

# *St. John Vianney Church*

October 2, 2022

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*



*Jesus, Lord, Increase our Faith!*

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Catholic Diocese of Peoria

**Fr. Johndamaseni Zilimu, Pastor**

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**Mass: Sunday 8:00 AM All Are Welcome**

Reconciliation: 7:30 AM to 7:50 AM

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St John, The Apostle

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>Given By</b>
Oct 02 8:00 AM	For: Fr. John Burns For: Robert Johnson	By: Joe & Annette Borkgren By: Mary Ann Schuter
Oct 09 8:00 AM	For: Gilbert Dobbels For: Fr. John Burns	By: Joan Dobbels Morris By: Randy & Terri Borkgren
Oct 16 8:00 AM	For: Fred Desplinter For: Fr. John Burns	By: Theresa DeSplinter Family By: Connie Collier
Oct 23 8:00 AM	For: Orville Ossian For: Robert Johnson	By: Carolyn Ossian By: George & Mary Bowman

## *Serving at Our Lord's Altar*

<b>Lay Ministry Schedule for October 2—October 23, 2022</b>	
Oct 02 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Leonard Boelens & Larry Lavin Lector: Chris DeKezel
Oct 09 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Bill Taylor Lector: Don Hulin
Oct 16 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Chris DeKezel & Mary Kay Newman Lector: Dave Dobbels
Oct 23 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Don & Sharon Hulin Lector: Ron Koenigs
<b>USHERS</b>	
8:00 AM	Oct: Bob Olson & Dwaine VanMeenen
<b>COUNTERS</b>	
8:00 AM	Oct: George & Mary Bowman
<b><i>Week Day Masses:</i></b>	
Woodhull: 8:00 AM Tuesday 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 02: Respect Life Sunday  
Oct 08: Emmaus Procession Quad Cities  
Oct 16: Coffee hour after Mass  
Nov 06: Mystery Dinner (details to come)



## Last Week's Gifts to God

**\$975.00 Sunday Total**  
*\$500.00 Building Fund is included in above amount.*

**God's Word:** "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Luke 18:8b

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

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Xander Carlson, Donna Dobbels, Jim Dobbels, Tom Montgomery, Carolyn Ossian, Ryan Thrasher and Mary Lou Robinson. Please pray for the sick, their loved ones, and caregivers. May they never lose sight of the love of God.



## For the Safety of Our People

As of Sunday, September 25th the **external** doors to the church and hall will be locked by the ushers after the opening prayer.



See bulletin board flyer concerning 5 mile **Emmaus Procession** on Oct 8th. It will begin at 8 am with Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport and end at St. Mary's Church in Moline.



## ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Before going into the hospital, please call Fr. John Zilimu at 309-852-4549 Ext 106. If you are admitted to the hospital or nursing home prior to Fr. John anointing you, please tell admittance that you are Catholic. They will arrange for the designated chaplain to anoint you and will notify Fr. John.

## 2022 ADA Reminder:

Our ADA goal for 2022 is \$11,303. Please remember to mail your ADA donation directly to the Diocese. A gift to the ADA, no matter what amount can go a long way. A pledge of \$10 or \$20 a month can add up. Even a one-time gift is helpful in reaching our goal. Please give generously, as God has given to you. Extra ADA envelopes are available on the back table.

**The ROSARY** will be recited  
20 minutes before Mass in October

*Rosary Leaders*

Oct 09 Chris DeKezel  
Oct 16 Larry Lavin  
Oct 23 Lorna Brown  
Oct 30 Ron Koenigs



## Did You Know?

Fr. Christopher's favorite bible verse is:  
*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."* John 3:16

**Trivia Question** (answer on last page)

Who is the patron saint of nature and animals?

- a) St. Ignatius   b) St. Francis of Assisi  
c) St. Thomas Aquinas   d) St. Dominic

## October is Respect Life Month

### **Prayer for Protection of Life**

God of life and love, you created us in your image and sent your Son to bring us life. Instill in us a respect for all life, from conception to natural death. Empower us to work for justice for the poor. Nourish us that we may bring food to the hungry. Inspire us to cherish the fragile life of the unborn. Strengthen us to bring comfort to the chronically ill. Teach us to treat the aging with dignity and respect. Bring us one day into the glory of everlasting life.

Amen



## *Our Lives Belong to God*

Our readings today show us that living a stewardship way of life, that is, a life focused on serving God and His Kingdom, is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design.

We can all relate to the frustration expressed in the First Reading from Habakuk. “How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen!” “Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery?” The Lord knows that the life of a steward is not easy. When we look around us it can seem as if all our efforts are in vain. We spend time praying but nothing happens. We are faithful to our ministry but no one seems to notice. We give generously of our financial resources but the needs around us remain great. Despite all this, the Lord urges us to remain faithful. “For the vision [the fulfillment of His kingdom] still has its time, presses on to fulfillment and will not disappoint.”

Our Second Reading from St. Paul’s letter to Timothy offers encouragement on the difficult path of discipleship, reminding us that we have all the tools we need to remain faithful. Paul says to “stir into flame the gift of God that you have....” Through the sacraments, the Word of God, and the teachings of the Church, we have every possible grace and blessing needed to continue moving forward on the stewardship path. We simply need to return to them over and over so as to stir these gifts into flame. Paul instructs us to “guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.” Relying on the abundant spiritual gifts God has given to us, and relying on the Holy Spirit’s strength, we can bear our share of hardship well for the sake of the Gospel. This is both our privilege and responsibility as Christian stewards.

Jesus makes this privilege and responsibility clear in today’s Gospel passage from Luke. When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, He tells them that even a mustard seed-sized faith is all that is needed to move mountains (because it is God who does the heavy lifting). We need only take the tiniest step forward, and He will do the rest. It is a true privilege to cooperate as servants in the work of building His Kingdom. Living our lives in His service is also very much our responsibility as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant later in this passage. Our Lord describes a scene in which a servant has just come in from tending to the master’s affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to begin waiting on his servant. Of course, it would not be reasonable. The servant would be expected to continue to serve his master until he has completed the work the master has given him that day. Jesus says we should have this same attitude before God. The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us are all God’s.

Our very lives belong to God. Whatever we do on God’s behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our God-given responsibility. The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality.

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