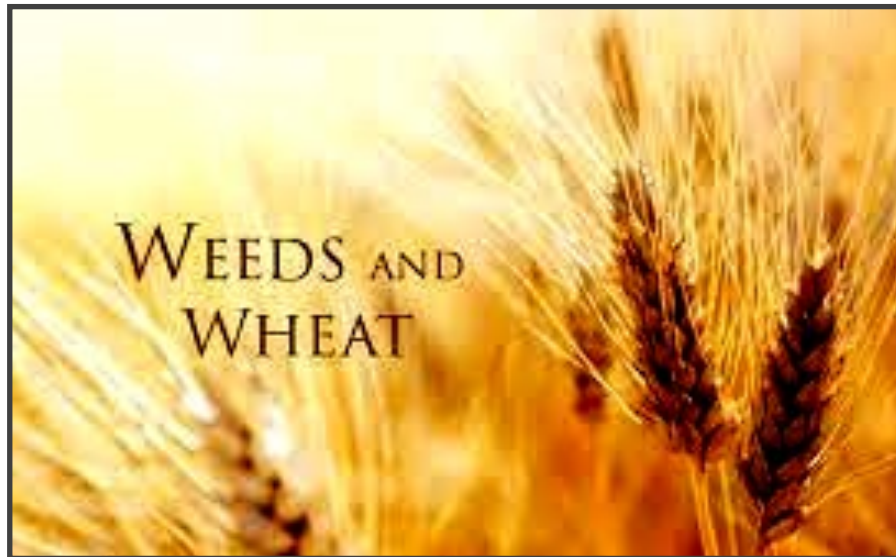


# St. John Vianney Church

July 23, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Let us bear fruit despite the weeds!*

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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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Secretary: Tena Anseeuw

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St John, The Evangelist

Mass Saturday 4 PM | Sunday 10:00 AM

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>Given By</b>
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
<b>Aug 04 5:30 PM</b>	For: Jim Dobbels For:	By: Dave & Chris DeKezel
Aug 06 8:00 AM	For: Orville Ossian For: Carolyn Ossian	By: Carolyn Ossian By: William & Rita Taylor

## *Serving at Our Lord's Altar*

<b>Lay Ministry Schedule for July 23 - August 6, 2023</b>	
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
<b>Aug 04 5:30 PM</b>	<b>Feast of St. John Vianney</b> Extra Min: Chris DeKezel & Bill Taylor Lector: Ron Koenigs
Aug 06 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Leonard Boelens & Larry Lavin Lector: Don Hulin
<b>USHERS</b>	
Jul:	Clyde Maertens & Randy Borkgren
Aug:	George Bowman & Mark Skelton
<b>COUNTERS</b>	
Jul:	Bill Taylor & Leslie Thrasher
Aug:	Clyde & Kay Maertens
<b><i>Week Day Masses:</i></b>	
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 27: 8 AM Mass for the sick in Woodhull & Kewanee  
July 27: Blood Drive in church hall 2-6 pm  
Aug 4: Feast/St John Vianney Mass 5:30PM  
Aug 13: Ice Cream Social 4:30-6:30 PM

## 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.

## Potluck & Welcome Reception

After the August 4th Mass at 5:30 pm, celebrating the feast day of St. John Vianney, join us at the potluck to welcome Fr. Ghislain and Fr. Haake. Get to know them better while sharing a meal!

**CCD Teacher Needed:** We are in need of a 3rd/4th grade CCD teacher. If interested, please contact Terri Borkgren at 945-2628.

**Job Opportunity:** for someone to fill the job of snow removal from our church parking lot. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, contact Dave Dobbels 309-945-7757



**First Baptist Church Pork Chop Luncheon**  
Today 11 to 1 PM! See bulletin boards.

**Trivia Question** (answer on last page)  
In today's parable what does the field represent?  
a) heaven    b) purgatory    c) the world  
d) satan



## Last Week's Gifts to God

**\$1,631.00 Sunday Total**  
*\$785.00 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".



## American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, July 27, 2023  
2 to 6 PM

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

**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, having surgery, or any other pressing health issue.

**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.

## Take heart. . .God Knows

God not only forgives our failures . . . He sees successes where no one else does, not even we ourselves. Only God can give us credit for angry words we did not speak, temptations we resisted, patience and gentleness little noticed or long forgotten by those around us. Such good deeds are never wasted and not forgotten because God gives them a measure of Eternity.

# *Building the Kingdom of God*

Today's readings are filled with lessons both cautionary and consoling for the Christian steward.

Our first reading, from the book of Wisdom, reminds us that our God is just as well as kind, all-powerful as well as merciful. "For you show your might when the perfection of your power is dis-believed... But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency." God is indeed kind and loving, but He is also a just judge, and the day will come when we will have to give an account for what we have done with the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that He entrusted to us during our lifetime. We will be judged by God for the part we played — or did not play — in the building of His kingdom.

We are never alone in this work, however, as we are reminded in our second reading from the letter to the Romans. "The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness... the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groaning." We must turn to the Holy Spirit continuously to guide us in our daily lives as Christian stewards. The Holy Spirit is the source of all wisdom. He will reveal to each of us the unique mission the Father has given us, as individuals and as a parish family, in the building of the kingdom of heaven. And He will give us the strength we need to remain faithful to our mission.

Jesus uses several parables to describe this Kingdom in our Gospel passage from Matthew. First, He compares it to a man who sows wheat in his field, but in the darkness of night an enemy comes and sows weeds in the same field. Both weeds and wheat are permitted to grow and only at the harvest time are they separated, or "judged" — the wheat gathered into the sower's barn and the weeds finally destroyed. So, it will be for each of us at the end of our time on earth. It is a sobering reminder of the justice of God. But Jesus also gives us comfort and hope in this passage. He says the kingdom of heaven is like the small portion of yeast that is mixed in with flour for the making of bread. The yeast makes up an insignificant fraction of the ingredients, yet it is vital to the outcome — without that tiny bit of yeast, the bread simply will not rise. In a similar vein, Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a mustard seed, "the smallest of all the seeds." But when it is full-grown it becomes the largest of all the plants, a sturdy and hardy bush where "birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches."

It is those latter two descriptions that are especially encouraging to the Christian steward. So often, the prayers that we pray, the service we offer, the gifts we give — in comparison to the immense needs around us — can seem laughably small. But, as Jesus makes clear through the images of yeast and the mustard seed, that is not the truth! Far from it. God sees and treasures and "grows" our offerings of time, talent, and treasure in ways we cannot begin to imagine. If we are but faithful stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, the day will come when we "will shine like the sun in the kingdom of [the] Father."

In justice, in gratitude, in love, then, let us remain faithful to the mission entrusted to our care for the building of the kingdom of heaven. [www.TheCatholicSteward.com](http://www.TheCatholicSteward.com)