

St. John Vianney Church

February 19, 2023

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



This week's Gospel is found in the book of Matthew 5:38-48

Catholic Diocese of Peoria

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Date	Mass Intentions	Given 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:
Mar 05 8:00 AM	For: Les & Helen Causemaker For: Jeff Nichols	By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman By: Richard Nichols

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Lay Ministry Schedule for February 19-March 12, 2023	
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
Mar 05 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Leonard Boelens & Larry Lavin Lector: Chris DeKezel
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 22: Ash Wednesday Mass 5 pm
Feb 23: A&R Meeting 7pm
Feb 26: Men's Breakfast after Mass

Ash Wednesday Schedule Feb 22

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.



Lenten Devotionals

are available at the entrances.
Every parishioner is invited to take one home for daily reflection and prayers.



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.

A Big Thank You goes to the February A & R Committee for hosting the Coffee Hour last Sunday. The food and fellowship was enjoyed by all.



Trivia Question (answer on last page)

According to the Conference of Bishops, what is the age range for those who should fast on Ash Wednesday? a) 18-59 b) 17-54 c) 16-46 d) 14-95



Last Week's Gifts to God

\$2,169.00 Sunday Total
\$1,165.00 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".

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 today.



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Confirmation Retreat

Jack Gibson and Karter Hays will be attending a Confirmation Retreat on Sat, February 25th. Please ask the Holy Spirit to guide them as they continue on their journey to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.



Ash Wednesday Prayer

Remind me, God, of the dust from which I came and unto which I shall return. Let me treasure every breath and every moment You have given me. Help me live fully each day as if it were my last. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit, confident I shall one day see You face to face. Amen

Love Your Enemies



Aim High!

“So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Talk about a high bar! This verse, at the end of today’s Gospel passage from Matthew, sets the tone for all the readings this week. In embracing stewardship as a way of life, we have a custom-made plan that, with a big dose of God’s grace, will move us towards the holiness of life to

which Christ is calling us in this verse.

Our first reading, from Leviticus, lays out this theme immediately, as God instructs Moses to tell the whole community to, “Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.” The call to holiness is for everyone because every one of us is made in the image and likeness of an all-holy God. This call should therefore not seem strange or unattainable — on the contrary, it is a call to become our truest selves. And even in this ancient passage, we find practical instruction in how to begin to attain holiness: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.”

The first few verses of our second reading from Corinthians give a further reminder as to why we must live holy lives with this thought-provoking question, “Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” What great dignity we have as God’s own dwelling place. And what encouragement this should bring us — the call to holiness is possible because we have the Holy Spirit dwelling right within us! The following verses from this passage show us that a life of holiness will not make sense in worldly terms, however. “If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God.” The stewardship way of life, giving away the best of our time, our talents, and our treasure to God for His glory and for the sake of others, is the path to holiness. Yet, it appears utterly foolish in the eyes of many.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, our Lord takes this “foolish” concept even further with these illustrations of how we should give of ourselves and our things: “When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles.” And further still: “love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” Jesus teaches that this is the kind of action and attitude that will make us “children of [our] Heavenly Father.” This is the high bar of holiness to which our Lord is calling us.

If your lifestyle and your priorities look a little foolish to the world around you, know that you’re probably doing it right in God’s eyes. At the same time, you will be filled with a peace that the world around you desperately needs. And your stewardship way of life may just draw those around you to the heavenly Father and a life of holiness, too. So, with God’s grace and the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, we can confidently press on in the stewardship way of life, aiming to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. Our all-holy God desires it and deserves nothing less.

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