

# ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH

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# FOLLOW



“Whoever wishes to  
come after me must  
deny himself, take  
up his cross, and  
follow me.”

MATTHEW 16:24b

# DEACON'S DIALOGUE



This past week has been particularly challenging for me. What, you ask? Don't you mean this past month, these past six months ... well, yes, probably. But, it was only recently that I began to think like some others who have heard say: 'I cannot wait to get past 2020.' I do not think there is anyone who would argue that. On second thought, sure there is. In fact, probably lots of people would argue that with me. For certainly, there is always another perspective, another viewpoint for EVERYTHING!

Back to my opening statement. Recent catastrophic events, which have engulfed my family and my friends (more so than me personally) have truly caused me to wonder when will things get better. Don't get me wrong, I haven't "hit the wall." I haven't given up or anything like that ... but still, I wonder. So, I decided I needed to spend some purposeful time in conversation with our God. I decided I needed to let it all out, something I had not done for a while and something I knew would be beneficial. It has always seemed odd to me that I should have to or want to do this because after all, He already knows what is in my heart and mind. Yet, I have always found these 'divine therapy sessions' to be of immense help. And once again, it was.

No, everything did not magically get better. But, after my conversation, I was better able to focus on what I needed to do. I recognized again that all challenges are not insurmountable. I recognized again that with determination, desire, diligence, purpose, and a willingness to place myself in God's hands, any challenge can be overcome. I am not trying to be trite or cute. And don't get me wrong, I am not saying all bad will become good, all pain, sorrow, anxiety, or fear will disappear. I am saying, we will be able to move forward. We will be able to keep our faith and complete 'our life's race.'

In talking and listening to people, neighbors, family, parishioners, friends, even strangers, I think we all have much the same frame of mind. My encouragement to you (and to myself) is to continue to listen to them, really listen, and offer comfort and prayers. Then, have that open and honest conversation with God – LET IT ALL OUT! God will not love you less – that is impossible – and perhaps He will love you more – IF that is possible. I can guarantee, He is listening, but I can also guarantee He is expecting you to listen too.

One more thing: do not expect everything to be better with just a single conversation. As with any great relationship, there needs to be many and frequent conversations. And you know, these conversations are 'prayer!' And prayer will bring you peace.

*God bless us all.*

*Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be held prior to Mass on Saturdays until further notice. Confessions may be heard by appointment only; please call **Fr. Jim (563-332-7910)** to schedule.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

The public celebration of all Masses takes place in the church. All Masses are live-streamed at their specific time, viewable live or later on our Facebook page ([facebook.com/sjvbett](https://facebook.com/sjvbett)) or website ([sjvbett.org](https://sjvbett.org)). Intentions for this week:

Sunday, August 30 (8:30am): The parishioners of St. John Vianney  
Sunday, August 30 (11:00am): † Charles & Lorraine Gude / Ruth Conway  
Tuesday, September 1 (7:45am): † Wayne Cheramy  
Wednesday, September 2 (9:00am): † Samuel Robert Egger  
Thursday, September 3 (9:00am): † Marilyn Freking  
Friday, September 4 (9:00am): † Bud & Betty Fortin  
Saturday, September 5 (4:30pm): † Richard Louck  
Sunday, September 6 (8:30am): The parishioners of St. John Vianney  
Sunday, September 6 (11:00am): † Beth Waligora Urmey / Betty Gassmann

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## INTENTION CANDLES

Through memorial gifts of family and friends, the candles around the statue of Mary are lit for your special intentions. To offset the expense, a gift of \$5 per candle is requested. Candles are lit by the staff only. Please contact the office to make your requests (563-332-7910 or [office@sjvbett.org](mailto:office@sjvbett.org)).

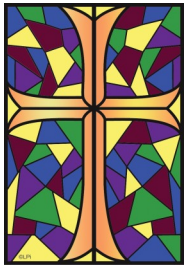
### AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 5, 2020

Marilyn Freking

Beth Waligora Urmey

Isabel Smith

Cheryl Young



## FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE, OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO:

Kay Hausch and family on the death of her husband,  
**Bill Hausch**

Christy Finn and family on the death of her mother,  
Elisha Kubalsky and family on the death of her grandmother,  
**Isabel Smith**

Tim Ells and family on the death of his mother,  
**Karen Ells**

*May they rest in peace.*



## WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR FAITH, BAPTIZED IN CHRIST JESUS:

**Henry Louis Mendoza**  
Son of Gabriel & Sarah



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2020

<b>SUN 8/30</b>	Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
<b>MON 8/31</b>	1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30
<b>TUE 9/1</b>	1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37
<b>WED 9/2</b>	1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44
<b>THR 9/3</b>	1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11
<b>FRI 9/4</b>	1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39
<b>SAT 9/5</b>	1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5
<b>SUN 9/7</b>	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

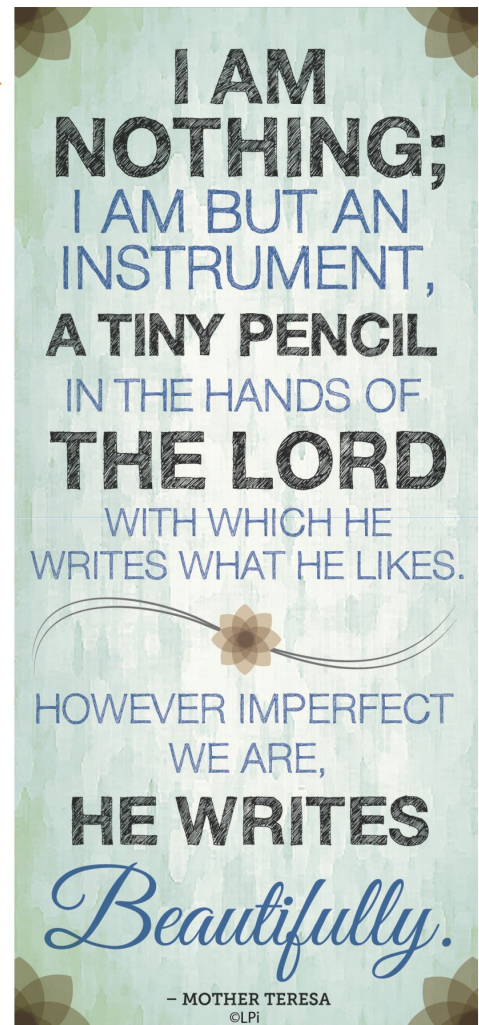
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2020

<b>Sunday:</b>	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Secular problems require savvy secular solutions. We are trained to solve problems, be successful and productive, and find our way through all that life presents to us. Corporations value those who can decipher the best avenue to take in order to resolve an issue. How do you train and renew your mind? Facts, figures, scientific tools, analytical processes, best practices, and models of varying kinds are at our disposal. If we don't know the full and proper course of action, we can easily find it. But there is a knowledge that goes far beyond all these things that makes a direct claim on the essence of our being. It satisfies a deeper thirst and hunger that keeps us restless until it is satisfied. Our minds, hearts, and souls cannot only be nurtured purely by secular and temporal things. We must seek the enlightenment that comes from God. This allows us to see the value of suffering in order to achieve a greater good and the losing of our very self in the service of something greater. Faith only makes sense if it can bring us to this heightened awareness.



*Lord,  
make us  
turn to  
you.*





### FIRST READING:

Whenever I speak, I must cry out,  
violence and outrage is my message;  
the word of the LORD has brought me  
derision and reproach all the day.  
(Jer 20:8)



### PSALM:

My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God. (Ps 63)



### SECOND READING:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the  
mercies of God,  
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,  
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual  
worship. (Rom 12:1)



### GOSPEL:

Jesus said to his disciples,  
"Whoever wishes to come after me  
must deny himself,  
take up his cross, and follow me."  
(Mt 16:24)

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## WORSHIP & MEDITATION



Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION



Be sure to check our website [sjvbett.org](http://sjvbett.org) for all Religious Education and Faith Formation updates. This includes RCIA and adult bible studies. As the fall progresses, we will continue to keep you updated on our website, via email, and Facebook. *If you have any questions, please contact:*

**Jeannie Moran**  
(Preschool—6th grade)  
[re@sjvbett.org](mailto:re@sjvbett.org)

**Jan Stevenson**  
(7th—12th grade)  
[ym@sjvbett.org](mailto:ym@sjvbett.org)

**Judy Benevento**  
(adult formation)  
[adulthood@sjvbett.org](mailto:adulthood@sjvbett.org)



## SJV PRESCHOOL RETURN TO LEARN

SJV Preschool has returned to school with a hybrid plan. Several openings are still available. Please contact the preschool if you are interested in enrolling your child and would like more details on our Return to Learn Plan.

563-332-5308 OR [preschool@sjvbett.org](mailto:preschool@sjvbett.org).

## SJV VOCATIONS MINISTRY

- We are all called to build up God's church, but you don't have to be a vocation director to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Does your son or daughter, nephew or niece, grandson or granddaughter, or family friend show signs that God may be calling them to serve His church in a special way? An encouraging word from you could confirm a call they hear deep in their heart. As always, pray for vocations!
- The **SJV 31 Club** is a prayer program in which you choose one day per month to attend Mass and/or pray the Rosary in support of vocations. Each month on your selected day, pray for all priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, and lay ministers who have served or are serving their parish, and that future church vocations will be forthcoming from our parish and others. Please remember to pray on the day you selected. Set a reminder on your phone or on your calendar! To join the 31 Club, please contact the parish office: 563-332-7910 or [office@sjvbett.org](mailto:office@sjvbett.org).



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

We appreciate the steadfastness of parishioners continuing to send regular contributions via the mail. Many more are also giving online, which is easy and secure. If you wish to do the same, visit [sjvbett.org](http://sjvbett.org), scroll down to the **GIVE ONLINE** icon on our homepage, and follow the steps provided.

### OUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Fiscal YTD Actual:	\$155,887	Weekly Amount Received:	\$13,203
Fiscal YTD Budget:	\$173,085	Weekly Amount Budgeted:	\$24,827





## NOTEWORTHY NEWS

See [sjvbett.org/music](http://sjvbett.org/music) for schedules.  
Contact Eleanor Kiel for more information and to sign up:  
[liturgy@sjvbett.org](mailto:liturgy@sjvbett.org) or 332-7910 x112

### CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

***NOW is the time to sign up for music ministry for the 2020-21 season!***

Music Ministry will take place this season with health and safety as our top priority.  
Masks must be worn indoors and outdoors for all participants and instruments.

All musicians are encouraged to submit video recordings for SJV's Got Talent!

**Little Angels (youth choir, grades 1-2)**—*To be determined based on interest.*

**Young Shepherds (youth choir, grades 3-6)**—*To be determined based on interest. Ideas: Wednesdays 5:30-6:15pm—Rehearse outdoors or virtually. Some Wednesdays we will “carol” outdoors for the homebound. Parents will drive their own children to caroling locations. Play percussion once a month at Mass indoors or outdoors. (September—March)*

**Apostles of “Hymn” (instrumental/vocal group, grades 7-12)**

*Sundays 12:00-1:00pm—Rehearse one Sunday per month outdoors, indoors or virtually. Play once a month at Masses, Confirmation, and First Communion. (September—May)*

**Celebration Ringers (high school/adult hand bells)**

*Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm—Rehearse outdoors and indoors. Play once a month at Masses, Christmas Eve 6:30pm, and Easter Sunday. (September-April)*

**Exultate Choir (high school/adult SATB choir)**

*Tuesdays 7:00-8:00pm—Rehearse via Zoom until COVID-19 subsides. For the Masses at which we would normally sing, attend Mass indoors or outdoors and stay afterwards for outdoor singing (Sundays are optional this year). (September-May)*

**Adult Ensemble (adult instrumentalists—strings and percussion only for 2020-2021)**

*Play once a month at Mass, rehearse virtually and/or prior to the scheduled Mass. (September-May)*

**Brass Ensemble (high school/adult brass players)**

*Play once a month virtually until COVID-19 subsides. (September-May)*

**Instrumentalist (high school/adult)**—*Add your talents to our parish liturgies as you are available. For 2020-21, we are seeking string players to play on a regular basis!*

**Resurrection Choir (funeral choir, high school/adult)** —*Ministry suspended until further notice due to COVID-19. Consider joining Exultate Choir as an outlet for singing.*

We hope that everyone is safe following the recent derecho. The extended power outage forced a lot of us to clean out our fridges - and sadly, the same was true for our local food pantries. While you're restocking your fridge, please consider donating to an organization feeding the hungry in our community. The links below will assist you in giving and knowing what is needed most.



[King's Harvest](#) ~ [Café on Vine](#) ~ [Riverbend Food Bank](#)

**What's next?** Do you have a video, article, or other item that we could feature? Email the Social Justice Committee a [message here!](#) You are also welcome to join our monthly (video) meetings. Our committee meets again **Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00pm.**

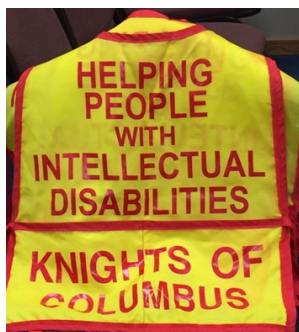
## DONATION & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Have you been cleaning out your garage, basement, or attic? Are you looking for a safe volunteer opportunity? Here are some local organizations to consider:

**Humility Homes & Services Fresh Start Center** (3805 Mississippi Ave., Davenport) COVID-19 has precipitated some changes, but they are open to program clients every day. You may drop off donations by appointment only. The Fresh Start Benefit Sale moves to a semi-private sale by reservation. Volunteers are also needed to help to keep things humming! For further info on any of the above, please call **Patti, 563-326-1330 ext. 105.**

**Cinderella's Cellar Resale Shop** (230 W. 35th St., Davenport) will reopen with modified hours on **Tuesday, September 1: Tuesdays and Saturdays 9:00am-12:00pm and Thursdays 12:00-3:00pm.** Shoppers are required to wear a face mask and only a limited number will be allowed to shop at one time to maintain 6-foot social distancing protocol. Please shop with them and get a sneak preview of Christmas items as well. Thank you for your patience and donations.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE



Due to COVID-19 safety restrictions, our Knights of Columbus Council 4403 was not able to hold their annual Tootsie Roll drive in person this year. The Council has decided to conduct their drive virtually and humbly requests your support. Please consider giving online by clicking [here](#). You may also go directly to [sjvbett.org](http://sjvbett.org) and click the **Give Online** icon on our homepage. All proceeds from the drive will support the Iowa KC's Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities, which includes local community services through **Gigi's Playhouse** and the **Autism Society of the Quad Cities.**

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Our school supply drive is completed and was a great success: **we collected a total of \$1,400!** SJV will be using these donations to purchase items for local schools that are constantly short of much needed supplies throughout the year. *Thanks to everyone who donated to this drive.*



# WOMEN'S CHOICE CENTER ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

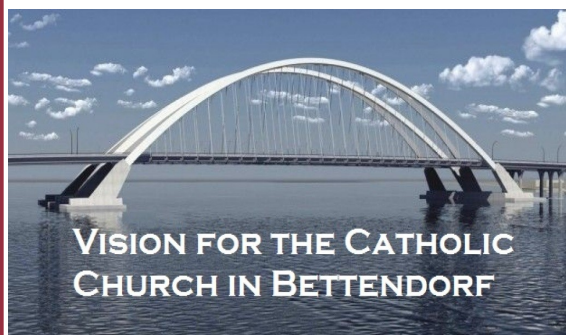
Tuesday, September 29, 2020 ~~~ Luncheon or Dinner

If you care deeply about protecting LIFE and are motivated to make a culture-changing impact in the community, please come! All monies raised help to serve women and families in need of free medical services, including pregnancy tests and limited obstetric ultrasounds, counseling, resources, and programming after baby's birth. The keynote speaker will be **Kirk Walden**, Heartbeat International Advancement Specialist and author of ***The Wall***. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Please note that the following COVID-19 precautions will be taken:



- tables will be placed six feet apart;
- each table will seat a maximum of eight people at the dinner; six people at the luncheon;
- boxed meals, including bottled water, will be served at the luncheon; and
- individual entrees will be covered until served at the table for the dinner.

If you would like to attend either event, or serve as a table host at the dinner, please contact **Kathy**, 563-332-0475 or [kathym@womenschoicecenter.org](mailto:kathym@womenschoicecenter.org).



## WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS

St. John Vianney and Our Lady of Lourdes are continuing to meet and discuss the future plans for the Catholic churches in Bettendorf. Updates will be posted by Our Lady of Lourdes' staff on their website; however, you can quick link to those updates via our homepage. Just click the icon shown here for all related information.

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

