

St. John Vianney Church

February 12, 2023
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.”

Matthew 5:17

This week's Gospel is found in the book of Matthew 5:17-37

Catholic Diocese of Peoria

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Mass: Sunday 8:00 AM All Are Welcome

Reconciliation: 7:30 AM to 7:50 AM

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Date	Mass Intentions	Given By
Feb 12 8:00 AM	For: Orville Ossian For:	By: Carolyn Ossian By:
Feb 19 8:00 AM	For: Maxine Swanson For: Fred DeSplinter	By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman By: Theresa DeSplinter & Family
Feb 22 5:00 PM Ash Wednesday	For: Carolyn Ossian For:	By: George & Mary Bowman By:
Feb 26 8:00 AM	For: Maxine Swanson For:	By: Les & Sharon Matson By:

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Lay Ministry Schedule for February 12 - 26, 2023	
Feb 12 8:00 AM Extra Min: Chris DeKezel & Mary Kay Newman Lector: Lorrie Stiles	
Feb 19 8:00 AM Extra Min: Don & Sharon Hulin Lector: Trent Taber	
Feb 22 5:00 PM Ash Wednesday Extra Min: Joe Borkgren & Barb Montgomery Lector: Bill Taylor	
Feb 26 8:00 AM Extra Min: Brian & Julie Dwyer Lector: Larry Lavin	
USHERS	
Feb: George Bowman & Mark Skelton Mar: Brian Boberg & Dale Stiles	
COUNTERS	
Feb: Bill Taylor & Richard Nichols Mar: Joe Borkgren & Ron Koenigs	
<i>Week Day Masses:</i> 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 12: Coffee Hour after Mass
Feb 14: Happy St. Valentine's Day!
Feb 22: Ash Wednesday Mass 5 pm
Feb 23: A&R Meeting 7pm
Feb 26: Men's Breakfast after Mass

Our Mission Statement

St. John Vianney Parish's mission is to share the Word of God and to live His message of faith, love and forgiveness.

Our Vision Statement

We welcome all to share their time, talent and treasures to provide a deep and abiding understanding of God's Word.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

8:00 AM- Galva Mass & Ashes
5:00 PM- **Cambridge** Mass & Ashes
5:00 PM- Galva Distribution/Ashes
7:00 PM- Woodhull Mass & Ashes



Stations of the Cross

Beginning March 1st Stations of the Cross will be offered on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. A meal will follow in the church hall. Please join us for prayer, food & fellowship.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Xander Carlson, Donna Dobbels, Jim Dobbels, Tom Montgomery, Ryan Thrasher, Rose Mary Franck, & Mary Lou Robinson. Please pray for the sick, their loved ones, and caregivers. May they never lose sight of the love of God.

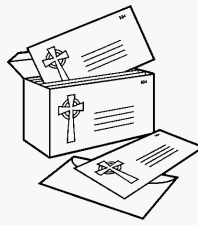


ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Before going into the hospital, please call Fr. John Zilimu at 309-852-4549 Ext 106. If you are admitted to the hospital or nursing home prior to Fr. John anointing you, please tell admittance that you are Catholic. They will arrange for the designated chaplain to anoint you and will notify Fr. John.

Trivia Question (answer on last page)

How many books in the bible did Paul write addressed to the church in Corinth?
a) none b) 1 c) 2 d) 3



Last Week's Gifts to God

\$1,265.00 Sunday Total
\$720.00 Building Fund is included in the above amount.

BUILDING FUND: To make a donation towards the upcoming project to repair or replace the parking lot, please mark your weekly envelope "Building Fund".

Coffee Hour Today after 8 AM Mass
Come join us in the church hall for food and fellowship.



Attention all Men Young and Older! MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 26th after Mass
Program presented by *Trent Taber*
"50 Ways to Make Your Old Ag Teacher Proud"
Sign up sheet on table at back of church.
Please sign up by Sunday, February 19th.

Catholic Post- Time to renew or subscribe. Our award winning diocesan newspaper is a valuable resource for Catholic living and unity across 26 counties. We strongly encourage support and readership by all of our parishioners. Current subscribers will receive a notice in the mail. Envelopes are available at the doors for new subscribers. Cost is \$30 per year. Please make all checks payable to the **Diocese of Peoria**.

Our Pro-Life Lenten Project

During Lent this year our parish will be collecting baby layette items for Pregnancy Resources in Moline. More details to come!



Prayer For Those We Love

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to thy never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that thou are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen





A Change of Heart

Today's readings challenge us to reflect on the true state of our hearts as it relates to stewardship. Do we think of stewardship as something we take care of once a year, simply a matter of ticking off boxes on a commitment card — or do we choose to embrace it as a spirituality and way of life that allows us to grow in conformity to Christ every day?

Our first reading, from the book of Sirach, teaches that our good God has given us freedom to make this choice: "If you choose you can keep the commandments." "Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him. "What great dignity the Father bestows on us that He does not force us to commit to Him — rather He allows us the freedom to choose Him, even though He emphatically does not want us to reject Him through selfishness and sin. (We read at the end of this passage, "No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin.")

Our second reading, from Corinthians, reminds us of the great joy that will be ours if we do choose to commit to God by the way we live our lives. "Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard... what God has prepared for those who love him." Our Heavenly Father is more eager than we can comprehend to fill us with His grace and blessings. But we must choose Him. How do we do this? By keeping His commandments as our first reading instructs — by putting the teachings of our Lord and the Church into practice every day,

The concept of stewardship helps us to live out the fundamental choice to put God first. Stewardship is not meant to be a mere external exercise in which we participate on an occasional basis. It is meant to be embraced as a way of life, a life that involves a continuous conversion of heart.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus illustrates the difference between an external observance of the law and a true conversion of heart. He says to His disciples, "Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." The scribes and Pharisees were the spiritual heavyweights of their day. They checked all the boxes when it came to the proper exercise of the religious practices required of them. Yet our Lord says it wasn't enough. Why? They did not allow those practices to penetrate their hearts and change them internally. Jesus explains with a further illustration saying, "You have heard that it was said... you shall not kill... But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment."

Our Lord is asking us not only for exterior acts, but for a true change of heart. In stewardship terms that means seeing everything as a gift from Him, to be used for His glory and the good of others. In the week ahead let us examine the state of our hearts to ask ourselves if we have chosen to allow stewardship to become a way of life for us. Only then we will experience its true depth and heart-changing possibilities. The choice is ours.

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