St. John Vianney

March 7, 2021

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

"He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area." -Jn 2:14-15a

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Mass Schedule

Sunday, March 7

8:15 a.m. † Mary Ellen Pope

10:00 a.m. † Don Eckert

3:00 p.m. Special Intention

Monday, March 8

8:15 a.m. † Roger Kunz

Tuesday, March 9

5:15 p.m. Patricia Hafele

Wednesday, March 10

8:15 a.m. † Margaret Burns

Thursday, March 11

8:15 a.m. † Ed Ballou

Friday, March 12

8:15 a.m. † James Doyle

Saturday, March 13

8:15 a.m. Vocations

5:00 p.m. † Merdith "Merdy" Sotiros

† Robert and Jeanette Stadler

Sunday, March 14

8:15 a.m. For the People of St. John Vianney

† James and Patricia Clark

10:00 a.m. † Grace Rauscher

† Betty Lynch

3:00 p.m. Special Intention

Our Budget at a Glance

February 27-28, 2021

Weekly Collection:	$ 9,015
Loose Collection:	284
E-Giving:	2,813
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Total:	$ 12,112

	Collected	Budget	Variance
Total Envelopes—Jan., 2021	$ 95,724	$ 101,475	- $ 5,751
Totals Fiscal YTD 7-1-20—01-31-21	$ 623,171	$ 629,145	- $ 5,974

During these difficult times we still rely on your support! Even if you don't attend Mass, we count on your continued financial giving to care for our wonderful parish. Mail your offertory envelope to the Parish Office, at 1245 Clark St., Janesville, WI 53545 or donate online by going to sjv.org and using the "Donate Now" link.

SJV School Calendar Raffle Winners

- $100 – Feb. 19 — Cody Palchik
- $100 – Feb. 22 — Melissa Garcia

Virtual Baptismal Preparation

Baptismal Preparation Sessions are currently available online. For more information regarding the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact the Parish Office at parish@sjv.org or call 608-752-8708.

Many prefer a "create as you go" approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a "you can't tell me what to do" attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other's space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of "anything goes" and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on "relativism island" where only a possible suggestion to "love and do not harm" may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus' display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life's preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

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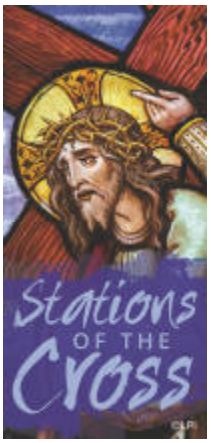

Join us for Stations of the Cross every **Friday** during Lent.

- Mar. 12 at 2:15 and 5:30 p.m.
- Mar. 19 at 2:15 and 5:30 p.m.
- Mar. 26 at 5:30 p.m.
- Good Friday, Apr. 2 at 2:00 p.m.

Stations will be streamed live at: Facebook.com/saintjohnvianneyparish *and* Youtube.com/sjvjanesville

Lenten Almsgiving

SJV is again conducting a Lenten almsgiving collection for ECHO. The drive is sponsored by our Knights of Columbus. The KC's have offered to match one dollar for each dollar contributed up to a match of $1,500. The drive will be conducted thru March 21. If we meet the goal of $1,500 from this collection, in addition to the $1,500 being matched by our parish KC's, the national KC's will also contribute $500. Donations can be made online through the parish website at www.sjv.org, through the collection basket with envelopes marked for ECHO, or by mail.

Our school students are also conducting a collection of non-food items for ECHO including personal hygiene products, paper goods, and cleaning supplies. If you would like to assist them, please place your items in the blue cart in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your continuing generosity to this collection.

Sustainability in El Salvador

Drought has become a big problem across El Salvador, making it difficult for farmers to produce enough crops to support their families. But new farming techniques—and a new generation of young farmers—are making a difference. What would you do if your livelihood was threatened? How can you support young people in your community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Saint Patrick Parish in Janesville will be hosting a virtual Men of Christ Conference on **Saturday, March 20th, 8 am to 1 pm.** Mass at 7:30 am followed by breakfast, speakers, adoration and confession. Please contact Dave Cox to register at davecox815@gmail.com or call or text 608-289-8736. Seating is limited. For more information go to menofchrist.net

Please Join us to Pray the Rosary

The Knights of Columbus will be leading a Rosary before Mass each Tuesday. It will start at 4:45-4:50 so as to finish in time for 5:15 pm Mass.

Catholic Women's Club Scholarship

The Janesville Catholic Women's Club is offering scholarships for high school seniors who are active members of the four Catholic parishes in Janesville. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA and a relative or friend who is a member of the club.

Selection will be based on active involvement in the Catholic Church, academic standing, and other extra-curricular activities in the school and community.

Funds are raised at the club's Dollars for Scholars Card Party, usually held twice a year. Applications are available at the Parker and Craig guidance offices or by contacting Jan Bier at tbierfam@gmail.com and are due by April 1, 2021. For further information, for a list of current members, or if you are home schooled, call Jan at 752-4387.

Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

"If we dwell upon the harms that have been wrought on us by humankind, we amputate from our mind the power of dwelling upon God."

—Macarius of Egypt (4th century)

Gospel

John 9:1-41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is, " but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am."

They brought the one who was once blind to the pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

Helping Christians in the Holy Land

When you donate to the Good Friday Collection, you help to ensure that Christianity will remain in the Holy Land for years to come. Last year's collection provided support to 29 parishes and 4 homes for orphans. The funds collected also helped keep 16 schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through grade 12 students. Will you help maintain the Christian presence in the Holy Land with your contribution to this year's Good Friday collection?

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After office hour emergencies:
608-752-8708 ext. 116

In Residence: Fr. Tom Marr—752-8708

Parish Center—1245 Clark St. 752-8708
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- Heidi Schwank, Parish Secretary, ext. 100; hschwank@sjv.org
- Jeanne Vogt, Business/Facility Manager, ext. 103; jvogt@sjv.org
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- Emily Wallace, Director Religious Education, Youth Ministry, ext. 114; ewallace@sjv.org
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Pastoral Ministry—752-6400

- George Wollinger, Pastoral Ministry Coordinator; gwollinger@sjv.org

Marian Hall—1236 E. Racine St., 752-8708, ext. 115

Knights of Columbus, Council #9360
Dave Bohler, Grand Knight, 608-931-4593, council9360@gmail.com

SJV Council of Catholic Women (CCW)
Parish Center — 752-8708

Private Reconciliation: Saturday, 9-9:30 a.m. or by calling Parish Center, 752-8708

Baptisms: Call Parish Center for preparation information and to schedule.

Weddings: Six months notice; one party must be a parish member in good standing.

Anointing of the Sick: Call the Parish Center for an appointment.

Bulletin Announcements: in writing by Noon, Tuesday, send to hschwank@sjv.org

SJV Prays For Active Duty Family Members

Adam Hefty, son of Rick and Connie Hefty and grandson of Jean McCann
Angela and Jacob Janes, niece and nephews of John and Kay Janes
Chantelle Charais, niece of Mike and Debbie Sisko
Jeff Draude, nephew of Joan and Mark Brayer.
Fr. Jason Hesseling, priest of the Diocese of Madison**.**
Travis Brown, grandson of Robert and JoAnn Brown
Martin Schricker, son of Brian and Theresa Schricker
Luqman Salaam, brother-in-law of Heidi and Michael Mannion
Charles, William and Joseph Thomson, nephews of Bob and Mary Arndt
Travis Goll, nephew of Bob and Carol Lawver
Ralph Lounsbrough, nephew of Teresa Spencer
Patrick Kelly, grandson of Terry and Sandra Kelly
Gerald and Chalyse Beecher and Chantel Spencer, grandchildren of Teresa Spencer
Joshua Hargarten, son of Lawrence and Sharon Hargarten
Micah Husen, and Tess Husen, grandchildren of Char Husen
Matthew Clark, grandson of Walter & Kathleen Clark
Katie and Brendan Harbrecht, children of Brian and Ellen Harbrecht
Seong Bum Kil, step-grandson of Gladys Stearns
John Flood, grandson of Nancy Flood
Scott Fischer, son of Dave and Pam Fischer

SJV Prayer Line

To request prayers, please call one of the persons listed below: **Jean Creek — 755-1810, Jean Hess—752-6402, or Sue Schleisner—752-3268**

To request a Mass for your loved one or for a Special Intention, please call Heidi at 752-8708. Mass Stipends are $10.

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