

# ST. JOHN VIANNEY & HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH COMMUNITY

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## PARISH INFORMATION

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### St. John Vianney

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 8:00am

Wednesday: 6:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00-4:45pm

Wednesday: 5:00-5:30pm  
or by appointment

### Holy Family

Sunday: 11:00am

Tuesday: 6:30pm

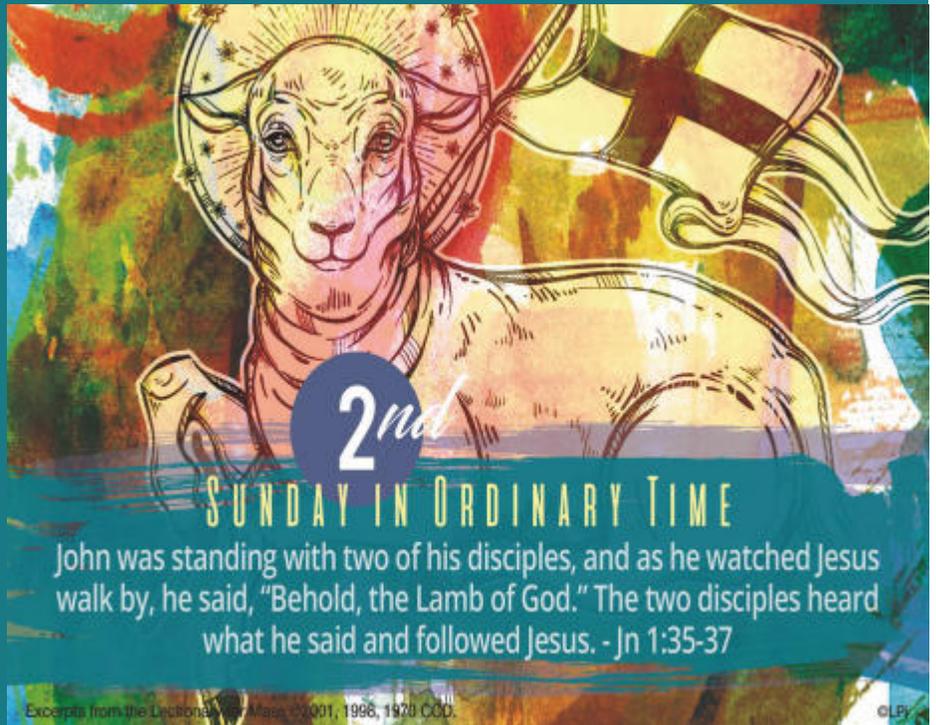
Reconciliation

Tuesday: 6:00-6:20pm  
or by appointment

Holyday Masses As Announced

ST. JOHN VIANNEY  
902 St. John Dr, Sherman

January 17, 2021



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# FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

Remembering people's names can be a problem, even with the best of intentions, even when we are really interested in someone and recall the actual person, the name escapes us. So many methods of reminders are advised and tried, just to avoid the disappointing admission, "Sorry, but I just can't remember your name." Everyone likes to be recognized by name.

God knows each of us by name totally and intimately. None of us is ever ignored by him. We are forever in God's mind, under his care. Even the person is precious in the eyes of God, perhaps more precious than anyone can suspect.

Samuel is just a boy, a servant to the old man Eli; he slept at night in a little room like an altar-boys' sacristy at the religious shrine of Israel. Suddenly, in the middle of the night, he heard God calling him by name; eventually Samuel recognizes that the call is from God, and not just from the priest, so he submits himself heart and soul to listen to God's word. Only then did Samuel discover his own potential, his new identity, the role he was to fulfil in life.

Some of us may feel a strong sense of our own identity. Our self-understanding derives too exclusively from our own achievements, failures, efforts, and ambitions. Our faith, on the contrary, insists that God calls us into relationship with Himself on a day to day basis, always offering us life, and always making demands on us to live our life worthily in His sight.

Called by name, it is relationship with Christ our Lord that lies at the heart of our identity. Not only are we

called by name to friendship with Jesus, we also become "members of his body," sharers in his spirit. In prayer we can taste the rich privilege of belonging to Christ. More often, it is in the darkness of faith that we simply believe in it. But always, we are called to live up to the standard of love and truth set by Jesus. That is our real Christian vocation; and only by trying to live that vocation are we worthy of our name.

Later, we all hope, we will discover our full identity in God's presence, when this life is over and he calls us by name into the next life. Like the two apostles who wanted to know Christ better, we will be invited to "Come and see."

Our Christian vocation is to live and die like the Lamb of God. We live like the Lamb of God: By leading pure, innocent, humble, selfless lives, obeying Christ's commandment of love; By appreciating the loving providence and protecting care of the Good Shepherd for his Church; By partaking of the Body and Blood of the Good Shepherd in the Holy Eucharist and deriving spiritual strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the Sacraments.

We are called to die like the Lamb of God: By sharing sacrificially our blessings of health, wealth, and talents with others in the family, parish, and community; By bearing witness to Christ in our illness, pain, and suffering through our graceful acceptance of all of it; By offering our sufferings for God's glory, as penance for our sins, and for the conversion of sinners.

Once we have experienced the personal presence of Jesus in our daily lives, we will start sharing with others the Good News of love, peace, justice, tolerance, mercy, and forgiveness preached and lived by Jesus.

Fr. George Nellikunnel

**Masks are required at ALL times while inside the church, except at the moment of receiving the Body of Christ. There will also be NO congregational singing.**

**This applies to all weekend and weekday Masses at both St. John Vianney & Holy Family Parishes.**



## Pope Francis Proclaims Year of St. Joseph

On Dec. 8, Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph. Concluding Dec. 8, 2021, the decree by Pope Francis includes special indulgences for the faithful.

"Each of us can discover in Joseph — the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence — an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble," Pope Francis said. "St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

The church will grant a plenary indulgence to Catholics who recite any approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, especially on March 19, the saint's solemnity, and May 1, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Other days one can obtain a plenary indulgence include the Feast of the Holy Family on Dec. 29, the 19th of each month, and every Wednesday, a day dedicated to the saint in the Latin tradition.

Saints are powerful intercessors for us. Turning to saints by asking them to pray for us is part of our Catholic tradition. As for St. Joseph, he is the patron saint of many causes: •The Universal Church •Expectant mothers •Families •Travelers •Craftsmen •House sellers and buyers •Fathers •The dying •Working people in general.



HOLY FAMILY

## Bible Study



(We were unable to meet last Wednesday, so our Session remains the same.)

Wednesday, January 20, 2021  
7:00 pm

Session 2-Discussion Questions

Matthew 1: Jesus-The Son of David, the Son of Abraham

All are welcome, come and join us!



### Please RENEW your Subscription to the Catholic Times

Bishop Paprocki asks that every parish household receive the paper either in print or electronically. The subscriptions are \$15.

You can use the special yellow envelope in your collection envelopes. SJV and HF, respectively, must pay for all unpaid subscriptions from the parish operating funds.

**If you are not receiving the Catholic Times, please contact the parish office.**

#### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

##### Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet? Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dull-est of to-do lists, on the longest and dull-est of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver

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## Protecting God's Children Training Class

### Has been Rescheduled

Holy Family Church - Athens  
North Wing

Monday, February 1st at 6:00pm

Deacon Ben Hoefler will be the instructor. This approximately two hour training session is open to Saint John Vianney and Holy Family parishioners.

Providing a safe environment for the children of our parishes is a top concern. **Attendance at a Protecting God's Children Class and completion of a background check for ALL volunteers, ages 18 and older, is one of the requirements put into place by the Diocese of Springfield to ensure the safe environment of its parishioners, especially its most vulnerable.** This is a requirement for all volunteers in any position, not just those working directly with children. (Volunteers only need to attend the class one time.)

More information regarding the Diocesan policy can be found at [www.dio.org/safeenvironment](http://www.dio.org/safeenvironment).

Please call or email the Parish Office to register to attend.



## Covenant Network

Catholic Radio

By now, you probably have packed up all your Christmas decorations and stored them for next year. We hope you haven't put your Faith on the shelf. Faith is part of your daily life and, in this secular world, it is vital to have encouragement for the journey.

Let Covenant Network help you with your daily dose of Truth with our inspiring programming. Tune in to 88.9 FM (Springfield), 96.9 FM (Williamsville), or listen on our free Covenant Network app on your mobile device or at [OurCatholicRadio.org](http://OurCatholicRadio.org).

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### Reflect on Scripture



**Listening, Discerning and Watching, Coming, Seeing, Finding.** These words ending in -ing (technically "gerunds") in the first and gospel readings indicate some continuing action. They point out good Christian behaviors as we start this winter time between the seasons of Christmas and Lent. Like Samuel, we want to always be listening for God's voice, even while needing the help of another for discerning it. We want to be watching for Jesus moving among us, looking for his activity in surprising ways in our midst and, perhaps, the surprising people around us.

- ◆ How am I coming closer to Jesus day by day, week by week?
- ◆ How am I seeing Jesus active in our world?
- ◆ How am I finding myself following Jesus without question?

# MASS INTENTIONS

(† indicates deceased)

## Monday, January 18

**Weekday**

8:00am— Vincent Hoefler †

## Tuesday, January 19

**Weekday**

8:00am— Anna Eleyidath †

HF 6:30pm— James Lutchka †

## Wednesday, January 20

**Weekday**

6:00pm— Deceased Members of the SJV Women's Society †

## Thursday, January 21

**St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr**

8:00am— Stan Adams †

## Friday, January 22

**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

8:00am— Mary Jerome †

## Saturday, January 23

**Vigil Mass**

5:00pm— Bill Gray †

## Sunday, January 24

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am— For the People (Pro Populo)

HF 11:00am— Joe Kloba †

# WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

## Saturday, January 23 — 5:00pm (St. John Vianney)

**Lector:** John Ausmus

**Sacristan:** Cliff Shehorn

## Sunday, January 24 — 9:00am (St. John Vianney)

**Lector:** Stacie Henderson

**Sacristan:** John Barrett

## Sunday, January 24 — 11:00am (Holy Family)

**Lectors:** Lambert Fleck IV (L) Todd Corbin (P)

## SUNDAY'S READINGS EXCERPTS

### First Reading:

When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:9-10)

### Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

### Second Reading:

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

### Gospel:

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, January 17

**St. John Vianney:** 4:00pm High School Youth Group

### Tuesday, January 19

**Holy Family:** 2:00-6:30pm Adoration

6:00pm Rosary

### Wednesday, January 20

**St. John Vianney:** 7:00am - 6:00pm Adoration

5:30pm Rosary

**Holy Family:** 7:00pm Bible Study

### Thursday, January 21

**Holy Family:** 6:30pm Finance Council Meeting (SJV AC)



## St. John Vianney WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING

January 9 & 10, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$1,755.00
WeShare Donations	\$2,230.00
Loose Collections	<u>\$1,220.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,205.00</b>
Weekly Budget	\$4,788.46
Weekly Surplus / <b>Shortfall</b>	\$416.54
Capital Improvements	\$705.00
Building & Maintenance	\$190.00
Christmas Offering	\$20.00
Catholic Children's Home	\$100.00
Catholic Times	\$350.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$60.00

## Holy Family WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING

January 10, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$1,350.00
WeShare Donations	\$ -
Loose Donations	<u>\$100.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,350.00</b>
Weekly Budget	\$1,377.69
Weekly Surplus / <b>Shortfall</b>	(\$27.69)
Building Fund	\$240.00
Restoration/Repair Fund	\$4,000.00
Church in Latin America	\$25.00
Catholic Times	\$293.00

SAVE THE DATE for  
**St. John Vianney's 2021 Parish Mission**  
 led by the  
 Most Reverend Bishop Carl Kemme.

March 16-18, 2021  
 6:30pm - 8:30pm

with the Bishop saying mass on  
 Saturday (March 20th at 5pm at SJV)  
 and Sunday (March 21st at 9am at SJV).

The mission will focus on the four pillars of  
 Discipleship & Stewardship with an  
 emphasis on renewal of faith.

**YOUTH GROUP  
 NEWS**

**Youth Group Calendar**



January

17th: Senior High Youth Group 4:00-5:30pm in the AC

February

7th: Junior High Youth Group 4:00-5:30pm in the AC  
 21st: Senior High Youth Group 4:00-5:30pm in the AC

Contact Molly Ishmael with any questions at  
**217.416.1246 or mmh82@hotmail.com.**



**GOSPEL**

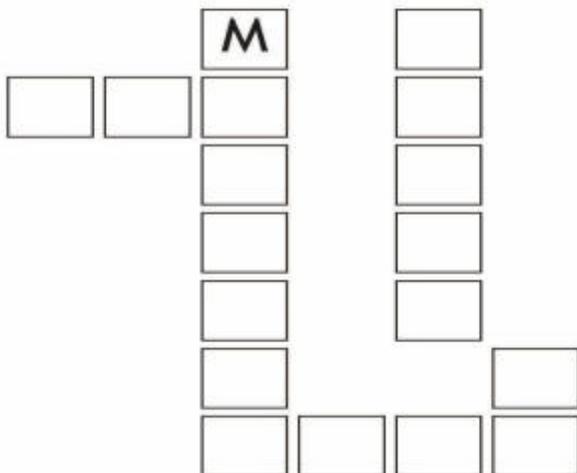
Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter. Peter means rock. He knew that Peter would be strong enough to hold his church together. Pretend that God is changing your name today. God might choose a name that says what he wants you to become: Patience, Courage, or Honesty. God could choose Bible names: Moses, Noah, Mary, or Joseph. Choose a name for yourself. God will call you by your new name. He will be proud of you.



**PUZZLE**

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares.

**We have found the Messiah.**



The Knights of Columbus  
 Saint John Vianney Council  
 is inviting you to join us in  
 participating in the United States  
 Conference of Catholic Bishops'

**9 Days for Life Novena**

being held the 21st - 29th of January 2012.

Go to the below link  
 and print out the daily Novena sheets.

Then, starting on the 21st, set aside some time  
 each day to pray and reflect on the messages.

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/9-days-2021-print-eng.pdf>

Thankyou,  
 David Sweeney, Grand Knight Council 14024



**Catholic Charities  
 HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY**

Donations can be dropped off in the  
 SJV AC lobby M-F 8:30am to 4:00pm.

**List of Most Needed Items:**

- Canned Vegetables, Fruits, Soups
- Ramen Noodles
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Spaghetti Noodles
- Peanut Butter
- Toilet Paper
- Boxes of Cereal
- Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
- Pasta Sauce
- Jelly
- Bars of Soap

Monetary donations can be made by placing a check  
 in an envelope made payable to CC Holy Family Food  
 Pantry into the crate.



**Dive Deep - Podcast**

**From fear to feminine genius.** Join Dive Deep, the official podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, as we plunge into our fears. This four-part series in January dives deep into the pillars of fear: pain, regret, failure, and comparison.

Go to [dio.org/podcast](http://dio.org/podcast) to listen and while you are there, make sure to subscribe so you never miss an episode.



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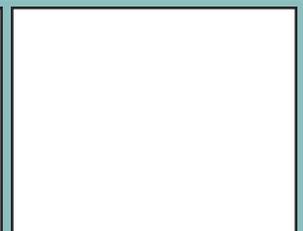
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