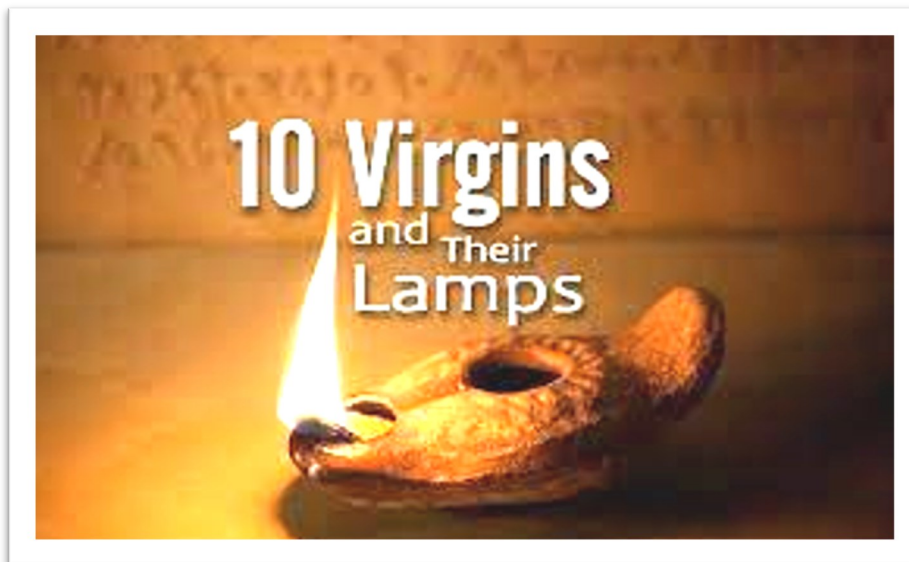


St. John Vianney Church

November 12, 2023

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Here Comes the Bridegroom! Are You Prepared?

Catholic Diocese of Peoria

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Fr. Chris Haake, Parochial Vicar

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

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St John, The Apostle

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Date	Mass Intentions	Given By
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
Nov 19 8:00 AM Sunday	For: Rhea Dwyer For: Jim Dobbels	By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman By: Theresa DeSplinter
Nov 22 5:30 PM Wednesday	For: Orville & Carolyn Ossian	By: The Family

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Lay Ministry Schedule for November 12 - 22, 2023		
Sunday	November 12	8:00 AM
Extra Min:	Bill Taylor & Barb Montgomery	
Lector:	Don Hulin	
Wednesday, November 15	5:30 PM	
Lector & Server Volunteers		
Sunday	November 19	8:00 AM
Extra Min:	Brian & Julie Dwyer	
Lector:	Brian Dwyer	
Wednesday, November 22	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:	Clyde & Kaye Maertens	

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 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: Eucharistic Minister Training 6:15PM

Last Week's Gifts to God



November 5, 2023

Collection: \$ 950.00
Building Fund: \$ 470.00
Sunday Total: \$1,420.00

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.



Come Join us today at the *Disguised Dessert Auction*

Sponsored by our Confirmation Class at the Coffee Hour following the 8 AM Mass. Proceeds from the auction will be used to purchase food gift certificates for needy Cambridge families to help with their Thanksgiving meals.



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.

St. John Vianney T-Shirts

orders are due today. Order forms are available at the exits of the church. 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. Please give Missy Jackson your order forms and payment after Mass or at the Coffee Hour today.



We are so pleased to welcome our newest altar servers, *Susy Mings* and *Nora Gibson*.

Congratulations and God bless you for your service to our parish!

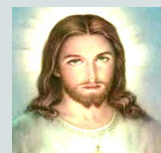
Let us welcome Jeremy, Karen, Susy, and Ali Mings as members of our parish. To us, they have already felt like part of our parish family, but now it is official! We are also very pleased and grateful to have Jeremy as our 3rd & 4th grade CCD teacher.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, November 16, 2023
2 to 6 PM
St John Vianney Church Hall
Contact: Don Hulin 937-2648

Live each day as though Jesus were returning, and one day you'll be right!



Give To Those in Need Humility Homes Holiday Giving

See the bulletin insert for a list of the "Most Needed Items" for the homeless community. Please place your donations in the tote at the back of the church by Dec 3.

Ready or Not?

Saint Augustine said, "Beware of the grace of God that passes and does not return." We need to perceive God's presence in the little things of each day and never let the opportunity to love and serve Him pass us by. Our faith must be ready and watching for Him. If we take Him for granted, or presume that we are already saved, we can miss our chance to be with Him."

Trivia Question (answer on last page)

In the Parable of the Ten Virgins what time did the bridegroom arrive?

a) dusk b) noon c) midnight d) dawn



Wise or Foolish?

Wisdom is a central theme in our readings today. It is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and it is key to living the stewardship way of life in our complex world. As Christian stewards, we should rely on this gift and ask the Holy Spirit to increase it within us.

Our First Reading is taken from the very Book of Wisdom. It instructs, “Taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her (that is, wisdom’s) sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care.”

How does the seeking of wisdom — not worldly wisdom, but the wisdom that comes from the Holy Spirit — “free us from care”? It causes us to rely on God to lead and guide us. This is indeed a freeing way to approach life, removing the pressure from us to have all the answers — because the truth is, we don’t. The world is too complicated and unpredictable. The Christian steward can rest in the power of the Holy Spirit to help us navigate any situation.

No situation is more complex (or painful) than death, a subject that St. Paul takes on in our Second Reading from his letter to the Thessalonians. Paul teaches us to be wise in our attitude towards death — our own and that of our loved ones. He advises that we not be “unaware... about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.”

This is both comforting and sobering. It reminds us that death does not have the final word, because Jesus has conquered even death. But it also calls to mind the inevitability of death. We are wise stewards if we live our lives with this truth in mind, setting priorities that will keep us ready to face our judgment day.

Jesus makes this point very explicitly in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of 10 virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom who will welcome them into the wedding feast. Five of the virgins were foolish and five were wise. The foolish virgins failed to bring oil along with their lamps when they went to meet the bridegroom. The wise ones, however, had prepared and brought sufficient oil to keep their lamps lit when the bridegroom came. The foolish virgins, caught off guard, ran off to buy more oil, but they were too late. The door to the wedding feast was locked to them. Jesus cautions, “Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The stewardship way of life — with its daily and weekly commitments to giving God the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure — is the “oil” that we always keep with us. When we have this plan in place and we rely deeply on the Holy Spirit to guide us through the twists and turns of each day, we are free, we are ready to answer the Bridegroom when He calls us. We live in wisdom.

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