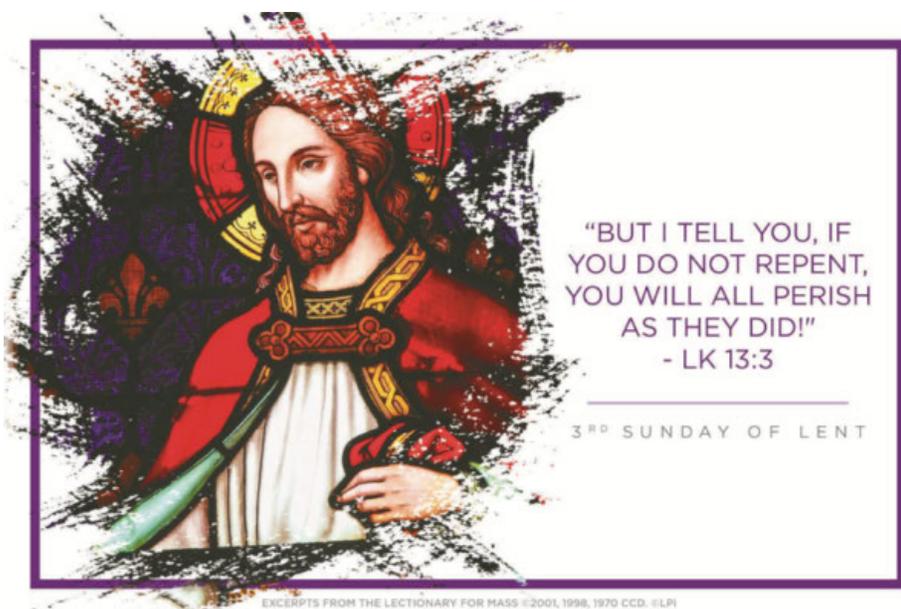




March 23, 2025 | Third Sunday of Lent



Mass Times

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

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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

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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

MARRIAGE

Contact the pastor eight months before your wedding.

Mission Statement

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



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I know we're in Lent, but I thought it would nice to have a bulletin article chock full of happy news. As was announced at the Masses last weekend, it is very much my pleasure to be assigned to Saint John XXIII as pastor! Technically, that six - year assignment doesn't begin until July, so it is as if I get to revel in an extra six months. When I first arrived, it was on a temporary basis, yet people were very gracious and welcoming. It was just as encouraging to receive an enthusiastic response at the announcement of my continued placement.



As a parish, we need to be grateful to Archbishop Zinkula that this is a "one priest for one parish" assignment (at least for now!) Such assignments are increasingly precious.

I'm personally excited for the privilege, as this is my first assignment in eight years where my ministry wasn't split half time. The Archbishop sees that there are important things to focus on here. Of course, there is the building project that we need to set our sights on. Also, with the growing demographics of Fairfax and SW Cedar Rapids, there are opportunities for growth and evangelization.

I mentioned it was a little bittersweet that I am leaving campus ministry at Mount Mercy, but then I was heartened to know that many here have met my successor, Fr. Polycarp, and had a lot of wonderful things to say. Fr. Polycarp is Fr. Richmond's cousin; he stayed here for a few weeks and helped while Fr. Richmond was in Ghana. He is working on a graduate degree at MMU, and will be offering sacramental and chaplaincy support.

Finally, with all this good news, I have one thing more to add! We are hosting a seminarian for the summer. Matt Smith is in formation to be a priest for the Archdiocese of Dubuque, studying at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, IL. His principal assignment is to be in the Mercy Hospital pastoral care and will be attending a program called CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) as part of his Master of Divinity program. However, when he isn't busy with that, he is to participate in the life of the parish.



There seems to be a generous spirit at this parish, and I'm reminded of the passage from Luke's Gospel (Lk 6:38): *"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."*

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Greg



Weekly Shared Treasure
March 15-16, 2025

Envelopes & Online Contributions	\$6,922.00
Offertory & Visitor	\$696.75
Total	\$7,618.75

KC Dollar for Scholars Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus will be selling breakfast burritos for \$7 after Masses on April 5 & 6th and at Euchre Night on April 5th. Get them warmed up to eat here or take them to go. (They freeze well too!) A pre-sale will be held the weekend of March, 28 - 29th. Supplies are limited, order ahead now to reserve your order.



All proceeds from the sale will support the KC's Dollars for Scholars program. If you know a high school senior who attends St. John XXIII parish, please encourage him/her to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship for college or vocational school!

Are Your Meatless Fridays Boring?

Abstaining from meat on Fridays can get mundane if you are a meat lover. It can be challenging to find nutritious and flavorful meals besides the traditional ones we know of, like fish, but it doesn't have to be.

The Catholic Relief Services website provides you with a variety of delicious and nutritious meatless meal options from around the world. Visit <https://www.csricebowl.org/recipe>. Consider give the money you save from not eating meat to the CRS Ricebowl Collection to help feed those in need.

Youth Ministry News and Reminders

- Thank you for your lasagna orders! Remember to pick them up this weekend after each Mass. They are made, ready to bake or freeze!
- Also, remember to dine with us next Saturday March 29th at 5 pm, before Trivia. Maidrites, chips and dessert is on the menu. All are welcome even if you are not staying for Trivia!

Please stay and support our youth!

All proceeds will fund the youth going to Catholic Heart Workcamp this summer in Memphis, TN. Thank you for supporting our service project through CHWC!

Devotions Explained - Stations of the Cross



Since the earliest days of the church, Christians have meditated upon Christ's passion and death. Over the centuries, the Stations of the Cross was popularized as a devotional means to experience the places and moments central to the story of Holy Week.

Throughout history the number of stations has varied, with different traditions focusing on different events. In the 18th century, the number was officially fixed at 14 by Pope Clement XII. These stations are taken from the Gospel accounts of Christ's passion and death, though there are several which are derived from tradition and apocryphal sources.

I Station: *Jesus is condemned to death*

II Station: *Jesus carries His cross*

III Station: *Jesus falls the first time*

IV Station: *Jesus meets his afflicted mother.*

V Station: *Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry His cross*

VI Station: *Veronica wipes the face of Jesus*

VII Station: *Jesus fall the second time.*

VIII Station: *Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem*

IX Station: *Jesus Falls a third time.*

X Station: *Jesus is stripped of his garments.*

XI Station: *Jesus is nailed to the Cross*

XII Station: *Jesus dies on the Cross*

XIII Station: *The body of Jesus is taken down from the Cross*

XIV Station: *Jesus is laid in the tomb.*

Join us every Friday at 5:30 pm during Lent as we pray and walk with Jesus to Calvary. Stay for a warm soup supper and fellowship. (No soup supper on Friday, April 5th.) You may also pray these at home with your family.

Date Change for Youth Group



Youth Group has been moved to March 30th. Anyone in 8th grade and up is invited. Bring a friend, all are welcome! We will be enjoying dinner together, praying the rosary and having a nerf war.

From the Archdiocese

Event Reminders

- Registration is still open for the EPIC High School Event, (March 29th, and the ICYC Middle School event, (March 30th). Both events are held at St. Ludmilla, Cedar Rapids and featuring Connor Flanagan, Catholic Hip Hop Artist. Registration and information can be found at <https://dbqarch.org/icyc>.
- It's not too late to register for the Archdiocesan Men's Conference for next Saturday, March 29th. Registration can be found at <https://www.archmensconference.org>.
- Archdiocesan Earth Day Poster Contest for kids ages K-3rd grade. Entries must be submitted by April 1st. Contest rules and additional information can be found on the Archdiocesan "Care for Creation" webpage: <https://dbqarch.org/care-for-creation>.

CRS -Story of Hope - Week Three

Catholic Relief Services tells a story of hope each week during lent to raise awareness on how people are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition with their help.

In Santa Maria Chiquimula, Guatemala, over half the community is affected by malnutrition. Amid rising food prices and job loss, Ana Belén and her husband were struggling to provide for their growing family. But they saw a ray of hope through their participation in a CRS' program that helps them ensure their children are healthy and have the nutrition they need to thrive and play. Visit csrricebowl.org/week-3, to read this week's Story of Hope.

Stewardship Quotes

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

Provide Health Care for Those in Need

His Hands Free Clinic is excited to host Movie Night at Marcus Theaters on Thursday, April 3rd at 6 pm, featuring The Chosen: Season 5, Part II and several other current releases.

The Chosen will start at 7 pm.

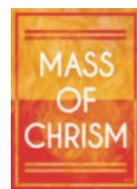
Movie ticket is \$15. Movie tickets for the Chosen are *valid only on April 3rd*. Movie tickets only for other current releases (not The Chosen) are valid anytime. Movie ticket and Concessions prices range from \$30 - \$45.

For more information or to purchase tickets, scan the QR code. Concessions and meal tickets must be made by Monday, March 24th.



Funds raised from this event will go directly toward providing medical care for those who are uninsured and underinsured in our community, ensuring they receive the compassionate health-care they need.

Attend the Chrism Mass With Us



Join us for a one day bus trip on April 15th to the Cathedral of St. Raphael in Dubuque to celebrate the Chrism Mass, Blessing of the Oils. We will depart from St. Ludmila Church at 11:30 am and return around 7:30 pm on April 15th.

The cost is not yet verified but will be approximately \$70, which includes bus fare and dinner. If you have questions for would like to reserve a seat, contact Isabelle Miller at (319) 363-8269 or email i.miller@dbqarch.org, RSVP's are due by April 5th.

~Sponsored by the Cedar Rapids Council of Catholic Women.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 22 - *Lenten Weekday*

4 pm All Parishioners

Sunday, March 23 - *Third Sunday of Lent*

8 am Gary & Betty Butz

10 am Kenny Patton

Monday, March 24 - *Lenten Weekday*

8 am Bill & Charlene Stallman

Tuesday, March 25 - *The Annunciation of the Lord*

No Mass

Wednesday, March 26 - *Lenten Weekday*

8 am, Dave, Evalena & Kathleen McNamara

Thursday, March 27 - *Lenten Weekday*

No Mass

Friday, March 28 - *Lenten Weekday*

12:15 pm Ed Crawford

Saturday, March 29 - *Lenten Weekday*

4 pm Fr. Dennis Conway

Sunday, March 30 - *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

8 am Gary Volz

10 am All Parishioners

READINGS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 23

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9 *Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32, *Scrutiny:* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

March 23, 2025 *The Third Sunday of Lent*

ST. JOHN XXIII WEEKLY PLANNER

Monday, March 24

7:30 am, Reconciliation

8:30-10 am, Cleaning Crew

6-7 pm, Exodus 90 Men's Group

Tuesday, March 25

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

8 am-7 pm, Adoration

7-8 pm, Rosary & Benediction

Wednesday, March 26

8:30-9:30, Lenten Prayer Group - Conf. Room

10 am, Faith Study Group

4:45-7:45 pm, Religious Education Grades 3-8

Thursday, March 27

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

6:30-7:30 pm, Holy Hour

Friday, March 28

11:30 am-noon, Reconciliation

5:30-6:15 Stations of the Cross

6:15-7:15 pm, Soup Supper

Saturday, March 29

10 am-noon, Grieving with Great Hope

2:30-3:45 pm, Reconciliation

5-6 pm, Knights of Columbus Burrito Pre-Sale

6-9 pm, Trivia Night

Sunday, March 30

7-7:45 am, Reconciliation

9 & 11 am, Knights of Columbus Burrito Pre-Sale

6-8 pm, Youth Group

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 28, April 4, 11 - Stations of the Cross

March 29 - Trivia Night

April 5 - Euchre Night

May 3 - Confirmation Retreat

May 4 - First Communion

May 11 - Confirmation Mass

June 8 - Catholic Heart Work Camp

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