St. John Vianney Church

October 1, 2023 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



This week's Gospel is found in the book of Matthew 21:28-32

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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Date	Mass Intentions	Given By
Oct 01 8:00 AM Sunday	For: Dan Collier	By: Connie Collier
Oct 04 5:30 PM Wednesday	For: Linda Lindburg	By: Roxanne Turner
Oct 08 8:00 AM Sunday	For: Fred & Shirley Floming	By: Connie Collier
Oct 11 5:30 PM Wednesday	For: Orville Ossian	By: The Family

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Lay Ministry Schedule for October 1 - October 11, 2023

Sunday October 01 8:00 AM

Extra Min: Don & Sharon Hulin

Lector: Brian Dwyer

Wednesday, October 04 5:30 PM

Lector & Server Volunteers

Sunday October 08 8:00 AM Extra Min: Joe Borkgren & Barb Montgomery

Lector: Ron Koenigs

Wednesday, October 11 5:30 PM

Lector & Server Volunteers

USHERS

Oct: Bob Olson & Dwaine VanMeenen Nov: Joe Borkgren & Dave DeKezel

COUNTERS

Oct: Brian Boberg & Carol Dobbels

Nov: Theresa DeSplinter & Mary Kay Newman

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:

Oct 08: Fr. G's 50th birthday Oct 15: Coffee hour after Mass

Oct 18: Parish meeting after 5:30 PM Mass

Oct 22: Pennies For Life Collection

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.

To Contact Fr. G or Fr. Haake

at the St. John Paul II Parish Center Phone: 309-852-4549 Ext #106 for Fr. G

Ext #118 for Fr Haake

at Woodhull rectory- Phone: 309-334-2180

New Policy -Per the newly established policy, the new tables purchased by the Altar and Rosary Society will not be loaned out. To preserve the quality of these new tables, they must stay in the hall for our church's use only.

October is Right to Life Month

The Confirmation class will be collecting for **Pennies for Life** after the 8 AM Mass on October 22nd. The students will be at the doors. It is suggested donating an amount equal to your age.

Bids will be taken for 3 children's tables and 11 chairs at the Coffee Hour on October 15th. (formerly used for CCD)

Trivia Question (answer on last page) How many parishes are currently in the Diocese of Peoria? a) 59 b) 78 c) 135 d) 156



Our Gifts to God October 1, 2023

Collection: \$1047.00 Building Fund: 160.00 Sunday Total: \$1,207.00

BUILDING FUND: To make a donation towards the upcoming project to repair or replace the parking lot, please mark your weekly envelope "Building Fund".

Growing Disciples Pastoral Plan Model Available Now! - To see our parish's
2nd draft model with information about which parishes will be joined under one pastor, suggested church usage, etc. go online to: **cdop.org. See bulletin insert.**

Parish Meeting Wed, October 18th All parishes in the Diocese will be having a Parish Meeting to gain feedback from parishioners on the most recent models of parish groupings in the Growing Disciples Pastoral Plan for the Diocese. Your feedback concerning the proposals and understanding of this plan is crucial to its' success and our future as a parish. Please plan to attend your parish meeting on Wednesday, October 18th following our 5:30 PM Mass. Pizza will be served. Please sign up at back table by Oct 15th so we know how much pizza to order.

In Memory of Your Loved Ones

If you would like to have a 7-day votive candle lit in memory of your loved ones at the All Saints Day 5:30 pm Mass on Wed, Nov 1st, please use the envelopes at the doors. The candles will be displayed on the altar and a Mass intention will also be offered for them. Cost is \$10.00 per request. One name per candle. Please plainly fill out the form and place in the collection basket by Sunday, Oct 22nd. All checks to be made payable to: St. John Vianney Church.

Eucharistic Minister Training Days for new, returnees, and current Eucharistic Ministers will be held in the church hall on Saturday, November 18th at 8 AM or Wednesday, November 22nd after the 5:30 PM Mass. Refreshments will be furnished. Plan for approximately one and one half hours. There is a sign up sheet for each date on the back table. If interested in becoming an Eucharistic Minister, please speak to Fr. G or Fr. Haake as soon as possible.

The IL Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Vocation Raffle

\$20,000 in Cash Awards \$20 Prizes in all \$15 per book of 15 chances. It is well known that there is a serious shortage of priests in our diocese. Please help those men discerning a vocation to the priesthood by supporting this KC effort. Vocation Raffle tickets will be for sale after Mass Sunday, October 8th. GIVE TO SUPPORT OUR PRIETS OF TOMORROW.

Two Sons and Baby Steps

As Christian stewards we are called to a high and holy standard — living as Christ's disciples every day and with every person the Lord places in our path. But we can move towards this goal in "baby steps."

St. Paul encapsulates the actions and attitudes we must strive for in the Second Reading, from the Letter to the Philippians. "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others." In other words, Paul continues, "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." Whether we are at work or school or within our own homes, our actions should be focused on others first in imitation of Christ, who is always perfectly focused on others.

We should not be overwhelmed by this high bar, however. Our God is a loving and patient Father. He embraces every faltering step we take in imitation of His Son. Jesus demonstrates this comforting truth through the parable He tells in today's Gospel from Matthew. It is the story of two sons whose father instructs them to go out and work in his vineyard that day. The second son gives the right answer, right away: "Yes, sir." But he does not follow through. Despite the lip service, he has failed to follow his father's will. The first son just can't seem to get on board with his father's command. He responds, "I will not." At least he is honest! And this honest, less-than-perfect response should be consoling to us Christian stewards. Haven't we all felt this way at times when God's will for us seems to be just too hard? We can be honest with God at these times. He knows already, after all. But when we stay engaged in a real relationship with Him, even if it's just to say, "I don't think I can, Lord," He will supply us with just the grace we need to change our minds and do what He is asking us to do.

We are called to a high and holy standard — living as Christ's disciples every day and with every person the Lord places in our path. But we can move towards this goal in "baby steps." We can even take a step backward from time to time because our Father is merciful and kind. What matters is that we keep baby stepping along, assured of the grace we need to more closely imitate the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is the beauty of the stewardship way of life.

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