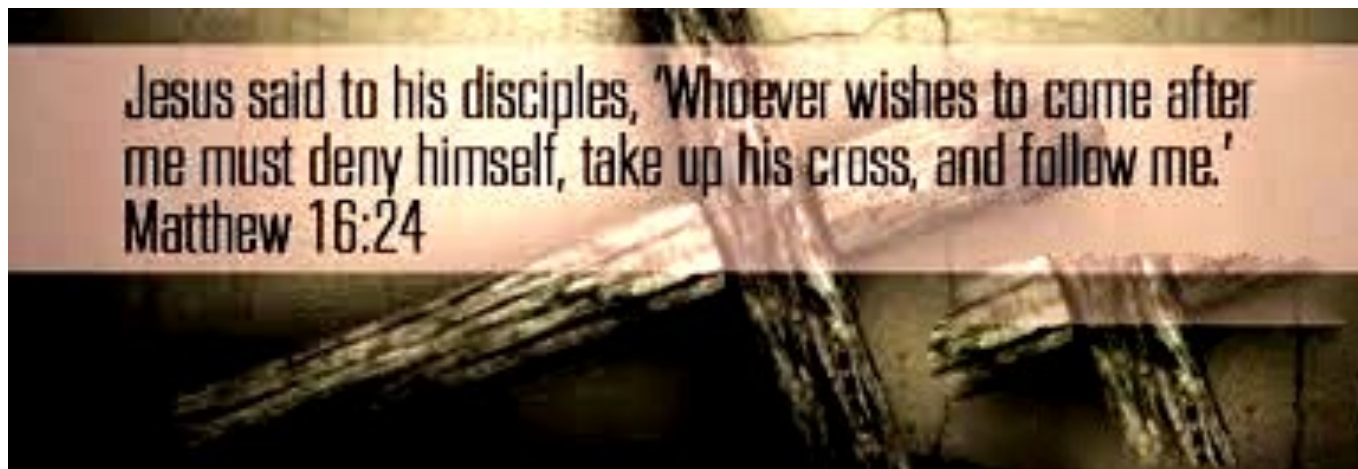


# St. John Vianney Church

September 3, 2023

Twenty-second 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: 7:30 AM to 7:50 AM

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St John, The Apostle

Mass Sunday 5:00 PM

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Secretary: Tena Anseeuw

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St John, The Evangelist

Mass Saturday 4 PM | Sunday 10:00 AM

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Secretary: Linda Simmons

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>Given By</b>
Sep 03 8:00 AM Sunday	For: Jim Dobbels	By: Joe & Annette Borkgren
Sep 06 5:30 PM Wednesday	For: Linda Lindburg	By: Roxanne Turner
Sep 10 8:00 AM Sunday	For: Judith Lee Schehl	By: William Schehl Family
Sep 13 Wednesday	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	

## *Serving at Our Lord's Altar*

### **Lay Ministry Schedule for September 3 - September 13, 2023**

Sunday, September 3 8:00 AM  
 Extra Min: Brian & Julie Dwyer  
 Lector: Bill Taylor

Wednesday, September 6 5:30 PM  
 Weekday Mass  
 \*Lector Volunteer needed

Sunday, September 10 8:00 AM  
 Extra Min: Leonard Boelens & Larry Lavin  
 Lector: Chris DeKezel

Wednesday, September 13  
**NO WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK**

#### USHERS

September: Brian Boberg & Dale Stiles

#### COUNTERS

September: Don & Sharon Hulin

#### ***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:

Sep 04: Happy Labor Day!  
Sep 10: CCD/Confirmation classes begin  
Sep 10: Coffee Hour after 8 AM Mass  
Sep 10: ADA Appeal Weekend  
Sep 17: Food Pantry Distribution  
Sep 21: Blood Drive in church hall 2-6 PM

## Labor for the Lord

“Whatever you do, work at it with your whole being. Do it for the Lord rather than for men.” ~Colossians 3:23~

## 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.

## St. John's Woodhull Chicken Dinner

Sunday, September 24th. See bulletin boards for further information.

## FOOD PANTRY MONTH

September is our church's month to host the Food Pantry distribution on Sun, Sept 17th. Please place your donations in the tote at the back of the church. Cash donations are always welcome.



## Trivia Question (answer on last page)

Who was the first Bishop of Peoria?

Most Reverend- a) William Cousins b) John Spalding  
c) Edmund Dunne d) Joseph Schlarman



August 27, 2023

## Gifts to God

Collection: \$1,133.00  
Building Fund: 380.00  
Sunday Total: \$1,513.00

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

## 2023 ADA Begins Next Sunday

This week parishioners will receive a mailing which will include a pledge card and a return envelope addressed directly to the Diocese. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge over eight months or a one time gift. We will have pledge cards available in the pews next Sunday for those who have not received them in the mail.

## Coffee Hour Next Sunday

September 10th after 8 AM Mass



**Please note:** No weekday Mass on Wednesday, September 13th due to Father G being out of town.



Most Reverend Bishop

**Louis Tylka**

will be visiting  
St John's Galva

**Sunday**  
**September 24**

He invites everyone to join him as he concelebrates 10:00 am Mass with Father G.

A Parish Meal will follow

## CCD NEWS



CCD/Confirmation classes begin Sunday, September 10: 8:45 to 10:00 AM

# *Living For Christ*

If we are striving to live the stewardship way of life, we must be honest with ourselves and admit it's not going to be easy. Dying to self and living for Christ and others is tough. It's the work of a lifetime. But in the end, it's the only work that really matters and the only life that truly satisfies. Our readings today reflect this challenging reality.

Our first reading is from the book of the prophet Jeremiah. After a series of hard knocks as he tries to preach the message God has entrusted to him, Jeremiah sums up the steward's "dilemma" — the choice between living for self or living for God — this way: "I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart... I grow weary holding it in." Haven't we all felt that way, perhaps after frustrations in our ministry or being chided by friends for our "crazy Catholic beliefs"? But God is so good, so loving, so generous to us that, like Jeremiah, even when we're tempted to throw in the towel, we simply cannot turn our back on Him. We hold steady on the stewardship way of life.

The second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans teaches how we get back to the path of discipleship in those moments of discouragement when we feel the temptation to just give up and give in to selfishness. Paul urges us, "Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God." He says, "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you may do the will of God."

What does this mean for us modern-day stewards? It means we must discipline ourselves — body, mind, and spirit — through a consistent prayer life, continuous formation in our Catholic faith, and setting aside anything in our life (entertainment, material possessions, social activities) that is not pleasing to God. Seems impossible, doesn't it? And it would be impossible, except for the grace of God which is always available to us in abundance if we simply ask God for it.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, continues this theme of the tough demands of the steward's way of life, this time in the words of Jesus Himself. Jesus tells His disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." This sounds harsh. Why would anyone want to do this? Our Lord has the answer, of course. "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

It's all about love. Jesus loved (and loves) us totally, giving us all of Himself on the Cross, in His Word, and in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

And so we must choose: love of self, or love of God and others — which is tough, but fulfilling and leads to the eternal reward of heaven. Jesus promises that He "will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

Let us make the tough choice to lose our life for Christ's sake, in grateful response to His love. Honestly, what better life could there be? [www.TheCatholicSteward.com](http://www.TheCatholicSteward.com)