



# ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

TWENTY-SIXTH 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  
or by appointment



26<sup>th</sup>  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:39b

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**26TH SUNDAY YEAR B, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**  
(Num.11:25-29; Ps.19, Jas. 5:1-6; Mk. 9:38-43,45,47-48)

**PUTTING ASIDE PETTY JEALOUSIES TO RESPECT THE GIFTS OF GOD IN OTHERS**

Beloved brothers and sisters, in the readings of this Sunday, the Holy Mother Church reminds us that God’s choice/gift is not a personal privilege to be guarded jealously, but a call to serve His people.

This call is very glaring in the 1st reading and the first part of the Gospel. In both cases, Moses and Jesus refused to yield to the fears and request of their disciples. This is because, it was in line with the will of God that all men and women should receive the spirit of God and be motivated to do good works.

This good work in this context includes, prophesying, casting out demons and preaching the good news of the kingdom of God. This was why Moses responded: “...If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets and, the Lord gave his Spirit to them all.” And Jesus told his disciples: “You must not stop him; No one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me...”

Therefore, for both Moses and Jesus, it was a good development. Their responses to their disciples simply showed that they were opposed to the spirit of envy over the gifts of others. It also showed how modest and meek their hearts were. Even James, in

the 2nd reading, warns us against oppression, suppressions and injustices of all kinds against the weak, the poor and those who do not belong to our group, fold or class. Rather than oppress and suppress them, we should build and help them to grow up physically and spiritually.

We are not to strangle the true spirit of God at work in others due to envy or by being overzealous. Doing this means being unjust, like the oppressive rich that James condemned in today’s second reading. We are called to be messengers of justice, peace, progress, mercy, compassion and above all, love/charity.

Talking of charity, we must remember that a cup of cold water as Jesus mentioned; is something essential to life that almost anyone can give. The cup of water therefore, symbolizes any practical gift: food, clothing, shelter, financial aid, or help getting out of a ditch which we extend to others with a heart free of envy.

Just as Moses and our Lord Jesus, as well as emphasized by James, are we ready to put aside any form of jealousy in order tolerate, and open up to the gifts bestowed to others by God? Can I welcome, appreciate and respect those gifts wherever they appear?

May God give us this grace!

Wishing you all God’s blessings in the coming week!

**FR. FREDDIE MBIERE**



**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.

Donations can be placed in the laundry basket in the back of the Church or in the lobby of the Activity Center. 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.



We welcome into our faith community



**Walter Daniel  
John Streeval**

Son of  
Patrick & Kelly Streeval

Baptized at St. John Vianney  
Saturday, September 18th  
by Father Freddie

May God richly him in his Catholic Faith!

St. John Vianney	
Profit & Loss	
July 2020 through June 2021	
<b>Income</b>	
Regular Church Support	\$ 245,621.11
Support from Holy Family	\$ 59,257.40
Other Sources of Revenue	\$ 7,179.74
Investment Income	\$ 269.51
Registration Fees / PSR	\$ 4,925.00
Donations to "Roof Fund"*	\$ 45,294.18
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 362,546.94</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 362,546.94</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Payroll Expenses	\$ 221,566.52
Contractual Services	\$ 16,079.65
Utilities	\$ 27,651.69
Insurance -Property & Liability	\$ 20,805.52
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 5,236.07
Equipment and Furniture	\$ 629.00
Leasing and Rentals	\$ 1,545.83
Supplies	\$ 18,080.12
Professional Fees	\$ 126.48
Professional Development	\$ 280.00
Hospitality Expense	\$ 613.12
Transportation Travel & Auto Ex	\$ 34.21
Support to Holy Family	\$ 750.22
Religious Education Expenses	\$ 793.42
Parish Organization Expense	\$ 555.46
Permits, Fees, and Licenses	\$ 3,717.49
ACSA Expense	\$ 13,058.00
Catholic Times Subscription Exp	\$ 3,631.00
Other Expenses	\$ 1,559.80
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 336,713.60</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 25,833.34</b>
St. John Vianney's Diocesan Savings Account Balance	\$ 103,459.01
*This amount is currently in the St. John Vianney operating account and has not yet been deposited into the savings held in account at the Diocese.	

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Breaking the Stewardship Mold

Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? “I could never serve on the Parish Council. That’s for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years.” “Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn’t need my help.” “I can’t afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn’t matter even if I did increase it.”

Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren’t in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren’t likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren’t privy.

God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it’s outside our comfort zone, even if it’s something that never occurred to us before.

There’s only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him?

~Tracy Earl Welliver

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## SJV WOMEN’S SOCIETY COOKIE WALK

The SJV Women’s Society Cookie Walk has been scheduled for Saturday, December 12th.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Set Up/Tear Down, Undecorated Cut-Out Cookies, & Cookie Decorators!

**Set Up / Tear Down** - (maybe a high school group needs service hours?)

**Undecorated Cut-Out Cookies** - Please deliver cut-out cookies to be decorated to the Activity

Center by early evening on Tuesday, December 7th. **Cookie Decorators** - We will decorate cookies on the evenings of Wednesday, December 8th through Friday, December 10th. (maybe a mother/daughter group would like to gather to decorate?) We will provide pizza and beverages for the volunteers.

Call **Barb Doud at 217-415-1125** and leave a message if you are interested in volunteering. We appreciate what ever you are able to help with!

**Hello fellow parishioners.** We want to share some information with you to accompany the annual financial report published in this bulletin.

First, we want to sincerely thank you for your generosity, especially through this long pandemic and months of uncertainty. As you can see on the financial report, we closed the books on June 30 with a few dollars in the bank. That is a wonderful blessing and one that not every parish is able to say.

Second, we want to sincerely thank you for your generous support with your time and talents. Our parish is more than money in the bank, it is each of you. The volunteer hours so many of you give and the skills and talents you share are priceless!

If you notice on the balance sheet, there is a line called "restricted donations – roof fund" and it shows \$45,000. This is money you have specifically donated to what we are calling the "Capital Improvements – Roof and Renovation" fund. This capital improvement fund was set up to replenish money withdrawn from SJV's Diocesan Savings Account and used to pay for the new roof on the Activity Center. At this time this money currently remains in the Operating Account and is not being deposited into savings for two reasons:

- Decline in weekly contributions
- Upcoming major expenses

**Item 1 – Decline in Weekly Contributions**

Over the past few months our income has fallen nearly every week below the amount needed to meet our budgeted expenses. SJV financially weathered the shut-down of the parish and then the reopening with restrictions because you continued to give and because SJV received money via the Federal Governments' first Paycheck Protection Program.

In the last couple of months donations have been noticeably down. Why? There have been several changes at the parish that could be affecting income. Change in leadership. Change in Mass time. Change in the age children are receiving the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. Other reasons? There are probably as many reasons as there are families in the parish. The bottom line, though, is the parish will not be financially viable very far into the future given the current ongoing decline in contributions.

**Item 2 –Upcoming Major Expenses**

St. John Vianney's campus has two buildings that are both more than 50 years old. Within the past five years, a completely new roof has been installed on the Activity Center. This project included the repair of several areas on the aggregate exterior of the building that had failed and were allowing water into the building. This was paid for with funds SJV had in savings on deposit with the Diocese.

There is one final phase to the exterior renovation of the Activity Center and that is the application of a sealant on the aggregate walls to make the exterior as impervious to

water as possible. This sealant should be installed within the year to protect the repairs that have been done.

The Church roof is also in need of repair. In the last month, sealant has been applied to areas of concern. The hope is that this will temporarily stop the leaks that have been occurring in the church. According to Diocesan Property, Buildings and Cemeteries Office, the roof of St. John Vianney Church was installed incorrectly and because of this there are issues and concerns that need correcting. Without going into all the detail, the concrete tiles of the roof need to carefully removed, furring strips installed to provide the proper space for electrical wiring, a waterproof barrier applied, and then the concrete tiles can be reinstalled correctly. The bulk of the expense will be in labor.

These are the two large projects that need to be funded in the immediate future. Here's where we are financially:

Funds in St. John Vianney Parish Diocesan Savings Account	\$104,000
Funds donated specifically to the "Roof and Renovation Fund" that are currently in SJV Operating Account	\$ 45,000
Total Available Funds	\$149,000
Activity Center Sealant Estimate	\$90,000
SJV Roof estimate	\$250,000
Total Cost of the 2 Major Project	\$340,000
Amount the Diocese will loan SJV*	\$170,000
<i>*The Diocese will only loan half the cost of the project; the parish must have the funds to pay the other half.</i>	

How do we fund these needed repair projects to maintain our parish facilities, especially when we are not even meeting our weekly budgeted amount for day-to-day operating expenses? We need each of our parishioners to pray for direction as to how to best help. Should it be to begin giving regularly or to increase financial support, please remember that giving is convenient and easy using WeShare, our online donation tool. Should it be offering time and talent, please contact the parish office to learn of volunteer opportunities. We need everyone to help our parish be a light in a world that is full of darkness. Maintaining our beautiful buildings and grounds will continue to allow St. John Vianney Parish to provide a sanctuary for those seeking respite from the world; to provide a Holy place to feel God's embrace. We are family!

On behalf of the St. John Vianney Finance Council  
Respectfully and prayerfully yours,



Fr. Fredrick Chima Mbiere  
Pastor



Lynda Cliburn  
Bookkeeper

# MASS INTENTIONS

(† indicates deceased)

## Monday, September 27

**St. Vincent de Paul, Priest**

8:00am— Donald & Rita O'Connor †

## Tuesday, September 28

**Weekday**

8:00am— All Souls †

## Wednesday, September 29

**Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels**

6:00pm— Anna Eleyidath †

## Thursday, September 30

**St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

8:00am— Dan Conlon †

## Friday, October 1

**St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church**

8:00am— Wy Thompson †

## Saturday, October 2

**Vigil**

5:00pm— Bill Collins †

## Sunday, October 3

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am— For the People (Pro Populo)

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, October 2 — 5:00pm (St. John Vianney)**

**Lector:** Amy Schutzbach

**Eucharistic Minister:** Andy Krug

**Server:** Will Brumleve

**Sunday, October 3 — 8:00am (St. John Vianney)**

**Lector:** Tom Henderson

**Eucharistic Minister:** Valerie Henderson

**Server:** Connor Ausmus

### SUNDAY'S READINGS EXCERPTS

#### First Reading:

But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Nm 11:29)

#### Psalm:

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. (Ps 19)

#### Second Reading:

Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like fire." (Jas 5:3)

#### Gospel:

"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire." (Mk 9:43)

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## The Week Ahead

**Sun. Sept 26:** 8:00-11:30am KC Pancake Breakfast

**Wed. Sept 29:** 7:00am - 6:00pm Adoration

5:30pm Rosary

6:45pm Bible Study

6:45pm Finance Council Meeting

## 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**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT!**

#### MENU

Pancakes and Sausage

Scrambled Eggs

Coffee, Milk and Orange Juice

**Adults - \$8.00**

**Kids - \$5.00 (12 and under)**



### St. John Vianney WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING September 18 & 19, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,060.00
WeShare Donations	\$1,175.00
Loose Collections	<u>\$621.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,856.00</b>
Weekly Budget	\$4,788.46
Weekly Surplus / <b>Shortfall</b>	\$1,067.54
Capital Improvements	\$250.00
Building & Maintenance	\$150.00

**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.

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