

January 2, 2022

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

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in session)

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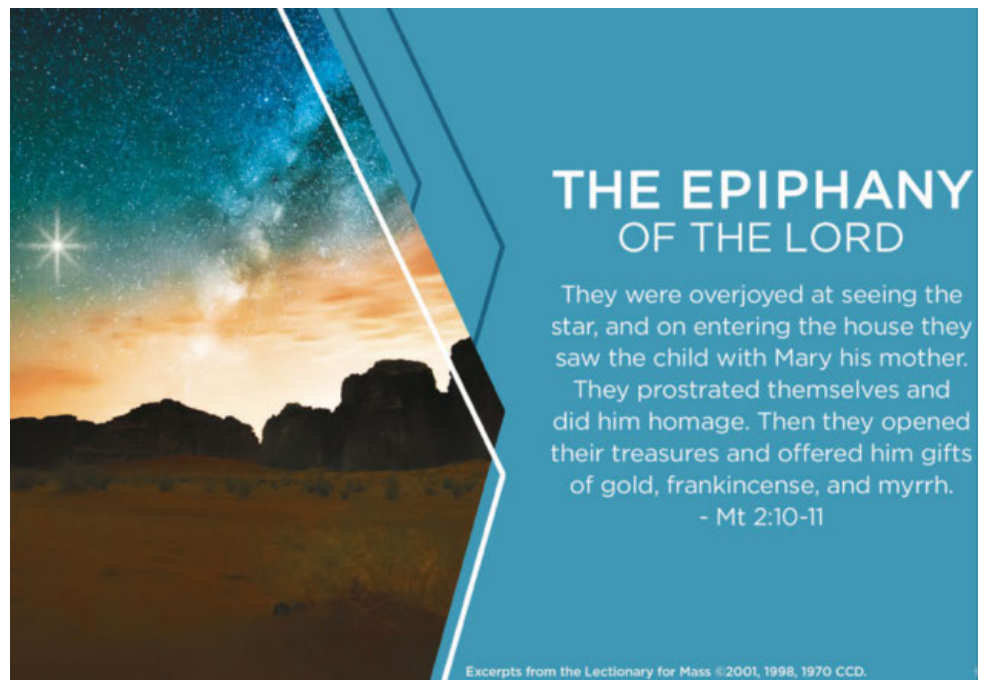
OFFICE HOURS

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:

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY FEAST OF EPIPHANY

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Epiphany (the revelation of Jesus Christ as the Light of the world). God became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the world to dispel darkness and bring about the new creation. As we continue our Christmas Season, let us remember that God placed us in families, communities, among our friends, and in the Church so that we can help one another carry the burdens and share the joys of life. So please, don't be a lone-ranger in 2022. Let us walk together as a Church guided by the Light of Christ. Share your problems with somebody, and seek help. God will use all those little helps to dispel the darkness in your life and bring new life. Be light in the world.

FAITH NUGGETS (Brief Catechizes)

Holiness: Holiness is the most attractive face of the Church. But even outside the Catholic Church and in very different contexts, the Holy Spirit raises up "signs of his presence which help Christ's followers." Saint John Paul II reminds us that "the witness to Christ borne even to the shedding of blood has become a common inheritance of Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans, and Protestants." In the moving ecumenical commemoration held in the Colosseum during the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, he stated that the martyrs are "a heritage which speaks more powerfully than all the causes of division." (From "Rejoice And Be Glad" para. 9)

SPECIAL GRATITUDE:

- **All Who Helped With Christmas Masses:** I am very grateful to the Liturgy Committee, Music Ministry, Cantors, Lectors, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and all who helped us plan, decorate the Church, and celebrate our Christmas Masses. You did a wonderful job to help us celebrate the Joy and Peace of our Savior, even in a challenging year like this. May God continue to bless you and your families!

- **Christmas Cards & Gifts:** WOW! You brought me so much joy with the BEAUTIFUL Cards and Gifts you gave me at Christmas! I finally got to open all my Christmas Cards and Gifts. I am again pleasantly overwhelmed with your love, prayers, and support. I am extremely grateful to ALL OF YOU who sent me cards and gifts. May God continue to bless you and your families. *Meda Hom Ase!!!*

For Your Prayerful Attention and Involvement

- **Young Adult Study Group:** Special Thanks to all our young adults who attended our study session this past Advent. Our Young Adults will be starting a new study on "Living Joy." Please come join us for fun and engaging reflection about life. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.
- **High School Youth Group:** Many thanks to all who attended our High School Youth Group and the Youth Council Members, who helped to plan and facilitate our meetings. Please invite your friends and come join us on January 16th, from 6-8pm, for our evening of fun games, prayer, and faith sharing.

As we continue our Christmas Season, let us hold on to our hope and joy in Christ. God will see us through 2022. So smile, be happy & share the joy of Christmas!

In prayer with you,
Fr. Richmond

Your Shared Treasure

For: December 18-19, 2021

Adult Budget (104).....	\$11,364.01
Adult Budget EFT (77).....	2,694.33
Offertory.....	215.00
Visitor.....	2,180.00
Total.....	\$16,453.34
Extending the Dream.....	\$385.00
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 13th 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.

RCIA Small Group

All are invited to join our RCIA team and candidates on Tuesday, January 4, at 5:30 pm for a small group discussion with the topic: What does it mean to say the Church is One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic.

Jesus: The Way, The Truth, and the Life

This is a 10 week bible study focused upon Jesus Christ. Filmed in the Holy Land, Marcellion D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins and Edward Sri present a new and fresh look at Jesus.

Sessions begin on Thursday February 3, 2022 and will end on Thursday April 7, 2022. Participants will watch the 30 minute video on-line. Don't have an internet connection at home? We can set you up to watch weekly at the parish. The discussion group will meet at 6:00 pm to 6:45 PM on Thursday night at St. John XXIII. Use this link to see a Free Preview and order your materials. <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/jesus-way-truth-and-life>

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Weekend Donuts

We plan to continue serving donuts after all Masses on the 2nd & 4th weekend of every month. In order to make this happen, we need volunteers to serve them at each Mass. If you/your family would like to help with this, please contact Amy at dbq227resec@dbqarch.org to be put on the sign up distribution list. You can sign up as often as you like and for weekends you know you are free.

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 and search for the Fairfax Community drive, email Rick Zettler at rickkzettler@gmail.com or call Rick at 319-551-9361. We look forward to seeing you there!

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 or 563-513-7574.

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, January 3 - Christmas Weekday - No Mass

Tuesday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:30 am Special Intention

Wednesday, January 5 - St. John Neumann

7:30 am Dave Matt

Thursday, January 6 - Christmas Weekday

12:15 pm Donna Zabokrtsky

Friday, January 7 - Christmas Weekday

7:00 am Mick & Elaine Stallman (@ Xavier)

Baptism of the Lord

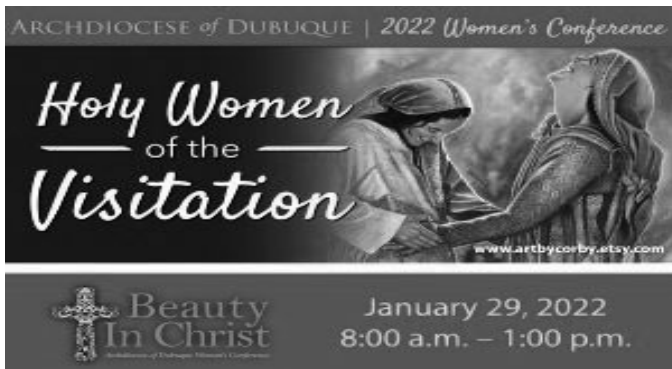
Saturday, January 8

4:00 pm members of the Jackson family

Sunday, January 9

8:00 am All Parishioners

10:00 am Connie Schulte



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 for an RSVP email next week and please respond so we know how many to make plans for.

Meetings & Happenings:

Sunday, January 2

Parish Novena, 7:30 & 9:30 am
Baptism, 11 am
High school bible study, 6 pm
Youth group planning, 7 pm

Monday, January 3

Adult faith formation committee, 6 pm
Parish novena, 7 pm

Tuesday, January 4

Men of Action, 6:30 am & 6 pm
Eucharistic Adoration, 8 am - 7 pm
RCIA, 5:30 pm
Finance council, 5:30 pm
Parish novena, 7 pm
Zoom Formed study, 8 pm

Wednesday, January 5

Formed study group, 10 am
RE classes, 4:45 pm
Parish Novena, 7 pm

Thursday, January 6

Women's scripture study, 1 pm
Liturgy committee meeting, 6 pm
Parish novena, 7 pm

Friday, January 7

Parish novena, 7 pm

Saturday, January 8

Parish novena, 3:30 pm
Donut social, after Mass
Baptism, 5:30 pm

Sunday, January 9

Parish novena, 7:30 am & 9:30 am
Donut social, after Mass
Children's Liturgy, 10 am
Baptism, 11:30 am
Evangelization team meeting, 11:30 am
Baptism class, 3 pm
Young adult group, 5:30 pm

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