

St. John Vianney Church

July 2, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**"WHOEVER DOES NOT TAKE UP THEIR CROSS
AND FOLLOW ME IS NOT WORTHY OF ME."**

Matthew 10:38



*"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for
my sake will find it." Matthew 10:39*

Catholic Diocese of Peoria

Fr. Ghislain Inai, SMA, Pastor

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Mass: Sunday 8:00 AM All Are Welcome

Reconciliation: 7:30 AM to 7:50 AM

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St John, The Apostle

Mass Sunday 5:00 PM

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Date	Mass Intentions	Given By
Jul 02 8:00 AM	For: Elwyn Borkgren For: Marvin Hall For: Ed Galle	By: Randy & Terri Borkgren By: Maurice & Darlene DeSutter By: The Hickenbottom Family
Jul 09 8:00 AM	For: The Leslie Hunt Family For: Marv & Florance Newman	By: Carolyn Ossian By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman
Jul 16 8:00 AM	For: Maxine Swanson For: Judith Lee Schehl For: Maurice Franck	By: Mark & Karen DeDecker By: William Schehl Family By: The Franck Family
Jul 23 8:00 AM	For: Carolyn Ossian For: Verna Hall	By: Leonard & Judy Boelens By: Maurice & Darlene DeSutter

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Lay Ministry Schedule for July 2 - July 23, 2023	
Jul 02 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Bill Taylor Lector: Ron Koenigs
Jul 09 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Chris DeKezel & Mary Kay Newman Lector: Lorrie Stiles
Jul 16 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Don & Sharon Hulin Lector: Trent Taber
Jul 23 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Joe Borkgren & Barb Montgomery Lector: Larry Lavin
USHERS	
Jul:	Clyde Maertens & Randy Borkgren
Aug:	George Bowman & Mark Skelton
COUNTERS	
Jul:	Bill Taylor & Leslie Thrasher
Aug:	Clyde & Kay Maertens
<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:

July 04: Have a safe and Happy 4th of July!

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.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Xander Carlson, Donna Dobbels, Rose Mary Franck, Tom Montgomery, Mary Lou Robinson, and 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 309-334-2180. 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.



Diocesan 25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

If you are celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage in 2023, please sign the form at the back of the church by July 23rd. Each couple will receive a personal invitation this summer from the Bishop to attend a Mass on September 10th at 3:30 pm in your honor.

Happy Anniversary!

Did You Know?

Fr. Ghislain was born October 8, 1973 and ordained June 26, 2004.

Fr. Haake was born February 8, 1968 and ordained May 24, 1997.



Trivia Question (answer on last page)

Which gospel was written by a tax collector?

a) Matthew b) Mark c) Luke d) John



Last Week's Gifts to God

\$1,313.00 Sunday Total
\$695.00 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".

Freedom Prayer



Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the gift and blessing of the freedom we enjoy in our great nation. We praise you, Lord, for inspiring and guiding our founding fathers as they struggled to build our country and create a new way of life with the goal of freedom and justice for all. We thank you, Lord, for the courageous self-sacrifice and generous spirit of countless people who have given their life in the defense of freedom and for the pursuit of justice. Bless our country, as we praise you, our Source of freedom, the One in whom we place our trust. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

God Bless America!

Food for Thought:

If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

Prayer to Follow Jesus

Gentle Jesus, compassionate and caring Good Shepherd, help me to follow You faithfully. Strengthen me daily with Your love, and guide me along life's paths. Keep me free from every evil, protect me from sickness and danger, and lead me to serve You with all my mind and heart and soul. Bless me each day with peace of mind and heart. May I experience Your saving power in my daily life, as I await the fullness of life and joy with You forever. Amen.



Losing Our Lives

Today's readings take us back to some basics of stewardship living. The First Reading shows us the necessity and power of hospitality. The Second Reading reminds us what it is that makes us disciples and Christian stewards in the first place (hint: it's our Baptism). Finally, in today's Gospel, Christ teaches us how to live daily life as His stewards.

Our First Reading, from 2 Kings, tells the story of a woman who showed loving hospitality to a visitor, inviting him to dinner with her family and arranging a room for him in their home so that he would have a comfortable place to stay during his travels through her town. She reached out to the man in a simple and practical manner to make him feel welcome. That is the essence of Christian hospitality. As it turns out, this man was none other than the prophet Elisha. He rewarded her kindness by interceding with God to obtain for her the miracle of a baby boy after long years of infertility.

In our Second Reading, from the Letter to the Romans, St. Paul reminds us of the power of our Baptism and how it is that this sacrament makes us disciples and therefore stewards. He says that through Baptism "into Christ Jesus" we were both buried with Christ and now are alive in Christ. We are literally new creations, marked for all eternity as one of His own. What does that mean for us here and now? St. Paul tells us very clearly: "You too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus." We must live for Christ! Nothing less will do.

Our Lord Himself proclaims this same instruction in a rather shocking way in our Gospel passage from Matthew: "Whoever loves father or mother... son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." And, "Whoever finds his life [by living for oneself] will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." How can an all-loving Lord say such things? Precisely because He is the source of all love — He is love incarnate. We can only love others, and even ourselves truly, if we allow ourselves to be emptied of self-love and filled with God's love.

This is why our Lord tells us we must "lose our lives." Putting ourselves or others — even those dearest to us — above God simply cannot give us the ultimate fulfillment and peace of soul that we all want. Only God can do that. Only loving God first and living for Christ — "losing our life" — can do that. But how do we know if we love God more than "father or mother or son or daughter"? Jesus tells us in the next verses. And the fascinating genius of it all is that it is precisely through loving actions towards others, loving them as if they were Christ, that we demonstrate our love for Christ! "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple... he will surely not lose his reward."

So, we have come full circle to the importance of hospitality, and to putting God first in our lives because we have become disciples of Christ through our Baptism. We put God first by serving others as if we were serving Christ Himself, thus losing a self-centered life and finding our true fulfillment.

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