

# St. John Vianney Church

November 19, 2023

*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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Catholic Diocese of Peoria

**Fr. Ghislain Inai, SMA, Pastor**

**Fr. Chris Haake, Parochial Vicar**

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

Reconciliation: Sunday 7:30 AM to 7:50 AM

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St John, The Apostle

Mass Sunday 5:00 PM

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>Given By</b>
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
Nov 26 8:00 AM Sunday	For: Richard Nichols For: Jeff Nichols	By: Dwaine & Janice VanMeenen By: Ruthann Nichols
Nov 29 5:30 PM Wednesday	For: James Sr & Gladys Carroll	By: Dwaine & Janice VanMeenen

## *Serving at Our Lord's Altar*

<b>Lay Ministry Schedule for November 19–November 29, 2023</b>		
Sunday	November 19	8:00 AM
Extra Min:	Brian & Julie Dwyer	
Lector:	Brian Dwyer	
Wednesday, November 22	5:30 PM	
Lector & Server Volunteers		
Sunday	November 26	8:00 AM
Extra Min:	Leonard Boelens & Larry Lavin	
Lector:	Ron Koenigs	
Wednesday, November 22	5:30 PM	
Lector & Server Volunteers		
<b>USHERS</b>		
Nov:	Joe Borkgren & Dave DeKezel	
Dec:	Josh Gibson & Christian Jackson	
<b>COUNTERS</b>		
Nov:	Theresa DeSplinter & Mary Kay Newman	
Dec:	Clyde & Kaye Maertens	
<b><i>Other Weekday Masses:</i></b>		
Woodhull: 8:00 AM Tuesday & Thursday      Galva: 8:00 AM Wednesday		
<b>For Prayer Chain requests contact:</b>		
Terri Borkgren: 309-945-2628 or Julie Dwyer: 309-507-1627		

### Dates to Remember:

Nov 22: Growing Disciples feedback due  
 Nov 29: Eucharistic Minister Training 6:15PM  
 Nov 30: Harvest Mass Woodhull 6:00 PM  
 Dec 02: Christmas on the Square 5-7 PM  
 Dec 06: A&R Christmas Party 6:15 PM



### Last Week's Gifts to God

**November 5, 2023**

Collection: \$1,433.00  
 Building Fund: \$ 415.00  
 Sunday Total: \$1,848.00

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Xander Carlson, Donna Dobbels, Tom Montgomery, Ron Swanson, 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.



**Reminder:** If you have not already done so, please remember to complete and submit your Growing Disciples feedback form. **Deadline is this coming Wednesday, November 22nd.** Please take the time to voice your opinion concerning the proposal for the future of our parish.



### 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.

### Campaign for Human Development

Envelopes are in the pews for this Campaign to help break the cycle of poverty in the United States. **Please make your checks payable to St John Vianney Church.**

*Many thanks* to the November A&R Committee and helpers for preparing and serving the delicious refreshments at the Coffee Hour last Sunday. The food & fellowship was enjoyed by all.

*A Big Thank You* to everyone who donated and/or purchased baked goods at the auction & for the help of the Confirmation students & Dave Dobbels. Bid proceeds totaled the awesome amount of **\$1,650!** God bless your very kind and generous hearts!

**Christmas on the Square**– On Sat, Dec 2nd our church will be serving hot cocoa and cookies in College Square park from 5-7 PM. If interested, please sign up at the back of the church to furnish cookies or to work. Deadline is Nov 26th.

### In Memory of Your Loved Ones

To order a Christmas flower in memory of your loved ones, please use the Christmas flower envelope in your envelope box or at the doors. Please **clearly print** your information. Cost is \$10. Order deadline is Sunday, **Dec 10th.**



### St Johns' A&R Christmas Party

A&R Society ladies in all 3 churches are cordially invited to attend the Christmas party in our church hall on Wed, Dec 6th at 6:15 PM after the 5:30 PM Mass. Please sign up at the back of the church if you are planning to attend. Sign up deadline is Dec 3rd.



### Our Parish Prayer

*Our Father in heaven, in your loving kindness watch always over this parish family of yours. Guide and protect us, please, and keep us united in mutual love and service. May Christ, our Lord, abide in our midst since we are gathered in His name, and may Your Holy Spirit inspire and comfort us always. Amen*

### Trivia Question (answer on last page)

What was a talent worth in today's Gospel?  
 a) 1 day's wage b) 1 week's wage c) 1 year's wage  
 d) multiple years' wage



# *Growing the Kingdom of God*

Today's readings challenge us to live not for the "here and now," but rather with eternity in mind. We are reminded that we will be called one day to give an account for the gifts God has given us — our physical, intellectual and material gifts — as well as the gift of time itself. We must examine our lives to determine whether we are making the best use of our gifts with the time we have been given to use them.

St. Paul gives us a wonderful lens through which to do this type of self-examination, in our Second Reading from 1 Thessalonians. He reminds us of our true identity as disciples of Christ. "All of you are... children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober." We are to live in a way that is counter to the prevailing wisdom, living not for ourselves and for the pleasure of immediate gratification, but rather to advance the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus illustrates this Kingdom-oriented way of living in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of a wealthy man who is about to go on a journey. Before he leaves, the man calls his three servants to "entrust his possessions to them." This should sound familiar. As Christian stewards, we know that all the gifts we have been given are, in truth, the possessions of our Heavenly Father, who has entrusted them to us for our good and His glory.

The master in our parable gives to the care of each servant a portion of his money ("talent") commensurate with that servant's abilities. He then goes off and we learn what those three servants do with the talents they have been given. The first two prove to be good and faithful servants — they "immediately" put the talents to use, doubling what had been entrusted to them. The third servant reacted to this responsibility with fear. He did not make an effort to use the talent entrusted him. In fact, he did the opposite — he hid the master's talent, burying it in the ground. He took the safe way, the easy way out.

What a tragic response!

This servant did not understand his master at all. He failed to see what a privilege he had been given, what an opportunity he had squandered. The master wanted to give all his servants the joy and satisfaction of helping him grow his kingdom. This is what our Heavenly Father wants for us, too — the incredible privilege of helping to advance the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Let us embrace the stewardship way of life, using all the gifts entrusted to us — Time, Talent, and Treasure — in such a way that at the end of our life on this earth, we will hear these words from our Father: "Well done, my good and faithful servant... Come, share your master's joy."  
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