

# ST. JOHN VIANNEY & HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH COMMUNITY

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Athens, IL

February 21, 2021

## 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

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

On Ash Wednesday we observed the beginning of Lent. It is a time of fasting, penance, and almsgiving. During this sacred time before the celebration of Easter we are called to turn away from our sins and turn to Jesus.

Though Ash Wednesday is the “Day of Atonement.” Many of us could not be present for the mass because of the bad weather. The Church instructs us to observe Ash Wednesday and Good Friday as days of full fast and abstinence. Fasting is prescribed to reinforce our penitential prayer during the Lenten season. I encourage each one of you to spend more time with God by coming little earlier to the church and spending time with Jesus. I also encourage you to read a page from the gospel, Jesus’s forty days period of testing from the Gospel of Mathew and Luck. As Jesus was not left to face temptation alone, God is faithful and will not abandon us in our fight against sin and temptation. When we study the word, it begins to live in us, it becomes part of us. As Jesus told Satan in the desert; Man cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

The season of lent is the acceptable time for each of us to return with all our hearts and minds to the Lord. That is why we hear the personal call from the book of Joel (2:12) “Return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping and morning. Rend your hearts not your garments and return to the Lord, your God”.

On the first Sunday of Lent I invite all of you to reflect on what it means to follow Jesus into the desert. The primary purpose of Lent is to prepare us for the celebration of Jesus’ death and Resurrection. The Church tries to achieve this goal by leading her children to true “repentance,” and the changing our values, ideals, and ambitions through fasting, prayer, almsgiving, and self-control.

In the Gospel, we are told that Jesus faced and defeated the tempter by his forty days of prayer and penance in the desert. Let us conquer our temptations as Jesus did, using the methods Jesus employed. Jesus conquered his tempter, the devil by prayer, penance, and timely use of the word of God. Let us convert Lent into a time for spiritual growth and Christian maturity by participating in the Mass each day if possible, or at least a few days in the week; setting aside some part of our day for personal prayer; or reciting a rosary every day. Setting aside some money we might spend on ourselves for meals, entertainment, or clothes and giving it to an organization which takes care of the less fortunate in our society; abstaining from smoking, alcohol, and other evil addictions; receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Lent and praying the “Stations of the Cross”. Let us use Lent to fight daily against the evil within us and around us by practicing self-control, relying on the power of prayer, and seeking the assistance and power of the Holy Spirit.

May St. John Vianney protect you all.

Fr. George Nellikunnel

**Masks are required at ALL times while inside the church, except at the moment of receiving the Body of Christ.**

### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

*Reflect on Scripture*

**It’s Okay to Be Tempted.** True. But it is not okay to give in. Just as Jesus spent his forty days in the desert protected by the Spirit, let us have the same trust that God guides us on this Lenten retreat to right Kingdom thinking, speaking, and behaving. Let us sing with the Psalmist that God’s ways are love and truth, guiding the humble to justice.

- ◆ Since the Kingdom of God is at hand, how will I repent?
- ◆ What must I stop saying and doing to embrace more fully this Kingdom?
- ◆ How can I work for justice?



A time to consider the giving up of what we are, for what we may become.



The season of **Lent** begins this year on **Ash Wednesday, February 17** and ends just prior to the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, April 1, when the Paschal Triduum begins. Lent is the principal penitential season in the Church year. All the Christian faithful are urged to develop and maintain a voluntary program of self-denial (in addition to the Lenten regulations which follow), serious prayer and the performing of deeds of charity and mercy, including the giving of alms.

### LENTEN REGULATIONS:

- 1. ABSTINENCE** – Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- 2. FAST** – Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person’s needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.
- 3. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.**

May this holy season be a time of spiritual renewal for each of us!



HOLY FAMILY

# Bible Study



Wednesday, February 23, 2021

7:00 pm at HF North Wing

Session 3 - Discussion Questions

Matthew 2: The King in Exile

Interested? Come join us!



## Rest in Peace

Please remember in your Masses and prayers, the repose of the soul of

**Audrey Voepel**, parishioner of St. John Vianney.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen



### Resources for a Prayerful Lent



- Little Black Books— Six minute meditations on the Sunday gospels of Lent - Copies can be picked up at the SJV AC Lobby.
- Matthew Kelly's "Best Lent Ever" - go to [www.dynamiccatholic.com/home](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com/home).
- Check out one of the many spiritual and inspirational books from the St John Vianney Library located in the Adoration Chapel. For a listing of materials go to [sjv.dio.org/about-us/parish-library.html](http://sjv.dio.org/about-us/parish-library.html).

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

##### The Unlikely Suspects

Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?

Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation — plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "among the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism.

How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikely suspects?

Let's go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don't forget the beating hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we're not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn't mean it's always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver

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### Dive Deep - Podcast <https://podcast.dio.org/Lent101>

Why fast? Why 40 days? Why ashes? Why no meat on Fridays? Why purple? Lent is full of symbolism, rooted deep in Catholic theology. Join Dive Deep, the official podcast of the Diocese of Springfield, for Lent 101. While it may sound like an introductory class, Dive Deep will teach you things about Lent you've never heard before.



### Model Patients Wanted at First Step Women's Center

Pregnant and looking for a free ultrasound? We will soon be holding an ultrasound training at First Step and we are in need of ladies that are expecting and will be between 6-20 weeks along during the last week of February.

If you are interested in being one of our models, please call 217-523-0100 today to set up an appointment that will take place February 22nd-25th. Feel free to spread the word to help us with this training so we can better serve our patients! Making a difference for LIFE!

~ Julie Korell, Executive Director

This Lent

Faith Gratitude Hope Courage Charity Freedom

This Lent join us as we feature 6 stories of people who will challenge you and offer 6 challenges that will change you!

[dio.org/lent](http://dio.org/lent)

# MASS INTENTIONS

(† indicates deceased)

## Monday, February 22

**The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

8:00am— All Souls †

## Tuesday, February 23

**Lenten Weekday**

8:00am— Evelyn Sweeney †

HF 6:30pm— Ken & Kay Tasset (10th Wedding Anniversary)

## Wednesday, February 24

**Lenten Weekday**

6:00pm— Anna Eleyidath †

## Thursday, February 25

**Lenten Weekday**

8:00am— Ronald Cardoni †

## Friday, February 26

**Lenten Weekday**

8:00am— Marie C. Downs †

## Saturday, February 27

**Vigil Mass**

5:00pm— Norma Darovec †

## Sunday, February 28

**Second Sunday of Lent**

9:00am— For the People (Pro Populo)

HF 11:00am— Miriam E. Lashmet †

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, February 27 — 5:00pm (St. John Vianney)**

**Lector:** Aidan Glasgow

**Sacristan:** Gina Rusciollelli

**Sunday, February 28 — 9:00am (St. John Vianney)**

**Lector:** Carol Shehorn

**Sacristan:** Cliff Shehorn

**Sunday, February 28 — 11:00am (Holy Family)**

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

## SUNDAY'S READINGS EXCERPTS

### First Reading:

I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth. (Gn 9:11)

### Psalm:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. (Ps 25)

### Second Reading:

Whether Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. (1 Pt 3:18)

### Gospel:

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for 40 days, tempted by Satan. (Mk 1:12-13)

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## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, February 21

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

5:00pm CFF Family Mass

### Tuesday, February 23

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

6:00pm Stations of the Cross

### Wednesday, February 24

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

5:30pm Stations of the Cross

### Friday, February 26

**St. John Vianney:** 4:30-6:30pm KC Fish Fry Drive Thru



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Next weekend, February 27 and 28th, our **Second**

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## St. John Vianney WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING February 13-14, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$1,160.00
WeShare Donations	\$1,155.00
Loose Collections	<u>\$8,090.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,405.00</b>
Weekly Budget	\$4,788.46
Weekly Surplus / <b>Shortfall</b>	\$5,616.54
Capital Improvements	\$35.00
Building & Maintenance	\$45.00
Catholic Times	\$ -
Catholic Charities	\$ -
Easter Flowers	\$100.00

## Holy Family WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING February 14, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$
WeShare Donations	\$
Loose Donations	\$
<b>Total</b>	
Weekly Budget	
Weekly Surplus / <b>Shortfall</b>	
Building Fund	\$

**Numbers not Available  
at Time of Publication**

# FISH FRY FRIDAY



St. John Vianney K of C  
Council #14024  
2021 Fish Fry  
Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>  
4:30PM – 6:30PM

St. John Vianney Activity Center - 902 St John Drive Sherman, IL 62684

## Menu

Walleye, Catfish (fillet) or Shrimp Dinners  
Baked Potato • Cole Slaw  
(Condiments Provided)

*Drive Thru Available Only*  
*Please wear a mask !!*

**\$10.00**



## SJV WOMEN'S SOCIETY FISH FRY DESSERTS



Ladies, we are asking for your help in baking cookies or brownies to be added to each fish fry dinner order. We would like to include 2 cookies or a brownie to each order. If you would place the cookies or brownie into a snack bag and drop them off at the activity center lobby by Thursday evening each week, that would be great. Thanks to those that can help!



## GOSPEL

In today's Gospel, Jesus spent forty days in the desert. Jesus stayed close to God, and he followed God's directions every day of his life. When Satan came to test Jesus he was ready. Jesus passed every test beautifully. He said "No" to temptation. When you write spelling words over and over, it is easier to remember them. Once you memorize all your words, taking the test is pretty easy. The more you read the Bible and do what God asks in his word, the easier it will be for you to pass Satan's tests, too.



## PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

SPIRIT  
JESUS  
DESERT

FORTY  
SATAN  
TESTED

ANIMALS  
ANGELS  
BELIEVE

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# St. John Vianney PARISH MISSION: Renewal of Faith & Return to Worship

led by the Most Reverend Carl Kemme,  
current Bishop of Wichita  
and former SJV Pastor, is scheduled for  
**March 16, 17, and 18, 2021**  
**6:30pm - 8:30pm**

Tuesday 3/16/21 Mass & Talk

Wednesday 3/17/21 Talk & Reconciliation

Thursday 3/18/21 Adoration & Talk

Seating is limited and Sign Up is required  
Sign up at the link below:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/  
go/9040a4ea9ad2ea1fb6-stjohn](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4ea9ad2ea1fb6-stjohn)

Please note the following changes  
to our regular Mass Schedule:

Tuesday, March 16th **Holy Family:**  
5:30pm Mass with Stations at 5:00pm

Wednesday, March 17th **St. John Vianney:**  
8:00am Mass (instead of 6:00pm)  
No Adoration



## Calling all prayer warriors!

Join us in prayer this Lent to end  
abortion in Springfield.

**February 17th- March 28th.**

Spots still need to be filled. Sign up online at [https://  
www.40daysforlife.com/springfield-il](https://www.40daysforlife.com/springfield-il) (the old link was  
the same without the "-il" at the end). People can also  
contact our office to sign up at 523-2700 or if you have any  
questions.

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS Youth Group Calendar

Sunday, February 21, 2021

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

Contact Molly Ishmael  
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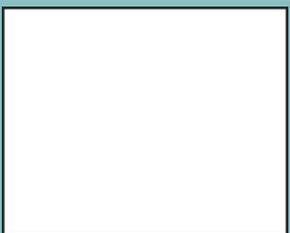
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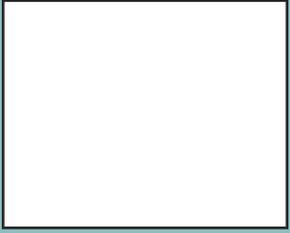
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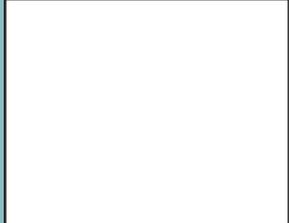
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