

St. John Vianney Church

September 18, 2022

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Which one are
you serving?*

This week's Gospel is found in the book of Luke 16:1-13

Catholic Diocese of Peoria

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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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Date	Mass Intentions	Given By
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
Oct 09 8:00 AM	For: Gilbert Dobbels For: Fr. John Burns	By: Joan Dobbels Morris By: Randy & Terri Borkgren

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Lay Ministry Schedule for September 18—October 9, 2022	
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
Oct 09 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Bill Taylor Lector: Don Hulin
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 22: A & R Meeting 7 pm
Sep 25: Priesthood Sunday
Sep 25: St John's Woodhull Chicken Dinner
Sep 29: St. Malachy's Women at the Well
Oct 08: Emmaus Procession 8AM

God's Word:

"Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich." 1 Corinthians 8:9

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.

Women at the Well- Sept 29th

St. Malachy's Catholic Church - Geneseo
5:15pm Mass; 6:30pm Dinner; 7pm Program
Reservations: contact Nancy Schott
email: elizbschott@gmail.com or call
309-738-4888. See bulletin boards for further details.



The new Living Faith booklets for October-December are available at each door. Everyone is invited to take one home.

See bulletin board flyer concerning 5 mile *Emmaus Procession* on Oct 8th.

Trivia Question (answer on last page)

According to Luke 16:13 in today's Gospel, if you are serving God, what can you not serve?
a) self b) man c) mammon d) idols



Last Week's Gifts to God

\$1,036.00 Sunday Total
\$375.00 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

New this year: Pledge cards will not be distributed in our church. 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. Please prayerfully consider a donation today. **If you have accidentally discarded the mailing from the Diocese, you will find pledge envelopes on the back table.**

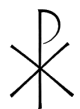
For the Safety of Our People

At Mass starting Sunday, September 25th the doors to the church and hall will be locked by the ushers after the opening prayer.



Priesthood Sunday is next Sunday

That day specifically honors priests, without whom the Holy Sacraments could not be conferred. Remember to celebrate, thank and pray for Fr. John and Fr. Christopher as well as all priests, especially on Sept 25th.



St John's Chicken Dinner

Sunday, September 25, 2019
Woodhull Church Hall
Serving from 11:30 AM to 2 PM
Drive-up serving starts 11 AM
See bulletin board for details



Worldly or Eternal Thinking?



After today's readings, we can't say we have not been warned about the dangers of mixed-up priorities. God's Word is so very clear today on the necessity of putting Him first in all areas of our lives.


We see this in the First Reading from Amos. The Lord has harsh words for those who would take advantage of the poor and whose priorities are not aligned with God's. "Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land... Never will I forget a thing they have done!" Lest we think we are off the hook as long as we are not cheating the poor outright, the Lord condemns just as strongly those who are anxious for the Sabbath to be over so they can go back to the more "important" matters of business and the like. Even our thought life is important to the Lord! Perhaps we are not off the hook after all.

In the Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to Timothy, Paul gives us the antidote to the self-centeredness condemned in our First Reading. The antidote, of course, is to imitate Christ. "There is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all." Rather than thinking of Himself and how to "get ahead" Christ gave Himself away — completely — for our sake. That is how we are to live. How to better serve God and give ourselves to others are the thoughts that should preoccupy our minds.

In our Gospel passage from Luke, the Lord shows us how to bridge the gap between worldly thinking and priorities and eternal thinking and priorities. Jesus tells the parable of the corrupt but clever steward who is about to get fired when the master discovers the steward has been squandering his property. Realizing his imminent unemployed status, the clever steward reaches out to the various debtors of his master to wheel and deal with them, making friends who would look out for him when he became jobless. We do have to give this man credit for his ingenuity. And, in fact, Jesus does just that by saying, "The master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light."

What do we learn from this curious parable to help us avoid the worldly thinking condemned in our First Reading and give ourselves away as Jesus did as is described in our Second Reading? We know this "bad steward" was clever and energetic. He put thought, prudence, and creativity into the plans he made for his self-serving ends and carried out his plans with great success. What if we put that kind of effort into our own tasks as good stewards of all God's gifts to us? Into our ministries, into the ways we could make more time for prayer as individuals, as couples, as families, and as a parish? What if we got as creative as the "bad steward" in the use of our finances so that we could give more generously to the poor and the advancement of God's kingdom on the earth? That's our lesson and our challenge.

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Food for thought: Our material success in this world will not unlock the door to the next. Prayer is the  to heaven and faith unlocks the door.