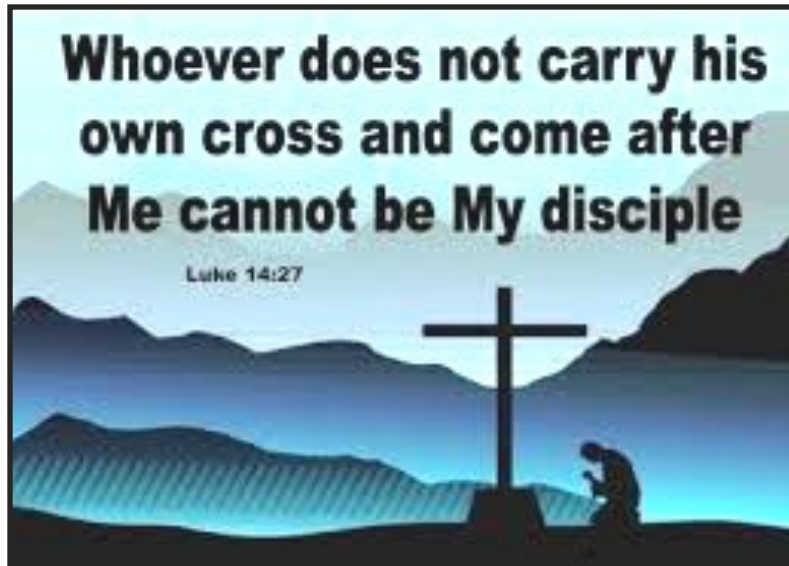


St. John Vianney Church

September 4, 2022

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



This week's Gospel is taken from the book of Luke 14:25-33

Catholic Diocese of Peoria

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Date	Mass Intentions	Given By
Sep 04 8:00 AM	For: Fr. John Burns For: Maurice Franck	By: Mary Jagers By: Rose Mary Franck
Sep 11 8:00 AM	For: Robert Dobbels For: Glenn DeSmith	By: Joan Dobbels Morris By: The DeDecker Family
Sep 18 8:00 AM	For: The Leslie Hunt Family For: Fr. John Burns	By: Carolyn Ossian By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman
Sep 25 8:00 AM	For: Robert Johnson For: Fred & Shirley Floming	By: Jim & Carol Dobbels By: Connie Collier

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Lay Ministry Schedule for September 4—September 25, 2022	
Sep 04 8:00 AM Extra Min: Chris DeKezel & Mary Kay Newman Lector: Lorrie Stiles	
Sep 11 8:00 AM Extra Min: Don & Sharon Hulin Lector: Trent Taber	
Sep 18 8:00 AM Extra Min: Joe Borkgren & Barb Montgomery Lector: Bill Taylor	
Sep 25 8:00 AM Extra Min: Brian & Julie Dwyer Lector: Larry Lavin	
USHERS	
8:00 AM Sep: Brian Boberg & Dale Stiles Oct: Bob Olson & Dwaine VanMeenen	
COUNTERS	
8:00 AM Sep: Joe Borkgren & Ron Koenigs Oct: George & Mary Bowman	
<i>Week Day Masses:</i>	
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 05: Happy Labor Day!
Sep 08: Meeting of Councils 4 PM in hall
Sep 11: CCD begins & ADA Sunday
Sep 11: Coffee after 8:00 AM Mass
Sep 17: St John's Galva yard sale 8 AM-noon
Sep 22: A & R Meeting 7 pm
Sep 25: St John's Woodhull Chicken Dinner

God's Word:

"Let your face shine upon your servant; and teach me your laws." Psalm 119:135

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Xander Carlson, Donna Dobbels, Jim Dobbels, Tom Montgomery, Mary Lou Robinson, and Ryan Thrasher. 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. 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.

RCIA Classes Starting Soon!

Classes start Tues, Sept 6th at 7 pm at the St. John Paul II Center in Kewanee and will meet twice a month. Contact Mary Ebert at 309-525-1030 or mebert323@hotmail.com.

Reminder: Meeting of the Councils on Thursday September 8th at 4 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

Trivia Question (answer on last page)

What is the outer garment worn by the priest while celebrating Mass?

a) cassock b) stole c) chasuble d) surplice



Last Week's Gifts to God

\$1,010.00 Sunday Total
\$480.00 Building Fund is included in above amount.

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

Annual Diocesan Appeal Direct Mailing Coming Soon!

Our Annual Diocesan Appeal will begin on September 11th. NEW THIS YEAR: Pledge cards will not be distributed in our church. Each household should receive a mailing from Bishop Tylka inviting them to participate in the mission of sharing their faith in Jesus with others. The mailing will include a newsletter, a prayer request, a personalized pledge card and a return envelope. Fill out the pledge card and a prayer request if you wish and **mail it directly to the Diocese of Peoria.** All checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Peoria. Please prayerfully consider supporting various diocesan ministries with your financial gift. Our parish depends on your generosity to reach our assigned goal. To learn more about the appeal and to watch appeal videos please visit cdop.org/ada.

Coffee Hour Next Sunday

September 11th after 8 AM Mass



CCD CORNER



CCD/Confirmation classes begin

September 11th 8:45 to 10:00 AM

Teachers for the 2022/2023 year are:

2nd-Kaye Maertens,

3rd/4th-Lisa Beuseling,

5th/6th-Meghan Brandau and Ashely Galle.

Confirmation-Beth and Josh Gibson.

GOD 1ST

Today's readings make very clear the demands that will be made of those wanting to be called disciples of Christ. We must be prepared to give our all to Him. But in the end, the life of discipleship — the stewardship way of life — is the only life that can truly satisfy.

Our First Reading, from the ancient book of Wisdom, prepares us for the challenging teaching that will follow in today's Gospel passage. "Who can know God's counsel or who can conceive what the Lord intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid... the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns." Weighed down by financial woes, relationship stress, illness — all the concerns of modern life (and apparently, ancient life, too) — how can we possibly concern ourselves with anything more than these immediate needs? Our human "earthly" instincts limit our ability to think with an eternal perspective. But, a few verses later, we are told that God has sent His Holy Spirit from on high to assist us. "And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight." Relying on the Holy Spirit, we can live indeed for higher goals despite all the challenges of daily life.

But this way of life will not be easy, and our Lord, knowing well our human nature, must prepare us for the challenge. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Christ is very straightforward about the cost of living for the higher aims of discipleship. "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." Our Lord is speaking here not of emotions, but rather of priorities. He must come first in all aspects of our lives. Period. He goes on to say, "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." In other words, it's all or nothing. Compromise is simply not possible. Christ wants us to give all of ourselves, all aspects of our individual lives, our family life, our parish, over to Him and to the pursuit of His kingdom.

To further this point, Christ shares two parables. The first is about a builder who wants to construct a tower. Christ says that before beginning, the builder must sit down and consider the cost to see if he has what is needed to complete the project. The second parable is of a king facing a potential battle. Again, Christ says he must first consider if he has sufficient troops for success before he goes off headlong into battle. Discipleship will cost us, and we must be prepared to give it our all.

And just when we think our Lord might soften His message to make it a little more palatable, He goes further! "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Why is our Lord being so demanding? Only because He knows us so well and loves us so much. He knows that if we do not live with great intentionality — putting Him first before all else — we will easily be swallowed up by the earthly cares that weigh us down — our material things, our status, and our egos. He knows that these things cannot satisfy us. He knows this because He is our Maker, and He made us for more.

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