful Christmas Cookie Drive-Thru, which resulted in raising funds for two local food pantries: Metro Catholic Outreach and St. Vincent de Paul.

## Mass Intentions

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

### **Saturday, December 25**

9:00 am Jim & Greg Rump (*Christmas Mass*)

### **Sunday, December 26**

8:00 am Joseph Davis

10:00 am All Parishioners

**Monday, December 27** - *St. John* - No Mass

**Tuesday, December 28** - *The Holy Innocents*

7:30 am Joseph Vassallo

**Wednesday, December 29** - *5th Day w/in Octave*

7:30 am Myrna Ballard

**Thursday, December 30** - *6th Day w/in Octave*

12:15 pm Mike Scott

**Friday, December 31** - *7th Day w/in Octave*

4:00 pm Susan Volz & Lincoln Schulte

*Epiphany of the Lord*

### **Saturday, January 1**

9:00 am Veronica Henely (*Solemnity of Mary*)

4:00 pm Bill Schoeben

### **Sunday, January 2**

8:00 am Becker & Kahle families

10:00 am All Parishioners

## Meetings & Happenings:

### **Tuesday, December 28**

Men of Action, 6:30 am & 6 pm

Eucharistic Adoration, 8 am - 7 pm

RCIA, 5:30 pm

Rosary & Benediction, 7 pm

(Zoom) Formed study group, 8 pm

### **Wednesday, December 29**

Cleaning crew, 9 am

Formed study group, 10 am

### **Thursday, December 30**

Women's scripture sharing, 1 pm

Rosary, 7 pm

### **Saturday, January 1**

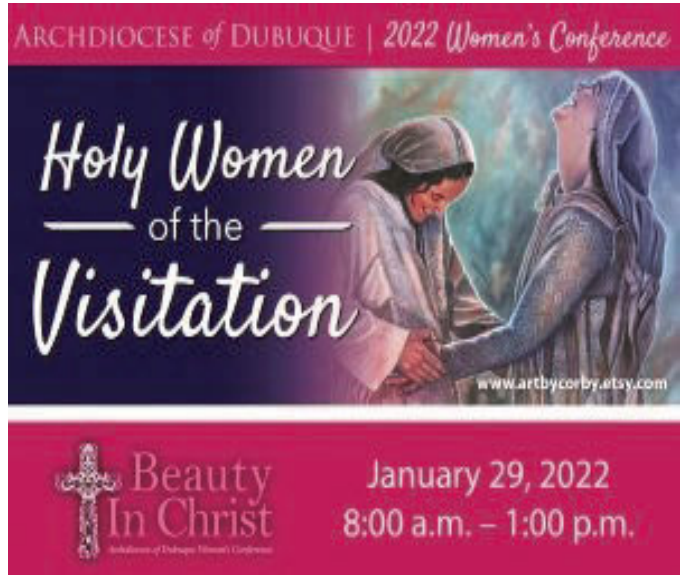
Parish Novena, 8:30 am & 3:30 pm

### **Sunday, January 2**

Parish Novena, 7:30 & 9:30 am

Baptism, 11 am

High school bible study, 6 pm



Do you desire the company of holy women? Plan on joining us for the 2022 Virtual Archdiocesan Women's Conference, Beauty in Christ: Holy Women of the Visitation, Saturday, January 29, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will gather here at the parish to experience all the great features of our annual women's conference: Archbishop Jackels, two national speakers, music, prayer, and worship! Speakers Emily Jaminet and Liz Kelly will focus on the beauty of the Visitation between Mary, Our Blessed Mother, and Elizabeth, as well as our visitation as sisters in Christ! Watch upcoming bulletins for more details!

### Help Ship School Desks to Ghana

Xavier High School has donated 350 desks to the Ghana Christian Family Foundation to be shipped to rural and deprived schools in Ghana. The Foundation needs help paying for the shipping costs. If you are able to help, please contact Jackie Oliver at [ghanacffoundation1@gmail.com](mailto:ghanacffoundation1@gmail.com) or 563-513-7574.

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KMMK 88.7 fm

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