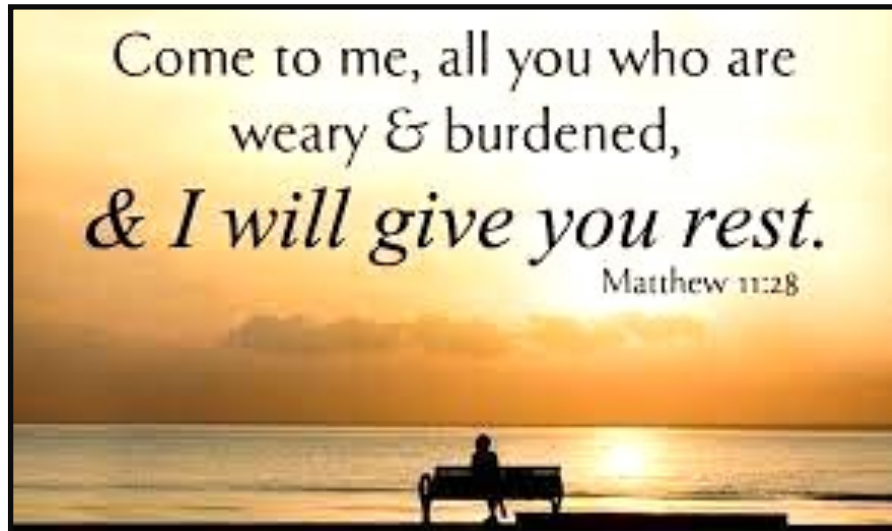


St. John Vianney Church

July 9, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



This week's Gospel is found in the book of Matthew 11:25-30

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
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
Jul 30 8:00 AM	For: Richard Nichols For: Jeff Nichols For: Jim Dobbels	By: Calvin & Betty Minter By: RuthAnn Nichols By: Theresa DeSplinter

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Lay Ministry Schedule for July 9 - July 30, 2023	
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
Jul 30 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Brian & Julie Dwyer Lector: Chris DeKezel
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:

Jul 11: Council & Finance Meeting 7 PM
Jul 27: Blood Drive in hall 2 to 6 PM

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 their honor.

Happy Anniversary!

Meet the Lord each morning. Find time to be with the Lord each day, whether it be for an hour or ten minutes. Have a conversation with the Lord. Give your joys and worries to Him as well. Allow God's love to transform them.

Trivia Question (answer on last page)

St Matthew was also known as:

- a) Solomon b) Alpheus c) Caleb d) Levi



Last Week's Gifts to God

\$2,055.00 Sunday Total
\$755.00 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".



Parish Council and Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 11th at 7 PM in the church hall.

My soul finds rest in God alone. My salvation comes from Him. Psalm 62:1

"True humility is not thinking less of yourself. It's thinking of yourself less."
~ C.S. Lewis ~

Prayer for a Humble Spirit

Father, today we ask for Your help to walk humbly with our brothers and sisters. It is all too easy for us to fall prey to our flesh and to walk in arrogance, but pride causes division and we desire peace. Lord, help us to humble ourselves in order that we do not let the lies of the enemy overtake us, rather, help us to count ourselves as equals with one another. It is then that we will stop attempting to be better than others, and we can love their hearts for the unique person You made them to be. Help us to value one another in this humble spirit so that we may live to the fullest.
In Jesus name, Amen

Be Humble and Find Rest

The theme of humility is central to our readings today. God Himself is a humble God, so if we wish to follow Him as Christian stewards, we too, must be humble. In fact, humility is key to the stewardship way of life, and to a peaceful and fulfilling life.

Our first reading from Zechariah foretells the unexpected way in which the Lord, the Savior of the world, will arrive. "See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek and riding on an ass... and he shall proclaim peace to the nations." It is almost unfathomable that our almighty, all-powerful God would humble Himself to live among us as one of our own, let alone to contemplate the unassuming way in which He arrived — born as a helpless baby, growing up under the care of human parents and finally making his entrance as savior on a lowly colt. Christ has given us a clear and compelling model of humility. We dare not pursue any other path for ourselves if we wish to follow Him. But this kind of humility goes against our natural, worldly bent which says we must insist on having our own way, assert our rights at all costs, and put ourselves first so as to get ahead. How can we live the radical way Christ is calling us to live?

As St. Paul tells us in the letter to the Romans, our second reading today, "Brothers and sisters: You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit." Because of the gifts of our Baptism and Confirmation, we have a "superpower" right within us — the Holy Spirit — Who gives us every spiritual gift and all the strength we need to follow Christ. We must awaken to the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, leaning into Him to increase virtue in us, especially this key virtue of humility. Paul reminds us that this is for our own good after all — "For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live."

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus Himself speaks to the Father of the privileged role that humble souls play in God's plan of salvation. "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones." What does it mean to be a "little one"? It means that we acknowledge we don't have it all figured out, but that we are very much in need of a savior. It means we recognize that all we are and all we have been given is a gift from God. It means we embrace the stewardship way of life.

It is not easy, but deep peace and consolation come with this way of life. Jesus offers these warm and encouraging words to entice us to embrace it. "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Let us resolve to follow in the footsteps of our Savior, embracing the humble path of stewardship. It is the path that leads to peace here and now, and ultimately leads us to heaven.

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