# St. John Víanney Church

February 4, 2024 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus the Healer

### Catholic Diocese of Peoria Fr. Ghislain Inai, SMA, Pastor Fr. Chris Haake, Parochial Vicar Mass: Sunday 8:00 AM Wednesday 5:30 PM

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Date	Mass Intentions	Given By
Feb 04 8:00 AM Sunday	For: Albert Doubler	By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman
Feb 07 5:30 PM Wednesday	For: Carolyn Ossian	By: The Parish
Feb 11 8:00 AM Sunday	For: Richard Nichols	By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman
Feb 14 5:30 PM Ash Wednesday	For: Orville Ossian	By: The Parish

### Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Lay Ministry Schedule for February 4 - February 14, 2024			
• •	February 04 8:00 AM Bill Taylor & Christian Jackson Larry Lavin		
Wednesday, February 07 5:30 PM Lector & Server Volunteers			
Extra Min:	February 11 8:00 AM Don & Sharon Hulin Chris DeKezel		
Wednesday, February 14 5:30 PM Lector & Server Volunteers			
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Feb: Bob Olson & Dwaine VanMeenen			
	COUNTERS		
Feb: Bill Taylor & Leslie Thrasher			

#### Other Weekday Masses:

Woodhull: 8:00 AM Tuesday & Thursday Galva: 8:00 AM Wednesday

#### For Prayer Chain requests contact:

Terri Borkgren: 309-945-2628 or Julie Dwyer: 309-507-1627

Dates to Remember:

Feb 08: Fr. Haake's birthday! Feb 18: Men's Breakfast after Mass Feb 22: A & R Meeting 6:30 PM

### Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

February 14th 8:00 AM - Galva

8:00 AM - Woodhull

5:30 PM - Cambridge

7:00 PM - Kewanee

\*\*\*On Wednesdays during Lent starting Feb 21st there will a 5 PM Mass followed by Stations and a potluck in Cambridge.

### **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Xander Carlson, Donna Dobbels, Tom Montgomery, Ron Swanson, Mary Lou Robinson, Robert Franck & Judy Brockway Skelton. Please



pray for the sick, their loved ones, and caregivers. May they never lose sight of the love of God



ANNOINTING OF THE SICK Before going into the hospital, please call Fr. Ghislain at 309-852-4549. If you are admitted to the hospital or nursing home

prior to Fr. Ghislain anointing you, please tell admittance that you are Catholic. They will arrange for the designated chaplain to anoint you and will notify Fr. Ghislain.

### Wish Fr. Haake Happy Birthday on Feb 8th.

His mailing address is: Fr. Chris Haake 406 W. Central Blvd Kewanee IL 61443



*Many Thanks* go to Missy & Christian Jackson for taking care of the T-shirt project for our parish. They did a great job & their efforts were much appreciated. Let us wear our shirts with pride!

Trivia Question (answer on last page) What was Simon Peter's mother-in-law sick with? a) hemorrhage b) fever c) evil spirits d) plague

### Our Gifts to God

January 21, 2024 Collection: \$1,840.00 Building Fund: \_\_\_670.00 Sunday Total: \$2510.00 January 28, 2024 Collection: \$ 859.00 **Building Fund:** 680.00 Sunday Total: \$1,539.00

#### Men's Breakfast

Sunday, Feb 18th following the 8 AM Mass. All men & boys are invited to attend. Please sign up at the back table by Feb 11th.

### FOOD PANTRY MONTH

February is our church's month to host the Food Pantry distribution on Sun, February 18th. Please place your donations in the tote



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at the back of the church. Cash donations are always welcome.



### 45 Days until Spring!

### **Our New Altar Server**

We are so pleased to welcome our newest altar server, Sully Jackson. Congratulations and God bless you, Sully, for your service to our parish!



**Our Pro-Life Lenten Project** During Lent this year our parish will once again be collecting baby items for the Women's Pregnancy Center. More details to come!



### Lenten Preparation Praver

Compassionate and powerful God, teach us to rely upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we prepare to enter this Lenten season of prayer, fasting and giving. Make us more aware of ways we can draw closer to you. Fill us with your grace, that we might be prepared and strengthened to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Amen

## Make Me Humble, Lord

Our readings today remind us that Christ came to serve. The world often encourages us to look inward — for ways that someone or something can better serve us. Countering this typical mindset, Jesus' entire life was focused on others. He came to fulfill His Father's mission — the salvation of mankind. He labored for this mission by becoming the humblest of servants. This is made evident in our Gospel today. Let us recall that as disciples of Christ, we are called to be imitators — to labor for our Father's mission by becoming humble servants.

Healing people was a central part of Jesus' ministry. In today's Gospel, He heals Simon's mother-in-law from a fever, in addition to those who are diseased and possessed. Jesus was becoming well known from these miracles as Simon says to Jesus, "Everyone is looking for you." Jesus did deserve all glory and honor — yet, He did not seek after the praise. Rather, He responded by saying, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also." Jesus was already looking to whom He could serve next. As Christian stewards, we too are called to be humble servants who labor for our Father's mission. We should strive to imitate Christ — the Perfect Steward — Who was constantly aware of the needs of those around Him and put His gifts to good use. For us, this begins right here in our home, parish, and community. It doesn't need to be complex, but rather, very simple — to live each moment in awareness of our Father's mission and in gratitude for all He has given us. When we intentionally live each moment for Christ, even the ordinary moments are made significant.

In our Second Reading, St. Paul exemplifies becoming a humble servant for Christ. He says, "I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak... All this I do for the sake of the gospel." He, like Christ, handed his life over to God in service to the salvation of mankind. He has become an imitator of Christ. And he tells the people of Corinth, "If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast." This mission has been entrusted to him and it is by God that it is made possible.

And how might we live in awareness of our Father's mission? Jesus tells us that the way to be attentive is through prayer. Before Jesus made the decision to "go on to the nearby villages" so that He might preach there too, He first "went off to a deserted place, where he prayed." It is through prayer that Jesus could hear what His Father was asking of Him so that He could perfectly accomplish His will. We, too, are called to spend time in daily prayer — we will then become aware of the opportunities to serve the Lord. We will also recognize that it is He Who gives us the strength as a steward — therefore, He should receive every ounce of gratitude.

Let us commit to finding some quiet time this week to pray. Let us ask the Lord — how can I serve You better throughout my days? How can I make more time for You so that I may better know your plans for me? And let us pray, "Make me humble, Lord." www.TheCatholicSteward.com