



ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 31, 2021

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR B

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

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

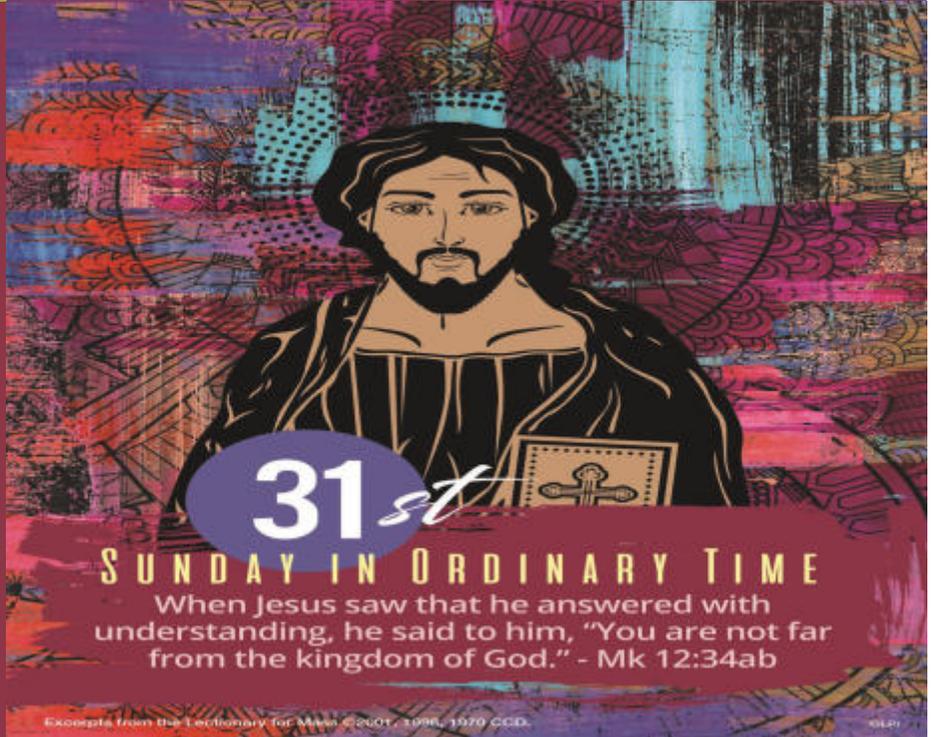
Weekday Masses

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



SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

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31st SUNDAY YEAR B, OCTOBER 31, 2021
(Deut. 6:2-6; Ps. 18; Heb.7:23-28; Mk. 12:28-34)

MAKING OUR LOVE REAL AND ACTIVE

Beloved brothers and sisters, we have come together today to offer God our worship and our love. On this Sunday therefore, the Holy Mother Church draws our attention to the two greatest commandments of love and how much we need the grace of God to live them out. Of course, the only failure for a Christian is the failure to love. And so, in our 1st reading, Moses reminds us that being faithful to God and his commandments is the best way to prosperity and eternal life.

This connects the Gospel of today where Jesus tells us that the two greatest commandments, are love of God and of neighbor. He affirms first what we heard in the 1st reading from Deuteronomy, love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. He quickly adds the second commandment: You must love your neighbor as yourself. They are the two sides of the same coin.

Jesus' response to the Lawyer who demonstrated his knowledge of the Commandments, thus, you are not far from the kingdom of God, is quite interesting. It means that he is not there yet, he needs some extra effort. It boils down to the fact that our knowledge of the Commandment of God to love is not sufficient to take us to His Kingdom, but the extra effort of living it out practically in our daily lives.

Living out such love may not necessarily mean dying on the cross as Christ the Great High Priest we read in the 2nd reading. It could be demonstrated through small, but concrete gestures like a sincere smile, good words, forgiving the one who hurt you most, and charity. It may not only mean doing something extraordinary, but also, doing something simple.

It's about moving beyond what I know in my head to doing it, evidently! I know if I keep running, I'll get to the finishing line, I am not at the finishing line, thus the Kingdom of God yet. But my body is wracked with pain and tired, disappointments and scandals everywhere! I can't make it to the Church nor fulfil my Christian obligations again. Come on, lift that foot, and now lift the other, keep doing it, the line is getting nearer all the time. And so, what is my plan for my Christian Charity this coming Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas? Can I now treat others the same friendly way Christ has treated me? May your love be something real and active. May God give us the grace to live up to this expectation!

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS, NOV. 1: All Saints' Day, also called All Hallows' Day, or Feast of All Saints, in the Catholic Church, is a day commemorating all the saints of the Church, both known and unknown, who have attained heaven. It is celebrated on November 1 in the Western churches and on the 1st Sunday after Pentecost in the Eastern churches. All Saints' Day is a surprisingly old feast dated back to the 4th century. It arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their martyrdom. When martyrdoms increased during the persecutions of the late Roman Empire, local dioceses instituted a common feast day to ensure that all martyrs, known and unknown, were properly honored.

A day to celebrate as well, all the saints who have not been canonized, those who are in Heaven, but whose sainthood is known only to God and have no particular feast day. In a special way, All Saints' Day is their feast. Who are these saints? Saints were made of flesh and blood. They were human beings with human flaws. They were vulnerable to the same temptations as us. God did not spare them the bumps, bruises, and scars that mark all our lives. They were not perfect people. It's just that their over-all goodness overshadowed their sins and mistakes. As the Church Triumphant, they serve as models precisely for they were sinners like us. In them we see the triumph of grace over human weakness and sinfulness. The Church honors and holds them up as models today just for us to imitate them. Looking at them gives us a glimpse of who we ourselves might become. What we need is the will to walk in the light of what we have seen. Let's march on the Church Militant! Happy feast day to everyone!

ALL SOULS' DAY, NOV. 2: All Saints' Day is followed by All Souls' Day (November 2), the day on which Catholics commemorate all those Holy Souls who have died and are in Purgatory, being cleansed of their sins so that they can enter into the presence of God in Heaven. They are the Church Suffering. May we pray intensively during this month of November for the Church suffering in purgatory. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let your perpetual light shine upon them. We shall have Mass for the day at 8:00am

Good Wishes: As you celebrate the Halloween, I equally welcome you to the new month of November and of course, my family visits kick off this month. I am praying for God's blessings on you and yours in the week ahead! Remember, as your priest, I am available to attend to your Pastoral/Spiritual needs. Call me any time! We are one family united in the love of Christ. Have a great week!

FR. FREDDIE MBIERE



Home Visits by Father Freddie

Home visitation is an important part of a priest's pastoral care of the people in his charge, his flock. Father Freddie would like to start visiting the homes of parishioners beginning in November. He will visit after the dinner hour, so no worries about making a meal for the visit. Father wants to use this time to connect with you on a more personal level than the celebration of Mass allows each weekend. He looks forward to giving each home a special blessing and offering you an opportunity to share your needs with him. He has set aside the following dates in November for visits: 1st, 3rd, 10th, 11th (at 7:30pm), 13th, 15th, 17th, 22nd, 24th, and 29th. Visits are at 7:00pm except for Thursdays which are at 7:30pm. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or call the parish office.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

MASS INTENTIONS

(† indicates deceased)

Monday, November 1

All Saint's Day

8:00am— For the People (Pro Populo)

Tuesday, November 2

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

8:00am— All Souls †

Wednesday, November 3

Weekday

6:00pm— Anna Eleyidath †

Thursday, November 4

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

8:00am— Nola Schneidt †

Friday, November 5

Weekday

8:00am— Joe Kloba †

Saturday, November 6

Vigil—Mass of Remembrance

5:00pm— Norma Jean Darovek †

Sunday, November 7

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am— For the People (Pro Populo)

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 6 — 5:00pm (St. John Vianney)

Lector: John Ausmus

Eucharistic Minister: Kim Ausmus

Server: Connor Ausmus

Sunday, November 7 — 8:00am (St. John Vianney)

Lector: Terry Willis

Eucharistic Minister: Stacie Henderson

Server: Ethan & Austin Grebner

SUNDAY'S READINGS EXCERPTS

First Reading:

"Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength." (Dt 6:5)

Psalm:

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

Second Reading:

But Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him. (Heb 7:24-25)

Gospel:

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." (Mk 12:34)

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The Week Ahead

Sat, Oct 30: 3:00 - 5:00pm Trunk or Treat
6:00pm Fall Parish Weiner Roast

Mon, Nov 1: Parish Office Closed—All Saints' Day

Tue, Nov 2: 6:30pm Women's Society Meeting

Wed, Nov 3: 7:00am - 6:00pm Adoration

5:30pm Rosary

6:45pm Bible Study

Thu, Nov 4: 7:00pm K of C Meeting

All Saints' Day 2021: Because the Solemnity of All Saints, November 1st, falls on a Monday this year, it is **not** celebrated as a holy day of obligation this year, though it is still to be celebrated as a solemnity.



SJV WOMEN'S SOCIETY MEETING

Our SJV Women's Society will meet on **Tuesday, November 2nd at 6:30pm** in the Activity

Center. We will be going over plans for the upcoming cookie walk. All women of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there. ~ Barb Doud, President



Riverton K of C Fish Frys Are Back!

Friday, November 5th ~ 4:30 - 6:30pm

Carry Out Only

Orders can be called in after 4pm to 629-7202 for Pickup starting at 5pm.

Meals: Walleye, Shrimp, Corn Dog
Cash or Checks Only - No Debit/Credit Cards

St. John Vianney WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING October 23 & 24, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$2125.00
WeShare Donations	Not available at time of publication
Loose Collections	<u>\$192.00</u>
Total	\$2,317.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,788.46
Weekly Surplus / Shortfall	\$2,471.46
Capital Improvements	\$372.00
Building & Maintenance	-
World Mission Sunday	\$707.00
All Souls	\$130.00

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.

JOIN US FOR SOME FALL FUN!



FALL WIENER ROAST

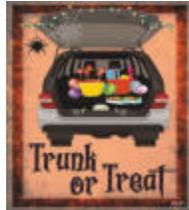
All are invited to a Fall Wiener Roast on **Saturday, October 30, starting at 6:00pm.** Hot dogs, buns, tea, and lemonade will be provided.

Please bring a covered dish to share and chairs or a blanket to sit on. So we are able to plan for the number attending, **RSVP** using Sign-up Genius Link posted on the SJV Website or the Sign-Up Sheet at the back of the church by Friday, October 29. **Sign-up at**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4EA9AD2EA1FB6-sjvfall>

TRUNK OR TREAT

Bring the family to SJV's first-ever Trunk or Treat event on **Saturday, October 30, from 3:00-5:00pm.**



Costumes are welcome, but not required (if your family is planning on attending 5:00 Mass). Volunteers wishing to pass out candy will need to have completed the Protecting God's Children training required by the Diocese. If you would like to volunteer, please email Stacie Henderson at psr@sjv.dio.org or text her at 217-899-2087.

If you are not able to participate but would like to donate candy for the event, you may drop it off at the back of the church at daily masses, in the lobby of the Activity Center on Wednesday from 5:00 - 7:30, or at the church office during regular office hours.



St. John Vianney Parish Office Manager Position

Our parish office manager, Stacy Saladino, will retire in December. **Therefore, SJV is seeking applicants to fill this permanent part-time position.**

The office manager provides administrative support to the pastor, staff members, and ministry leaders in fulfilling the mission of the parish. Tasks are primarily church office-oriented, but also include some volunteer coordination and media management.

Applicants should be a practicing Catholic in full communion with and agree to the teachings of the Catholic Church, and must adhere to the diocesan code of conduct.

SJV is looking for a friendly, efficient, attention detailed, and organized person that is proficient in Microsoft Office (including Publisher, Word, and Excel), has outstanding written and verbal communication skills who demonstrates effective time management and flexibility while maintaining a professional office environment, including the ability to maintain confidentiality.

Please contact Father Freddie for more information or to apply for this position.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Saturday, November 6, 2021 at 5:00pm

During the month of November, we remember as a church community all those souls who have gone before us in death. At this special Mass we bring to mind those souls who during this past year have gone to their eternal reward.

Rest in Peace

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

Davasia "David" Nellikunnel,
father of our former Pastor,
Fr. George Nellikunnel.

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

If you are interested, Fr. George's address at the St. Al's rectory is 2119 N 20th St, Springfield, IL 62702



CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER

A KIDNEY FOR MOLLY

SJV Parishioner and Youth Group Coordinator, Molly Henderson, was born with a genetic condition that affects her kidneys. Molly's kidney function has deteriorated to the point that she started the transplant process this past spring.

Unfortunately, none of her family was an appropriate donor, so her brother-in-law, Scott Wessing volunteered to be in a paired program where he donates a kidney to an unknown recipient and Molly receives a kidney also from an unknown recipient.

On November 1st, Molly and Scott will undergo surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. Scott will need to stay in Rochester for nine days and Molly will stay for almost a month to make sure her new kidney is functioning correctly. This fundraiser will help with the expenses they will incur.

Pre-Order Meals at this link:

<https://nelsonscatering.com/a-kidney-for-molly>

ORDER DEADLINE: THURSDAY, NOV. 4 AT NOON

PICKUP DATE: THURSDAY, NOV. 11, 2021

Pickup location: St. John Vianney Activity Center

Pickup time: 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Menu: Grilled 1/2 chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy and green beans. Comes with roll, butter and all utensils.

All the love, support, and prayers given to Molly and Scott during this time are much appreciated.

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