

# St. John Vianney Church

September 11, 2022

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



***The Lost and Found***  
*Luke 15:1-32*

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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>
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
Oct 02 8:00 AM	For: Fr. John Burns For: Robert Johnson	By: Joe & Annette Borkgren By: Mary Ann Schuter

## *Serving at Our Lord's Altar*

<b>Lay Ministry Schedule for September 11-October 2, 2022</b>	
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
Oct 02 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Leonard Boelens & Larry Lavin Lector: Chris DeKezel
<b>USHERS</b>	
8:00 AM	
Sep:	Brian Boberg & Dale Stiles
Oct:	Bob Olson & Dwaine VanMeenen
<b>COUNTERS</b>	
8:00 AM	
Sep:	Joe Borkgren & Ron Koenigs
Oct:	George & Mary Bowman
<b><i>Week Day Masses:</i></b>	
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 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  
Sep 29: St. Malachy's Women at the Well

## God's Word:

"The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10

## 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.

## Coffee Hour Today!

in Church Hall after 8 AM Mass. Come join us for food, and fellowship



## St John's Church Galva Annual Garage Sale

212 NE 1<sup>st</sup> Street Galva  
Saturday September 17, 2022  
(rain date Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>)  
8 AM - Noon  
Furniture & Quality Items



## Trivia Question (answer on last page)

In what hymn can you find the verse "I once was lost but now am found?"

- a) How Great Thou Art    b) Faith of Our Fathers  
c) Be Not Afraid    d) Amazing Grace



## Last Week's Gifts to God

**\$1,510.00 Sunday Total**  
*\$820.00 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 is a Direct Mailing to the Diocese

Our Annual Diocesan Appeal begins today September 11th. **NEW THIS YEAR: Pledge cards will not be distributed in our church.** From the mailing you received please complete 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. Our parish depends on your generosity to reach our assigned goal. A gift to the ADA, no matter how small, can go a long way. A pledge of \$10 or \$20 a month can add up. Even a one time gift is helpful to the cause. Please prayerfully consider a donation today. To learn more about the appeal and to watch appeal videos please visit [cdop.org/ada](http://cdop.org/ada). **If you have accidentally discarded the mailing from the Diocese, you will find pledge envelopes on the back table.**

*Pray on it. Pray over it.  
Pray through it.*

## CCD

## CORNER



CCD/Confirmation classes begin today, 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.

# *Who Is the Lost One?*

Today's readings focus on the personal, passionate, and merciful love of God which should fill us with unending gratitude to Him. This gratitude is the fuel, if you will, that keeps the stewardship way of life rolling along.

In our First Reading from Exodus, we see the Israelites whom God has just rescued from slavery, behaving like ungrateful brats. The Lord provides them divine rescue from their enslavement, and they turn their backs on Him to create a false idol in the form of a molten calf to worship. What hubris! Yet Moses pleads for God's mercy towards them, and once again, God grants it in abundance.

In our Second Reading, from St. Paul's letter to Timothy, we find a grateful Paul who says of himself, "I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated... Indeed, the grace of the Lord has been abundant along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus." St. Paul is well aware of the sins he has committed. But this does not hold him back from ministry. Rather, it makes him all the more grateful to be God's steward. How encouraging to know that this is true for us as well. Our past sins, and even our present struggles, do not disqualify us from becoming God's grateful stewards. In fact, the more we have been forgiven and live with the awareness of our continuing need for forgiveness, the deeper our gratitude to God, and thus the more fuel we have in our tanks to live the stewardship way of life.

Jesus Himself gives us several poignant illustrations of His merciful love in today's Gospel reading from Luke. Let us focus on one, in particular — the story of the lost sheep. Jesus begins this parable by asking, "What man among you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?" The natural response is no one! It simply does not make sense to spend the time and energy searching for one lost sheep when there are so many others to tend to. But God's logic, God's mercy, defies human logic. Jesus does go after the lost one and continues to pursue him "until he finds it." And when he finds the lost one, Jesus does not bring him back into the fold begrudgingly, with annoyance and frustration at having had to go after him. No, He brings the lost one back with great joy, carrying him upon His own shoulders. And who is the lost one? It is every one of us when we stray away from God through sin, great or small.

What gratitude we owe to such a personal, passionate, loving God! Just think, even our sins, once forgiven, become a source of fuel for our stewardship way of life as we reflect with deep gratitude on the powerful mercy of our Savior. How can we demonstrate our gratitude to such a God? By living as His good stewards. We thank Him by offering back to Him the very best of ourselves — the talents He has given us (to use for His glory), the time He has given us (to spend with Him in prayer), the material resources He has given us (to advance His kingdom). In so doing, we can make the words of St. Paul, a former enemy of Christ, our own stewardship motto: "I am grateful to Him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry."

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