

March 10, 2024 St. John XXIII



Mass Times

Sat. @ 4 pm / Sun. @ 8 & 10 am
M & W @ 7:30 am; Th @ 7 pm
Fri. @ 12:15 pm

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Mission Statement

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



PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon. - Thurs. 8 am - 4 pm / Fri. 8 am - 2 pm

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

The registration form can be found on the front page of our website or contact the parish office.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 2:30 pm or by appointment.

PRAYER CHAIN

blessedjohnprayerchain@gmail.com

BAPTISM

Must attend a baptism class **prior** to scheduling baptism. Call or email the parish office to register for classes: dbq227sec@dbqarch.org

MARRIAGE

Contact the pastor eight (8) months before your wedding.



From Father Richmond's Desk

My Beloved Parishioners:

We all go through situations in our lives that make us cry out. Why me? Why this? Why this time? Why my family? We struggle with sin, and at times, the harder we try, the more we fail. Perhaps you have tried many Lenten practices like prayers, reading of scripture, fasting, and almsgiving, but still, you struggle with sin.

This could be very discouraging, and you might want to give up. We do not only struggle with sin. We also have disasters that befall our families. We see our loved ones suffering and seem helpless in finding solutions to their problems. We have illnesses and the death of loved ones. In the face of all this, we might wonder if life will ever get better. But our readings today answer that question. Yes, life will get better. So, don't give up. Keep going. Give God the benefit of the doubt and hold on to your faith. Your Lenten practices will not be in vain.



SPECIAL GRATITUDE:

From Archbishop Palmer-Buckle: My Archbishop from Ghana would like me to express his heartfelt gratitude for the great welcome and hospitality you gave him when he visited our Parish. He asked me to let you know he really enjoyed our Parish, and he encourages us to continue to make St. John XXIII the face of Christ for a world that is hurting and crying out for love.

For Your Prayerful Attention and Involvement

- **Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Please consider praying the Divine Mercy chaplet each day at 3 pm for an end to the wars and conflicts throughout the world. Please set the alarm for this on your phone, and let us implore God's mercy for the world.

- **Parish Retreat (*Lenten Day of Recollection*):** Please save the date! Come join us on our Parish Day of Recollection on **Friday, March 15th**. The retreat will start with Mass at 7:30 am. The program includes a whole day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross, Soup Supper, The Passion of The Christ (movie), Reflections, Group Discussion, and Benediction. Don't miss this time of grace! (Specific times are on page 4)
- **Additional Times for Sacrament of Reconciliation:** One of the surest ways we receive Grace from God is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In addition to our regular times for confession on Saturdays, I will dedicate **Mondays and Wednesdays in March, from 7 - 9 pm**, to listening to confessions and celebrating the Sacrament with you. Please make time to stop by the Parish to celebrate the Sacrament.
- **Even More Opportunities for Confessions in Our Deanery:**
 - St. Ludmila: March 16th at 10:30 am
 - St. Matthew: March 19th at 6 pm
 - St. Paul (Newhall): March 21st at 6:30 pm
- **Confirmation Retreat (*March 23rd*).** We will have a retreat with our Confirmation Candidates *here at the Parish*. Please keep the Candidates, their sponsors, and our team in your prayers.

May all our Lenten practices help us find the strength to return to the arms of our Lord Jesus Christ. Have a blessed 4th Week of Lent!

In prayer with you,
Fr. Richmond

March 2-3, 2024

Adult Budget.....	\$6,098.00
Adult Budget EFT	\$2,822.50
Offertory	\$355.25
Visitor	\$40.00
Total	\$9,315.75
Extending the Dream.....	\$95.00
Extending the Dream EFT.....	\$607.70

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Washing of the Feet Candidates Needed

We are looking for 12 people to have their feet washed by Fr. Richmond at Holy Thursday Mass on March 28th, at 7 pm. The sign-up is on the Liturgy bulletin board in the NE corner of the parish gathering space. Reach out to Amy Prewett with questions, or to get signed up at dbq227S2@dbqarch.org. No one feels worthy to have this done, but we all are.

"So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example so that you should do as I have done for you. Truly, truly, I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him"

John 13:14-16



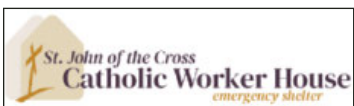
Holy Thursday Adoration

The sign up for Holy Thursday Adoration will be in the gathering space on Friday, March 8th. Please sign up to spend 30 minutes or an hour with Jesus on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.

Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." Matthew 26:36

Catholic Worker House Board of Directors

St. John of the Cross Catholic Worker House in Cedar Rapids, is an emergency shelter for single homeless women, and women with children is in need of a few good *women* and *men* to serve on the Board of Directors. St. John XXIII currently has one representative but we would appreciate having two representatives from each parish. Any skill will be appreciated, but the main requirement is a commitment to helping the homeless in our community.



The Board meets approximately 10 times a year, on the second

Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm. Please search your heart and contact the house director Larissa Ruffin at (319) 202-0952, James Podgorski, Chairperson, (319) 573-6821 or Karen Volz, Vice Chairperson, (319) 390-1821 for more information.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism



Congratulations to the newest baptized members of St. John XXIII, Poppy Kay Wagner, daughter of Peyton & Kayla Wagner and Kipton Adam Nemec, son of Shawn & Shelby Nemec. We welcome you to our Parish family! May God bestow many blessings on you and your families as you grow as beloved children of God.

My Fair Ladies Shoe Drive

My Fair Ladies, a women's group in Fairfax is collecting *gently used shoes*; women's, men's and children's through the end of May. We will accept all types of shoes; sandals, athletic shoes, dress shoes, etc.

The shoes will be distributed to those in need by Funds2orgs organization. Place your shoes in the bin located in the west end of the gathering space. Thank you in advance for your donation!

Get the UCD App for the Parish Directory

Our picture directory is available in digital form with the Universal Church Directory App, UCD. You can download the app on your phone to view the entire directory. You will receive an email with a Unique Identifier Code for each family to be able to access our parish directory. (Note, anyone who is in the app has given permission for their information to be included.)



If you were not able to have your picture taken, or are new parishioners who joined after the directory was developed and would like to include your photo and/or your contact information, you can submit a picture and it can be uploaded to the app. This can be updated and edited at anytime so keep that in mind if something changes with your contact information.

Contact Vicki in the parish office if you did not receive your Unique Identifier Code email, or need to make changes at (319) 846-3139.

Day of Recollection Schedule

We look forward to seeing you this Friday, March 15th for the Day of Recollection. Attend all or part of the day, whatever your schedule allows.

- 7:30 am - Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 8 am - 5 pm, Adoration
- 5 pm, Stations of the Cross
- 5:45 pm, Soup Supper
- 6:30 pm, Viewing of the movie: The Passion of The Christ
- 8:40 pm, Reflection and small group discussions with Fr. Richmond
- 9 pm, Benediction

From the Archdiocese

Weekly Stewardship Reflection

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

For Married Couples

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Springtime. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special that it already is, sign up now at wwme.org or call Greg & Denise at (563) 920-9419.



In the Community

Theology on Tap

All 21-39 year olds are invited to join us at Parlor City, 1125 3rd St SE Cedar Rapids, on March 21st at 6 pm to hear from GERALYN WARD on "The Kingdom of God and Our Place in It." First drink is on us! Check out [facebook.com/CRTOT](https://www.facebook.com/CRTOT) for more information.

Red Cross Smoke Alarm Volunteer Event

The Red Cross will be working in the Taylor neighborhood in Cedar Rapids for their "Sound the Alarm" event. They will be installing 700 smoke alarms in 300 residences. We are asking for volunteers to be on our smoke alarm installation teams. You are welcome to volunteer as individuals or as teams of 3 - 4 people.

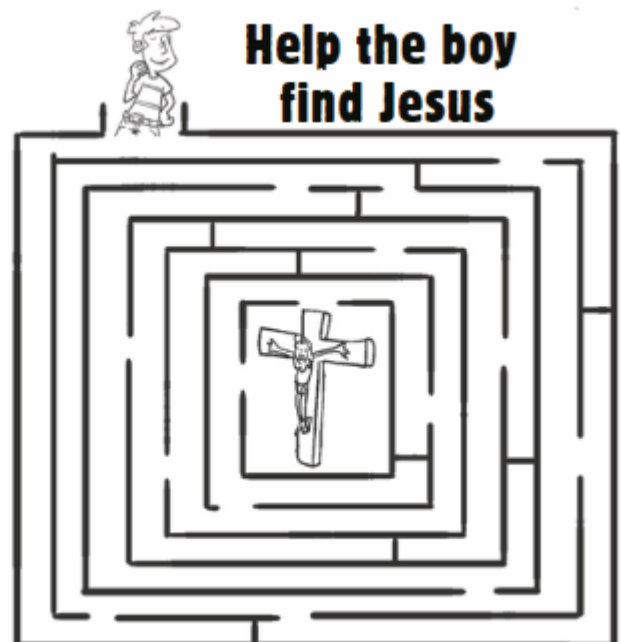


This is a rewarding volunteer event and a great opportunity for community outreach. You can register at volunteerconnection.redcross.org, or contact Kara Kinder at kara.kinder@redcross.org with questions.

Catholic Daughters of America Cedar Rapids

On Tuesday, March 12th, the Catholic Daughters of America Court of Cedar Rapids, #1768 will meet at St. Wenceslaus Church, 1224 5th St SE, CR. Doors open at 6 pm with refreshments, meeting begins at 6:15 pm. We will fill Comfort Bags with several toiletries to donate to local homeless shelters. Guests are always welcome. Contact persons are Erika, (319) 238-1798, or Stephanie, (319) 540-7193.

Kids Korner



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 9 - *St. Frances of Rome, Religious*

4 pm Lynette Gusta, Lisa Conklin, Leslie Hagen

Sunday, March 10 - *Laetare Sunday*

8 am Tom Kilpatrick

10 am All Parishioners

Monday, March 11 - *Lenten Weekday*

7:30 am Veronica Henely

Tuesday, March 12 - *Lenten Weekday*

No Mass

Wednesday, March 13 - *Lenten Weekday*

7:30 am Betty Hickenbottom

Thursday, March 14 - *Lenten Weekday*

7 pm Connie Donovan

Friday, March 15 - *Lenten Weekday*

12:15 pm Dan Weaver

Saturday, March 16 - *Lenten Weekday*

4 pm Lois Buresh

Sunday, March 17 - *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

8 am All Parishioners

10 am Regis Stallman

READINGS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 10

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5,

6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6,

11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/

Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20,

21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/

Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

(12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

March 10, 2024 4th Sunday of Lent

ST. JOHN XXIII WEEKLY PLANNER

Monday, March 11

10-11 am, Staff Prayer/Meeting

4-5:30 pm, Cleaning Crew

6 pm, Exodus 90 Group Meeting

6:15-7:15, Social Concerns Meeting

7-9 pm, Reconciliation

Tuesday, March 12

6:45 am & 6 pm, Men of Action

8 am-7 pm, Eucharistic Adoration

7-8 pm, Rosary & Benediction

Wednesday, March 13

10 am, Faith Study, Small Group

6-7 pm, RCIA Meeting

7-9 pm, Reconciliation

Thursday, March 14

1-2:30 pm, Women's Scripture Sharing Group

7 pm, Mass (Teaching)

8 pm, Exposition, Rosary, & Benediction

Friday, March 15

7:30 am-9 pm, Lenten Day of Recollection

Saturday, March 16

2:30-3:30 pm, Reconciliation

5:15-6:15 pm, Magnify 90 Group Meeting

6:30-8:30 pm, Deacon Gathering

Sunday, March 17

6-8 pm, Youth Group

MARCH - JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 8, 15, 22 -Stations of the Cross

March 1 - 9, Novena

March 15, Day of Recollection

March 23, Confirmation Retreat

April 1 - 9, Novena

April 13, Confirmation

April 14, First Communion

April 27, Trivia Night

May 1-9, Novena

May 10-18, Pentecost Novena

June 1-9, Novena

June 5-25, Carlos Acutus Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

June 16-21, Catholic Heart Workcamp

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