

# March 2, 2025 St. John XXIII



## Mission Statement

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

### Mass Times

Sat. @ 4 pm / Sun. @ 8 & 10 am  
M, W, @ 8 am  
Fri. @ 12:15 pm

### PARISH OFFICE

8100 Roncalli Drive  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404-9178  
Phone: (319) 846-3139  
Website: [stjohn23cr.org](http://stjohn23cr.org)

### STAFF

**Priest:** Rev. Greg Bahl (Ext. 103)  
[g.bahl@dbqarch.org](mailto:g.bahl@dbqarch.org)

**Deacon:** Stanley Scheiding (Ext. 110)  
[s.scheiding@dbqarch.org](mailto:s.scheiding@dbqarch.org)  
319-533-0425

**Business Manager:** Ron Junge (Ext. 102)  
[r.junge@dbqarch.org](mailto:r.junge@dbqarch.org)

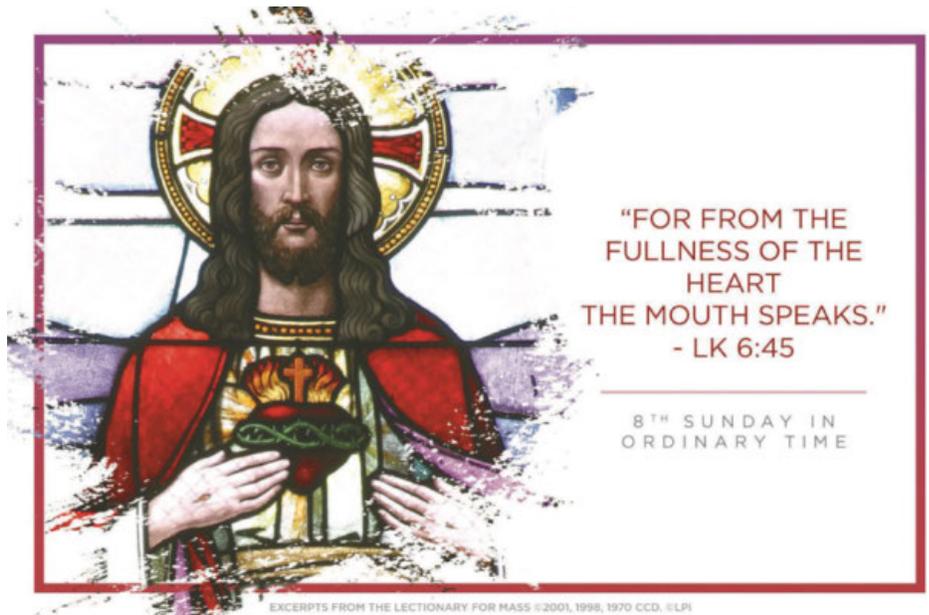
**Secretary:** Vicki Hergert (Ext. 101)  
[v.hergert@dbqarch.org](mailto:v.hergert@dbqarch.org)

**Religious Ed:** Allison Wilhelm (Ext.112)  
[a.wilhelm@dbqarch.org](mailto:a.wilhelm@dbqarch.org)

**Youth Ministry:** Sabrina Marte (Ext. 113)  
[s.marte@dbqarch.org](mailto:s.marte@dbqarch.org)

**Homebound Ministry:** Contact Deacon Stan:  
[s.scheiding@dbqarch.org](mailto:s.scheiding@dbqarch.org)

**Prayer Chain:**  
[blessedjohnprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:blessedjohnprayerchain@gmail.com)



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

### NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

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

### RECONCILIATION

M, W, @ 7:30 am  
Fri. @ 11:30 am – noon  
Sat. @ 2:30 – 3:45 pm  
Sun. 7 am– 7:45 am

### BAPTISM

Parents must attend a baptism class **prior** to scheduling baptism. Call or email the parish office to register for classes: [v.hergert@dbqarch.org](mailto:v.hergert@dbqarch.org)

### MARRIAGE

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



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



We begin our 40-day Lenten journey on Wednesday. For many Catholics, however distant to a regular practice of the faith, Lent is a season of invitation to

reconsider our relationship with the Lord. In many places Ash Wednesday liturgies have greater attendance than Holy Days of Obligation, or even Sunday observance. At first glance, this seems surprising! How does the season to be challenged out of our complacency become such an attractive time to reconsider one's relationship with the Church? It is because we know in our hearts that the Lord provides us with all we need to be the saints that His love calls for.

The activities of Lent are basically: **Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.** We are to increase our intentionality and practice of these three during this time. For fasting, the Church asks us a few rather minimal requirements: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence from meat for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards.

Lent is a time to practice extra disciplines. We often "give up" some luxury in our life to help us not be too attached to the things of the world. It is a time to "take up" extra positive practices, like making the point of daily expressing gratitude or encouragement to another. But, more than self-control, it's about dying to yourself. This means "finding aspects about

*yourself that are less Christ-like and letting them die."* As "the suffering and death of Jesus are foremost on our minds during Lent, ...we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form." Here I'm quoting Bishop Ricken from the US bishop's committee on Evangelization and Catechesis. There are many excellent resources on their website [www.usccb.org/lent](http://www.usccb.org/lent), including a calendar for daily ideas, Lenten reflections/podcasts, and educational materials. Definitely worth a peak around!

I'll end with a piece of Bishop Ricken's advice that I wish I took in the early years of my priesthood: ***Don't do too much.*** *It's tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but it's best to keep it simple and focused. There's a reason the Church works on these mysteries year after year. We spend our entire lives growing closer to God. Don't try to cram it all in one Lent. That's a recipe for failure.*

In the few days before Lent, prayerfully consider what extra Lenten disciplines the Lord may in His Wisdom, be calling you to.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Greg

**Please note:** On Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Greg will be at a retreat at Mount Mercy. Reconciliation won't begin until 3:15 pm on that Saturday. Also, if you would like to be in our Flocknote system to be notified of cancellations or schedule changes, please contact the parish office to be added to the list.



**Weekly Shared Treasure**  
**February 15-16, 2025**

Envelopes & Online Contributions	\$6,030.00
Offertory & Visitor	\$1,128.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,158.90</b>

## We Need Your Musical Talent!



The Music Ministry at St. John XXIII is *very much in need* and is *always welcoming* anyone interested in being a cantor, playing keyboard, playing an instrument, or singing in the choir. Please call the parish office at (319) 846-3139 if you are interested.

## Homebound Ministry

Our Homebound Ministry continues to serve those unable to attend Mass in person. If you or a loved one are homebound, in a care facility, or feeling isolated, our ministers can bring the Eucharist, offer prayer, and provide companionship. For more information or to arrange a visit, please contact Deacon Stan at (319) 533-0425 or call the parish office.

## Sign Up to Help on Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is March 5<sup>th</sup>. The Mass schedule is at 8 am and 5:30 pm. Ash Service is at 12:15. We need Liturgical Ministers and to serve at the 8 am and 5:30 pm Mass times. If you are available to help, log into MSP and conveniently sign yourself up.



## Euchre Night at St. John XXIII



Calling all Euchre players. Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, St. John XXIII will be hosting Euchre Night from 6 - 8 pm. Registration will open via Flocknote on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. You can register yourself, family and friends if you like. You don't have to be a parishioner at St. John XXIII to play. The registration fee is \$5 per person, and will be collected before play begins. Players may sign up as individuals as they will draw for partners and change continuously throughout the evening. We will switch tables/playing opponents after 8 hands. Players need to be 18 years of age or older to participate. Knowledge of the game is preferred, but if you need a refresher we will help you. Call the parish office if you need help registering or if you have any questions at (319) 846-3139.

## Lent Bible Study Opportunity

The Wednesday Faith Study Group will begin a six week Agape Catholic Bible Study for Lent and Easter on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. We meet every Wednesday at 10 am in the Conference room at the church. All are welcome, please join us!



## Trivia Registration is Open

The sign-up for Trivia Night on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> is now open. Go to Flocknote to register your team or call the parish office if you are not registered in our Flocknote system. You do not have to be a member of our parish to play, all are welcome!

The cost is \$20 per person. Players must be 16 years of age or older. You can register an entire team, or a partial team and allow others to fill up the remaining spots. This is an alcohol free event.

## A Warm Embrace for Your Grief Journey

If you are carrying the weight of loss and are looking for support as you navigate your grief, we invite you to join us for *Grieving with Great Hope*, a five-week grief support series. This series is designed to offer a prayerful, practical, and personal approach to those mourning the death of a loved one. Whether you're grieving the loss of a spouse, child, parent, grandchild, friend, or family member, we warmly welcome you. Grief is unique to each person, and there is no "right" or "wrong" way to cry or to heal. Whether your loss is recent, or you've been grieving for some time, we want to walk with you in your journey toward comfort and healing.

Sessions will be on Saturdays from 10 am to noon in the church, on March 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5<sup>th</sup>. The program includes video-based reflections through Formed and will provide an opportunity to experience peace and renewal in faith.



Registration forms can be found in the parish center and office. For more details, please contact Deacon Stan at (319) 533-0425 or call the parish office. We are here for you.



## J23 Potluck Reminder

Join us this Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at noon for our monthly Potluck. St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day are both in March so why not celebrate them early by wearing red or green, which one will you wear?

## From the Archdiocese

### Poster Contest - Caring for Creation

As a way to celebrate Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Archdiocese of Dubuque is having a poster contest for children ages K - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade!! Help your children to appreciate the beauty of God's creation and the importance of Church teaching on caring for the earth by participating in the contest. The theme is "You Have the Power to Care for the Earth."

Prizes will be awarded in two categories (K-Grade 1 and Grades 2-3). The contest opens on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, submissions are due by April 4<sup>th</sup>. Contest rules and additional information is available at the Archdiocesan "Care for Creation" webpage at <https://dbqarch.org/care-for-creation>.



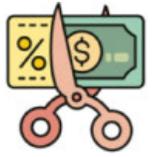
### Youth Conference for Middle & High School

Iowa Catholic Youth Conference (ICYC.) One weekend, Two Big Events! Both events are held at St. Ludmila Church, 211 21<sup>st</sup> Ave SW, Cedar Rapids.

- **EPIC** - Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 6-9 pm. This is a opportunity for high school teens.. Hear nationally-known musician Connor Flanagan, (Hip Hop artist), and grow deeper in their faith. Cost will be \$25 per person and will include a pizza supper! This is a great event for youth groups, and as a follow-up for recently Confirmed teens.
- **ICYC** - (grades 6-8) will take place on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm. It will also feature Hip Hop artist Connor Flanagan. Parents are also encouraged and welcome to attend. Cost is \$50 per person until March 1<sup>st</sup>, and includes speaker, lunch and materials. For more information or to register go to [dbqarch.org/icyc-ms](http://dbqarch.org/icyc-ms).

## Working on Your Taxes?

Look at line 22 on your Iowa return. That is the amount of taxes you owe and in many cases, have paid the state of Iowa. Now, imagine getting all or most of what you will pay the state in 2025 taxes back and allowing *Our Faith STO* to utilize those funds to help families afford Catholic education. The state of Iowa provides 75% Iowa tax credits for donors to the STO. For more information call Steve Kane at (563) 552-0297, or visit [www.ourfaithsto.org/donate-now](http://www.ourfaithsto.org/donate-now) to learn more.



## Other Events

- Archdiocese Men's Conference: Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 3:30 pm at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 4949 Council St. NE, Cedar Rapids. Register by March 16<sup>th</sup> to get the Early Bird discount at [archmensconference.org](http://archmensconference.org).
- St. Patrick's Fish Fry every Friday during Lent from 5 - 7:30 pm. Call ahead (limited), dine in or drive through. Visit [www.st.patrick'scr.org/fish-fry](http://www.st.patrick'scr.org/fish-fry) to learn more or call (319) 362-7966.
- St. Paul Catholic Church in Newhall, Annual Ham Dinner on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11 am - 12:30 pm. You can dine-in, pick-up or drive-thru. Adult meal is \$15, children ages 6-12, \$5, ages five and under are free. To pre-order, call (319) 223-5577.
- Catholic Daughters of America is celebrating the Jubilee Year as Women of Hope and invite you to our Spring Welcome Brunch on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 - 11 am, 4949 Council St. NE, Cedar Rapids. Speaker and author Pat Martin will speak about an "Accidental tourist in the Czech Culture".
- St. John the Baptist in Mt. Vernon will be hosting a Lenten Parish Mission on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 7:45 pm each night. Presenter Deacon Allen Tatara will speak on "Recharging your Spiritual Batteries." through scripture, stories, humor and song. This mission can help revive your faith.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**March 1 - Weekday**

4 pm Audrey Nuti

**Sunday, March 2 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8 am All Parishioners

10 am John Baner

**Monday, March 3 - St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin**

8 am Terry Schmucker

**Tuesday, March 4 - Saint Casimir**

No Mass

**Wednesday, March 5 - Ash Wednesday**

8 am Fr. Philip Recker

5:30 pm Emmett & Peg Cahill

**Thursday, March 6 - Thursday After Ash Wednesday**

No Mass

**Friday, March 7 - Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs**

12:15 pm Dick Harover

**Saturday, March 8 - St. John of God, Religious**

4 pm Ken & Pat Chairpar

**Sunday, March 9 - First Sunday of Lent**

8 am Robert Duvall & James Weber

10 am All Parishioners

## READINGS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 2ND

**Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/

1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

**Monday:** Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27

**Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/

Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13,

14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

**Next Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13,

14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

## ST. JOHN XXIII WEEKLY PLANNER

**Monday, March 3**

7:30 am, Reconciliation

6-7 pm, Exodus 90 Men's Group

**Tuesday, March 4**

6:45-7:30 am & 6-7 pm, Men of Action

8 am-7 pm, Adoration

7-8 pm, Rosary & Benediction

**Wednesday, March 5 (Ash Wednesday)**

7:30 am, Reconciliation

8 am, Mass

9-10:30 am, Cleaning Crew

12:15, Ash Service

10 am, Faith Study Group

5:30 pm, Mass

**Thursday, March 6**

12-1 pm, J23 Potluck

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

5:30-6:30 pm, Liturgy Committee Meeting

6:30-7:30 Holy Hour

**Friday, March 7**

9-10:30 am, Prayer Shawl Group

11:30 am-noon, Reconciliation

5:30-6:30 pm, Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm, Soup Supper

**Saturday, March 8**

10 am-noon, Grieving with Great Hope

3:15-3:45 pm, Reconciliation

5-5:30 pm, Donuts and Fellowship

**Sunday, March 9**

7-7:45 am, Reconciliation

8 am, Children's Liturgy of the Word

9 & 11 am, Donuts and Fellowship

2-4 pm, Baptism Class (pending sign ups)

4-5:15 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Religious Education

4-6 pm, Confirmation

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 5 - Ash Wednesday

March 7, through April 11 - Stations of the Cross

March 8 through April 5 - Bereavement Workshop

March 29, Trivia Night

April 5, Euchre Night

May 3 - Confirmation Retreat

May 4 - First Communion

May 11 - Confirmation Mass

**TEAHEN**  
Celebrate Life. Cherish Memories.  
Personalized Funerals | Cremation Services | Prearrangement Plans  
Cedar Rapids (319) 396-2616 | Vinton (319) 472-2233  
www.TeahenFuneralHome.com

**FAIRFAX**  
STATE SAVINGS BANK  
www.thebankhere.com  
FDIC (319) 846-2300

**Prairie Gardens**  
Cooperative  
62+ CAREFREE OWNERSHIP  
Anne @ 319-551-9889  
info@prairiegardenscooperative.com

**MEMORIALS BY MICHEL**  
319-624-9090  
Toll Free 1-866-519-8726  
Mention ad to receive 20% discount

**PERFORMANCE**  
FOODSERVICE 319-396-1300  
4100 44th Ave SW., Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

**INSECT CONTROL SPECIALISTS INC.**  
TERMITE CONTROL FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED SINCE 1948  
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL SERVICE  
TERMITE & PEST CONTROL SERVICE  
PEST CONTROL SUPPLIES 363-1676

**BUTZ INSURANCE AGENCY**  
Auto • Home • Business • Farm  
Life • Senior Health Insurance  
Brian Butz - Agent, Parishioner  
319-846-4515 Walford, IA

**IOWA VALLEY MONUMENT CO.**  
Granite & Bronze Memorials  
362-9911  
2604 Williams Blvd. SW

**Affordable PRO EXTERIORS**  
ROOFING, SIDING, GUTTERS, ETC  
319-899-8000 • affordableproroofing.com

**LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS**  
Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!  
**CONTACT ME Terri Roe**  
Tree@4LPi.com • (800) 950-9952 x5897

**Murdoch**  
FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATION SERVICE  
"How Do You Want To Be Remembered?"  
MARRON - CEDAR RAPIDS - CENTRAL CITY  
CENTER POINT - MANCHESTER - EARLVILLE  
www.murdochfuneralhome.com

**TOMASH FINANCIAL**  
TONY TOMASH, Parishioner  
Financial Advisor  
Tax Preparation Services • Enrolled Agent  
tony@tomashfinancial.com • 319-640-5287  
Advisory services provided through Wealthcare Advisory Partners LLC  
("WCAP") doing business as Tomash Financial. WCAP is a registered investment advisor with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

**4 GUYS SHARP USED CARS**  
319-390-3599 • www.fourguysauto.com  
4705 Johnson Ave. NW • Cedar Rapids, IA 52405

**Marie Schulte, Realtor®**  
Licensed to sell Real Estate in the state of Iowa  
marieschulte@ruhlhomes.com  
319-350-2450  
marieschulte.ruhlhomes.com

**insurance gurus**  
Ed Faber, Parishioner  
3500 F Avenue NW  
319-200-GURU (4878)

**Knights of Columbus**  
Walker J Bormann, CLTC, FIC  
Financial Advisor  
563-219-5800  
walker.bormann@kofc.org  
© Knights of Columbus, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510  
LIFE INSURANCE • DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE • LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE • RETIREMENT ANNUITIES

Serving and Supporting the Catholic Community since 1929  
**CEDAR MEMORIAL**  
www.CedarMemorial.com • 393-8000  
Cremation • Funeral • Cemetery

WE APPRECIATE OUR ADVERTISERS!

**Professional PLUMBING SERVICE, INC.**  
319-846-8185 Fairfax  
www.profplumbing.com

**Black Hawk Memorial**  
Dan Freese: 319-551-7931  
Brenda McGurk: 319-551-7971  
120 Walnut St W • Walford

Jim Cox, DDS  
Nick Westlund, DDS  
**WestdaleDental.PC**  
(319) 396-0700 Accepting New Patients!  
westdaledentalcr.com 4135 Wilson Ave. SW

Independent, Assisted Living & Memory Care  
319-382-5080  
**Stoney Point Senior Living**

**catholicmatch® Iowa**  
CatholicMatch.com/IA

**Divine Mercy Gifts**  
Catholic Gifts for All Occasions  
319-200-4591 divinemercurygiftscr.com  
510 First Ave NW | Cedar Rapids  
Located on the 1st Floor of the St Patrick Catholic Church Rectory

**IF YOU LIVE ALONE**  
As Low As \$19<sup>95</sup>/mo.  
MDMedAlert!™ CALL NOW!  
800.808.9294  
✓ Ambulance/Police  
✓ Family/Friends  
✓ GPS & Fall Alert  
md-medalert.com

**PRAIRIE CREEK DENTAL**  
3555 Stone Creek Circle SW  
319-540-8626  
Dr. Katie Mathis, Parishioner

**The Gardens Of Cedar Rapids**  
Your loved one will feel at home with us!  
Skilled Nursing - Assisted Living  
Long Term Care - Memory Care  
5710 Dean Road SW, Cedar Rapids  
www.TheGardensCR.com  
(319) 930-8768

**HyVee**  
Floral Pharmacy & Groceries  
1843 Johnson Ave. NW, Cedar Rapids • 319.365.0477

**HOUSE OF CARPETS**  
COMPLETE FLOORING CENTER  
House of Carpets  
2712 First Ave NE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402  
319-363-1734  
Don't forget to use Scrip!