



# ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR B

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### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 8:00am

### Weekday Masses

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 8:00am  
Wednesday: 6:00pm

Holyday Masses As Announced

### Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00-4:45pm  
Wednesday: 5:00-5:30pm  
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**25TH SUNDAY YEAR B, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**  
 (Wis. 2:12, 17-20; Ps.54, Jas. 3:16-4:3; Mk. 9:30-37)

**A ‘HOLY AMBITION’**

Beloved brothers and sisters, on the surface, the Gospel and the second reading tend to suggest that Jesus and St. James respectively seem to have condemned ambition. That is not the case at all, rather, it was a false, selfish and indeed an unholy ambition that has been condemned.

Of course, ambition which is the determination to achieve a success or distinction, usually, in a chosen field is in itself not bad. It is praiseworthy to have goals in life, and to have the desire to succeed in one’s profession, business or career. The only problem is when one is driven by a strong desire to succeed at all costs, come-what may, in that case, while he/she may be very successful, sometimes they leave a trail of broken relationships behind them. Against this backdrop, the second reading warns that wherever there is jealousy and ambition of the wrong kind there one finds disharmony and disunity and all kinds of harmful things being done.

False ambition creates conflicts and divisions, and is very damaging to the unity of a community, be it the church community or civil society. It springs from jealousy and selfishness. This can eventually result in all kinds of ugly behaviors. Such behavior was apparent in the attitude of the apostles who in the Gospel were fighting over the greatest and first among them. They were truly small-time glory seekers. At that point, they were driven by selfishness and false ambition. But Jesus rather than abolishing ambition, he gave them a profound teaching on where lies the true greatness and what the true ambition is. He therefore redefined the true ambition to be the desire to serve. And so, for the ambition to rule others he substituted the ambition to serve others. Yet these same apostles became fire-brands for this ministry to serve others after the resurrection, establishing profound faith communities.

Beloved ones, where do we stand then in all of this? What kind of ambition motivates us? Today we see the various people that God still calls to do his work. We don’t mean only priests and religious. What more precious task could be entrusted to a human being than bringing another into the world and introducing them to God? What of so many who look after ageing relatives, those who visit people in hospitals, prisons and those living alone who need help and so on. Any humble loving service done for another is greatly appreciated and rewarded by God. It also allows us to do whatever we can to make the world a better place to live in. The really great people, and those who are most fondly remembered are not those who sought to further themselves and own interests, but rather those who devoted themselves to furthering the interests of the community. Jesus tells us to-

day that the true greatness shows itself in service towards the weaker members of the community. May God grant us this type of true desire and a holy ambition that is geared towards promoting the lives of others. Amen!

**CFF Kicks off:** As we kick off the CFF this Sunday, September 19th at 12:00pm noon in the Activity Center, I encourage the families and catechists to join us. Looking forward to seeing you all.

**Priests’ Annual Convocation:** I will be leaving for the Springfield Diocesan Priests' annual Convocation scheduled for Monday, September 20th until Thursday, September 23 in Collinsville, IL. There will be no Masses from Tuesday through Thursday.

**Appreciation:** Many thanks to you all for your generous support to our sister Parish, Resurrection in Illiopolis, last Sunday, during the Chicken Dinner. It was great to see many of you over there. May God bless you and yours always. Wishing you a great week ahead!

**FR. FREDDIE MBIERE**



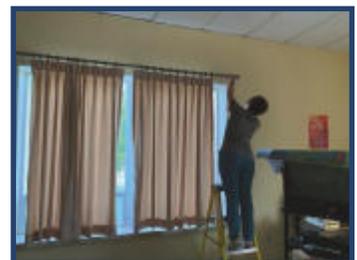
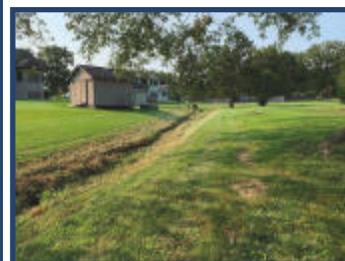
**PARISH WORKDAY**

**Our First Workday was a Success!**

**THANK YOU** to our amazing parishioners that came ready to work last Saturday and did such a great job! Check out the hard copy of the bulletin at church for an insert showing more pictures of the work done!

**Please mark your calendar for our next Workday on October 9th 8:00am to 12:00pm.**

**THANK YOU!**



## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

*Reflect on Scripture*



“I’m Better Than You.” Our lives are filled with all manner of put down, one upmanship, top dog behavior. When the disciples were caught in a similar conversation by Jesus, their response was silence. Perhaps, from embarrassment, even shame – especially after his teaching. He says to them and to us, be last not first, be of service, be open to receive.

- ◆ Who needs to be first at something this week rather than me?
- ◆ Whom can I serve because they need some help?
- ◆ Whom will I receive with joy as I would a child or grandchild?



## Catholic Charities HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry Collection Crate has been returned to the **Church Building** in its normal spot behind the last pew. Thank you for your donations!

### List of Most Needed Items:

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

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



## SDCCW CONVENTION

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) invites all women of the diocese to their 92nd annual convention called “Living God’s Plan for Life, Love and the Family” on Wed. Sept. 29 at Hamilton’s South Ballroom (110 N. East Street, Jacksonville) from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Bishop Paprocki, along with priests of the diocese, will celebrate 11 a.m. Mass for the convention attendees at Our Savior Catholic Church in Jacksonville and join in the banquet luncheon directly afterward at Hamilton’s.

You can follow the underlined links below or call the parish office for a printed form: [event flyer](#), [registration form](#), [50-50 raffle](#) and [quilt raffle](#) tickets. For additional information call 217-257-5062.

## Pancake and Sausage Breakfast



St. John Vianney K of C

Council # 14024

8:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Sunday, September 26

St. John Vianney Activity Center

902 St John Drive, Sherman, IL 62684

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### MENU

Pancakes and Sausage

Scrambled Eggs

Coffee, Milk and Orange Juice

Adults - \$8.00

Kids - \$5.00 (12 and under)



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### The View from the Back of the Line

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They’re the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They’re the one who’s always “doing” for others. They’re never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We’re a little envious, even if we don’t let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those in the way back and wondering why they’re smiling so much.

We’ve all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we “earn” whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That’s how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It’s exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don’t seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy “doing” for others, it’s because by a boatload of God’s grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don’t be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver

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# MASS INTENTIONS

(† indicates deceased)

## Monday, September 20

**Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs**

8:00am— All Souls †

## Tuesday, September 21

**St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**

8:00am— **NO MASS**

## Wednesday, September 22

**Weekday**

6:00pm— **NO MASS**

## Thursday, September 23

**St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

8:00am— **NO MASS**

## Friday, September 24

**Weekday**

8:00am— Evelyn Sweeney †

## Saturday, September 25

**Vigil**

5:00pm— Nancy Saathoff †

## Sunday, September 26

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am— For the People (Pro Populo)

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, September 25 — 5:00pm (St. John Vianney)**

**Lector:** Andy Krug

**Eucharistic Minister:** John Ausmus

**Server:** Avery Glasgow

**Sunday, September 26 — 8:00am (St. John Vianney)**

**Lector:** Terry Willis

**Eucharistic Minister:** Andy Krug

**Server:** Ethan Grebner & Austin Grebner

## SUNDAY'S READINGS EXCERPTS

### First Reading:

Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him. (Wis 2:20)

### Psalm:

The Lord upholds my life. (Ps 54)

### Second Reading:

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. (Jas 3:18)

### Gospel:

"The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." (Mk 9:31)



**Sun, Sept 19:** 12:00pm CFF Kickoff

**Tue, Sept 21:** **No Mass - Priest Convocation**

**Wed, Sept 22:** **No Adoration 7:00am - 6:00pm Adoration**  
**No Mass - Priest Convocation**

**Thu, Sept 23:** **No Mass - Priest Convocation**



Tickets are on sale now for SHG's 27th annual Mega Raffle Drawing! Tickets are \$100 each and only 4200 tickets are sold. There are 70 cash prizes available including the

GRAND PRIZE of \$100,000! An Early Bird drawing will be held on October 15th with (20) \$500 cash prizes given away. The raffle concludes on October 30th with a LIVE drawing at the KC Hall on Meadowbrook. Purchase your tickets by calling 217-787-9732 or online at shg.org. Each Springfield Catholic grade school will receive \$1000 from the raffle proceeds. Thank you in advance for supporting SHG.



## KC Vocation Raffle

Vocation raffle tickets are available  
**\$15.00 per Book**

Proceeds support vocations in our diocese and state.

Books are on the table at the back of the church.

**Grand prize ---- \$10,000**

**Please take a book or several books,  
fill out and return to the church or parish office.**

**THANK YOU for your generosity.**

## St. John Vianney WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING September 11 & 12, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,145.00
WeShare Donations	\$920.00
Loose Collections	<u>\$164.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,229.00</b>
Weekly Budget	\$4,788.46
Weekly Surplus / <b>Shortfall</b>	<b>(\$559.46)</b>
Capital Improvements	\$135.00
Building & Maintenance	\$65.00
Hurricane Ida USCCB Relief Fund	\$620.00

**Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation** To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy, even if it is in the past, individuals are encouraged to call 217-321-1155. Individuals may also contact the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE, or contact your local police authority.



## Sock-tober Plus is Coming

During the month of October (Socktober), the Sherman Knights of Columbus will be collecting socks to distribute to the homeless. We will also collect gloves, scarfs, blankets, and stocking caps for the needy to provide warmth for the upcoming winter.

There will be a laundry basket in the back of the church and in the lobby of the activity center for you to drop off your donated items. These will be gathered and given to Deacon Mick Palazzolo.

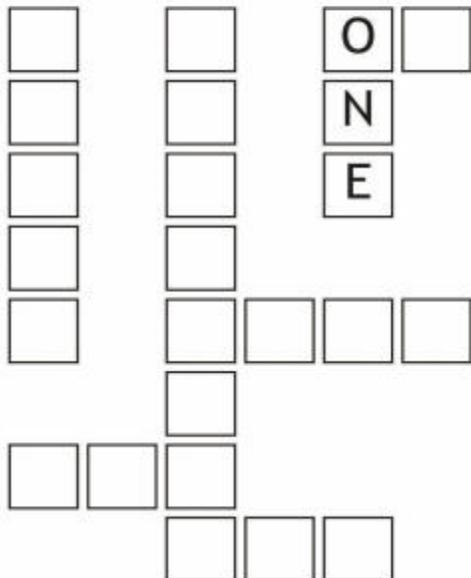
Deacon Mick has a ministry to the homeless where he goes on the streets of Springfield distributing food, clothes, and prayers to the homeless.

Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

 **GOSPEL** God smiles when you help others. Take water to the thirsty. Donate your old clothes to the needy. Comfort those who are crying. Give one of your toys to a child with no toys. Share your favorite blanket with a child who is cold. If you spend your life helping others, God will take your hand and say, "Come, my child. Live with me in heaven forever."

 **PUZZLE**  
Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Which one of them was the greatest?



## Check out our very own Father Freddie on 73 Questions!

A program organized by the Office of Communications in the Springfield Diocese in IL.

73 Questions in 20 minutes!

Follow the link below to the YouTube video or find it on the Diocese's Facebook page.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l4eLCcwNfy4>

<https://www.facebook.com/diospringfield>

## Events at the Cathedral

**Surviving the Holidays** Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated? Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. Join us on Wednesday October 6, 1:00-3:00pm in the Cathedral School Library. (Enter through the atrium doors off 5th street parking lot).

**Grief Share** A weekly, faith-based, grief support group. If you, or someone you know, would like help and encouragement after the death of a loved one, please join us beginning Wednesday, October 27, 1:00-3:00pm in the Cathedral School Library. (Enter through the atrium doors off 5th street parking lot)

Grief Share runs for 14 weeks, but guests may join the series at any point and can pick up content they missed during the next cycle. For more information go to <https://www.griefshare.org/> or contact Berni Ely @ 899-6637 or [jackandberni96@yahoo.com](mailto:jackandberni96@yahoo.com).

Register by email at [vcompton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org) or call Vicki at 217-522-3342. All adults, of any or no faith background, are welcome.



## Catholic Faith Formation

Registration for CFF classes is now underway. You can find the link to register on the church website under the **Religious Ed Tab**.

CFF families and catechists please plan to join us for the **CFF Kickoff on Sunday, September 19th** at 12:00pm noon in the Activity Center.

**Classes will begin on Sunday, September 26.** Additional **catechists and volunteers** are needed for this school year. Please contact the CFF coordinators or the parish office for more information.

Please contact the Faith Formation Coordinators at [psr@sjv.dio.org](mailto:psr@sjv.dio.org) with any questions.

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