

St. John Vianney Church

November 5, 2023

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

HE WHO IS GREATEST
AMONG YOU SHALL BE YOUR
SERVANT; WHOEVER EXALTS
HIMSELF WILL BE HUMBLLED,
AND WHOEVER HUMBLLES
HIMSELF WILL BE EXALTED.

Matthew 23: 11-12

Catholic Diocese of Peoria

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Mass: Sunday 8:00 AM Wednesday 5:30 PM

Reconciliation: 7:30 AM to 7:50 AM

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St John, The Apostle

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Mass Saturday 4 PM | Sunday 10:00 AM

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Date	Mass Intentions	Given By
Nov 05 8:00 AM Sunday	For: William Roberson	By: Randy & Ralynn Gallion
Nov 08 5:30 PM Wednesday	For: Richard Nichols	By: Dave & Deb Dobbels
Nov 12 8:00 AM Sunday	For: Ron Doubler	By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman
Nov 15 5:30 PM Wednesday	For: James Carroll, Jr	By: Dwaine & Janice VanMeenen

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Lay Ministry Schedule for November 5 - November 15, 2023		
Sunday	November 05	8:00 AM
Extra Min:	Don & Sharon Hulin	
Lector:	Chris DeKezel	
Wednesday, November 08	5:30 PM	
Lector & Server Volunteers		
Sunday	November 12	8:00 AM
Extra Min:	Bill Taylor & Barb Montgomery	
Lector:	Don Hulin	
Wednesday, November 15	5:30 PM	
Lector & Server Volunteers		
USHERS		
Nov:	Joe Borkgren & Dave DeKezel	
Dec:	Josh Gibson & Christian Jackson	
COUNTERS		
Nov:	Theresa DeSplinter & Mary Kay Newman	
Dec:	Bill Taylor & Leslie Thrasher	

Other Weekday Masses:
 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:

Nov 12: Coffee/Disguised Dessert Auction
Nov 12: Church T-shirt orders due
Nov 15: Youth Mass at 5:30 pm
Nov 16: Blood Drive in church hall 2-6 PM
Nov 18: Eucharistic Minister Training 8 AM
Nov 22: Growing Disciples feedback due
Nov 29: Eucharist Minister Training 6:15PM

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
309-852-4549. 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.

Fr. James' Well Mission

It was voted by the Parish Council &
Finance Committee for our
parish to donate \$2000 to
Fr James' well plumbing project in
Ghana. The money is being used to
erect a well reservoir and install
plumbing work to extend water to the
rectory construction site.



In the Words of Father James

"I wish to express my sincere appreciation
and gratitude to the parishioners of the
St. John Vianney parish for your kind
gesture and great support to our well
mission. Many thanks to your parish and
God bless." ~Fr. James~

Trivia Question (answer on last page)

The Communion of Saints is the communion that
exists among: a) the people on earth
b) the souls in Purgatory c) the saints in heaven
d) all of the above



Our Gifts to God

October 22, 2023

Collection: \$,1270.33
Building Fund: \$ 360.00
Sunday Total: \$1,630.33

October 29, 2023

Collection: \$1,012.00
Building Fund: \$ 420.00
Sunday Total: \$1,432.00

ADA Update as of October 5, 2023

Our goal: \$12,998 Pledged: \$6,315
of Pledges: 27 Received: \$5,415
Pledge cards are available on the back
table.

St. John Vianney T Shirts

There are St. John Vianney
T-shirt order forms available at
the exits of the church. If
you're interested, please grab
one. Our A&R Society is providing these
T-shirts as a gift for all CCD and
Confirmation students, but they are also
available for all parishioners to order.
Order forms and payment are due on or
before Sunday, November 12th. Please see
Missy Jackson with any questions.



Disguised Dessert Auction

Sponsored by our Confirmation Class
Sunday, November 12th at the
Coffee Hour following the 8 AM
Mass. Everyone is invited to bring a
disguised dessert (contents not visible)
and leave in the hall before Mass. Proceeds
from the auction will be used to purchase
food gift certificates for needy Cambridge
families to help with their Thanksgiving
meals.



Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory

*O Lord, who art ever merciful and
bounteous with Thy gifts, look down upon
the suffering souls in purgatory. Cleanse
them of their sins and fulfill their ardent
desires that they may be made worthy to
behold Thee face to face in Thy glory. May
they soon be united with Thee. Amen*

Are We More Like the Pharisees or the Lord?

In many ways being a Christian and being a good steward have everything to do with humility. Jesus is the absolute epitome of humility and today's readings once again emphasize that fact. However, we also must recognize that it is a way of living to which He calls us as well.

Our First Reading is from the Old Testament Book of Malachi. Malachi is the last of the Twelve Minor Prophets in the Bible, and it is thus the final Book of the Old Testament, placed just prior to Matthew. Scholars debate whether the author actually is someone named Malachi, as in Hebrew "Malachi" means "God's messenger" and it may not even be a proper name. The Book of Malachi is among the shorter books in the Bible with just over 1,300 words. To put that in perspective the Book of Genesis contains more than 32,000 words. In this passage God, through Malachi, addresses those who do not sincerely practice their faith. It is interesting to note that at one point in today's readings, Malachi states, "You have turned aside from the way." The "Way" with a capital "W" was what early Christians were called. It stems from Jesus' statement, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Malachi points out to those to whom he was writing that turning aside from the way is an unacceptable and insincere act. Acting in this way is the opposite of humility.

St. Paul understood what it meant to be humble. For him the focus was always on the faith and on Christ, not on any personal glorification. In the Second Reading drawn from his First Letter to the Thessalonians Paul says, "We were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well." This idea of serving, of giving self, is key to living a stewardship way of life. In the Gospel, as we will see, Christ really emphasizes it. Paul makes it clear he was among the Thessalonians to give something to them, not to take something from them. Paul also stresses the love aspect of giving in this way: "...so dearly beloved you had become to us." Paul clearly liked and respected the Thessalonians for many reasons. He points out one particular cause that also has an obvious message for us. Paul says, "And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God." Paul consistently taught that the Word comes from God. For Paul this Word was beyond human opinion. Paul did not have "blind faith." He could see how effective it is with those who hear it and believe it. Paul knew that there was power in the Word of God to change lives.

The Word of God could not be more powerful than it is the Gospel Reading from St. Matthew. As the Lord has been doing throughout our recent Gospel Readings, He takes to task the "scribes and the Pharisees." Jesus points out that it is all right to "do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example." It is the same message that God provides through Malachi in the First Reading. Nevertheless, it is in Jesus' final reminder in this reading that we find the real jewel among His Word. The Lord says, "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Jesus was truly the greatest among them, but He always spoke of Himself and viewed Himself as a servant. The basic issue for us as His followers is, "Are we more like the Pharisees or more like the Lord?" We are called to imitate Him and to pursue His philosophy and style. His kingdom is different. In the Lord's kingdom we are measured by how we serve and honor others, not by how we may be served. Do we always serve and honor others? www.TheCatholicSteward.com