

St. John Vianney Church

July 16, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Parable of the Sower

What kind of soil are you?

Catholic Diocese of Peoria

Fr. Ghislain Inai, SMA, Pastor

Fr. Chris Haake, Parochial Vicar

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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Mass Saturday 4 PM | Sunday 10:00 AM

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Date	Mass Intentions	Given By
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
Aug 06 8:00 AM	For: Orville Ossian For: Carolyn Ossian	By: Carolyn Ossian By: William & Rita Taylor

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Lay Ministry Schedule for July 16 - August 6, 2023	
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
Aug 06 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Leonard Boelens & Larry Lavin Lector: Don Hulin
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 24: Fr. Christopher Magesa's birthday
Jul 27: 8 AM Mass for the sick in Woodhull
& Kewanee

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,
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
from the Bishop to attend a Mass on
September 10th at 3:30 pm in their honor.

Mass for the Sick- Starting Thursday,
July 27 and the last Thursday of each
month thereafter the Mass intention at
the 8 AM Mass in Woodhull & Kewanee will
be for the sick. Father will have a prayer
and anointing for all who are ill.

Trivia Question (answer on last page)

In the Parable of the Sower, who do the birds
represent? a) Jesus b) The Pharisees c) Satan
d) the Disciples



Last Week's Gifts to God

\$1,289.00 Sunday Total
\$375.00 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".

ADA Update: Our 2023 Parish Goal is
\$12,998, an increase of \$1,695 over last
year's goal of \$11,303. On Sept 1st the
Diocese will mail out **direct mail**
packets. Your pledge card & donation
will need to be mailed back to the
Diocese. However, on Appeal Sunday,
Sept 10th, there will also be pledge cards
available in the pews.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, July 27, 2023
2 to 6 PM

St John Vianney Church Hall
Contact: Don Hulin 937-2648

**Blessing for Those with Birthdays
and Anniversaries-** Beginning
Sunday, August 13th and the second
Sunday of each month thereafter, Father
will add in a prayer for all those who have
a birthday or anniversary during the
month. He will call them up for a blessing
at the end of Mass.

**The seed is the Word of God . . .
scatter generously.**

Prayer for a Fruitful Harvest

Dear God, strengthen our hearts to
become the rich soil that hears Your
Word, understands it, puts it into practice
and action and finally bears for You
abundant yield in hundred, sixty or
thirty-folds according to Your Holy Will.

Amen.



The Sower, the Seed, and the Soil

Today's readings are filled with analogies for the stewardship way of life, demonstrating the slow and steady, yet powerful effect this lifestyle will have on those who fully embrace it.

In our first reading, from Isaiah, the Father speaks to us of the gentle but unstoppable power of His Word, using the analogy of the Word as "rain and snow" that water the earth, "making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats." He tells us that His Word to us always serves a purpose, always. It gives us life and sustains our very being. Christian stewards must fill themselves with this nourishment every day. When we commit to regular prayer time with God's Word, we can absolutely count on it to take root in us and transform our lives.

The analogy of the fertile and fruitful growth foreshadows a well-known parable our Lord offers in today's Gospel passage from Matthew, the Parable of the Sower. Here, Jesus tells the story of a sower who scatters seed on many different kinds of land. Some of the seeds land on a path where birds carry them off before they even have a chance to take root. Other seeds land on rocky ground with little soil. Those seeds begin to grow but are fragile, having weak roots of little depth. As soon as things begin to heat up, they get scorched and die. Then there are the seeds that land on what would have been fine soil but for the fact that the soil also contains thorns. Those seeds have a fighting chance to put down solid roots, but the thorns choke them just as they are beginning to grow strong. Finally, there are the seeds that land on deep and healthy soil. These seeds produce abundant fruit.

Jesus explains that the "seeds" are all those "who hear the word of the kingdom." Clearly, this Word is meant for everyone, as the sower scatters it far and wide. Yet, few of the seeds land on soil where they can take root and finally flourish. This is where the stewardship way of life comes in. When we give the best of our time, talent and treasure to serve God and others, we create lives filled with that rare "good soil" needed for the Kingdom of God to thrive.

How does this happen? Stewardship living removes the "rocks" of mistrust from our lives as we develop an unshakeable faith that God will always provide for our needs. It clears away the "thorns" of worldly ambition that make us self-centered, fill us with needless anxiety and stifle our focus on God. Stewardship living requires a deep reliance on the Word of God and the sacraments which in turn nourish and fertilize the soil of our lives, making us receptive to God's plans for us and ultimately producing abundant fruit through the way we live each day.

Let us deepen our commitment to this way of life, allowing the Sower to do His work in our lives. The Master Gardner will surely produce miraculous fruits through us.

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