

**Opportunities for Stewardship
of Time and Talent at
St. John Vianney Parish**

Celebrating 50 Years of Ministry



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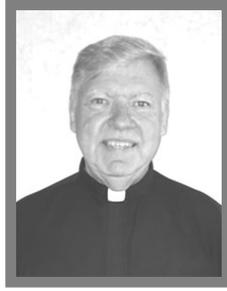
Love one another as I have loved you

Our Mission

The Mission of St. John Vianney Parish,
a Faith community inspired by the Holy Spirit,
is to bring all God's people closer to Christ
in the community of the church
by spreading the good news
through active, dedicated ministries committed to:

- Prayerful, active liturgy
- A deepened understanding of the Faith
- Sharing our Faith with our children and others
- Active social justice and Christian service

Welcome to St. John Vianney!



Dear Friends in Christ:

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. [1 Peter 4:10]

Saint John Vianney Church is the largest parish in the Diocese of Davenport. We are blessed with a dedicated staff to help meet the spiritual needs and opportunities of our very large family. Just like at home, all members are invited and encouraged to share their gifts and talents for the good of the entire family.

God has blessed you and your family with special talents and gifts. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

I invite you to look through our stewardship booklet and discover the many ways you can share your talents with our parish community. Then use the accompanying brochure to indicate what ministry or group to which you feel the Holy Spirit is calling you to serve.

May the same Holy Spirit continue to bless us all and help us grow as disciples of Jesus.

Every Blessing,

Rev. James J. Vrba, Pastor

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How Ministries Are Organized at SJV

This booklet lists the various ministries offered at St. John Vianney according to the six areas of ministry as they are defined by the Diocese. These areas are as follows:

- I. Church Life
- II. Faith Formation
- III. Family Life
- IV. Finance & Administration
- V. Liturgy
- VI. Social Action

A description of each of these ministries follows. You may sign up to serve by filling out the ministry sign-up form provided with this booklet or by contacting the parish office. Some ministries require training prior to serving.

I. Church Life

The ministry of Church Life is focused on the communion of all persons in our parish and the relationship of our parish to the community. This ministry not only serves the internal communion of the Church, but serves as a catalyst for outreach to those who are unchurched, alienated from the church or marginalized in society. It also takes the lead in finding ways to enhance ecumenical and interfaith activities in the larger community.

Church Life Ministries at SJV:

Curé of Ars Guild

St. John Vianney was ordained a priest in 1815 and three years later he was made parish priest of Ars, a remote French hamlet, where his reputation as a confessor and director of souls made him known throughout the Christian world. He was universally known as the “Curé of Ars”. The Curé of Ars membership at St. John Vianney Parish is made up of all the women of the parish whether they belong to a circle or not.

The Curé of Ars Board

Coordinates the activities of the women’s circles at SJV (listed on next page), providing service and social activities for the parish community. The Board hosts one social event a year for all women of the parish. The Board facilitates the funeral dinners, provides support for the National Catholic Youth Conference, the Backpack with Snacks Program, and the After Prom Events at the three local high schools.

St. Ann's Circle - *Projects are church receptions and the Christmas poinsettia sale.*

St. Anthony's Circle - *Projects are the Ladies' Fall Luncheon, donations to the Teen Academic Parenting Program (TAPP) and assistance to the Christmas Angel Gift project.*

St. Margaret's Circle - *Projects are the annual Turkey Salad and Bake Sale, making receiving blankets for Birthright, and making monthly donations to the Bettendorf Food Pantry.*

St. Monica's Circle - *Projects are the Annual Christmas project, Senior High School Brunch and the Valentine bake sale.*

Baking/Cooking - *Parishioners donate baked goods and side dishes for funeral luncheons and special events.*

Men's Fellowship - *All parish men twenty-one years of age and older are invited to gather the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. for a meal, short meeting and socializing. Annual activities include speakers, Valentines dinner, trivia nights, golf outing, Luau dinner, help with parish picnic and more. Funds raised from activities support parish activities.*

Prayer Chain (E-Mail & Mail)

Provides a network of prayer for those requesting prayerful support.

Rosary & Communion at Bettendorf Health Care

Volunteers help bring residents to and from Communion Service or Mass every Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Stewardship Committee

Assists the pastor in the overall design, implementation and evaluation of the parish stewardship process.

Vianney Vine Newsletter

Our quarterly newsletter that reaches out to all households. It is filled with articles describing the life of the parish and its many ministries.

II. Faith Formation

The ministry of Faith Formation recognizes that during the last twenty years parish religious education has broadened and deepened into a more comprehensive ministry, which encompasses the ongoing process of faith formation. This change reflects the growing understanding that following Christ is an ongoing conversion, not only involving the mind, but the whole person.

Faith Formation Ministries at SJV:

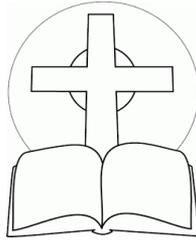
Bible Studies/Adult Education

Small group studies and classes are offered throughout the year during the day and evening. These groups focus on expanding knowledge of Scripture, our Catholic Faith, and spirituality. We also offer a speaker series, book discussions, and film nights.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

A special process of the Church for individuals who desire to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The RCIA program is designed to assist adults who:

- *Have never been baptized, and wish to be baptized in the Catholic Church;*
- *Have been baptized in another Christian tradition and wish to become Catholic;*
- *Were baptized Catholic, but have not received First Eucharist and/or Confirmation.*



Youth Ministry (Grades 7—12)

Coordinates activities for the parish youth group which consists of Junior High and High School Students. Provides opportunities for spiritual growth, socializing and service which include Jr. High Alive, High School Y.M., Confirmation, school supply drive, Rake & Roll, Thanksgiving Basket Ministry, Angel Gift Ministry and retreats.

Religious Education (Grades Pre-K—6)

Teach religious education to children ages 3 through Kindergarten Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:00 a.m. & for 1st-6th Graders on Wednesdays from 4:15-5:30 p.m. or 6:15-7:30 p.m. Parking lot, office and nursery helpers are also needed during these times. These ministers find that they learn a great deal themselves from this process!

Sprouts Nursery

Offers supervised play time for children ages 1-3 during the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday Mornings while parents attend Mass.

SJV Preschool

Offers a developmentally planned preschool curriculum for ages three to five focusing on academic, social, emotional, physical, and spiritual growth. Classes meet mornings during the week.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Summer religious education enrichment program for youth ages 3 and up. An energetic program filled with upbeat music, skits, crafts, Bible stories and fun for all ages. Teens and adults needed as team leaders and helpers.

III. Family Life

The ministry of Family Life promotes the dignity and value of human life in all its forms, particularly in relation to the quality of family life within the parish and community. It proclaims that family life is sacred and that God's love is revealed and communicated in new ways each day through Christian families.

Family Life Ministries at SJV:

Caregiver Support

Caregiver Support meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Vianney Room. These meetings provide caregivers a supportive environment to exchange ideas and experiences. Information on caregiving topics and services, which may include a speaker, is available.

Christian Family Movement

Small groups consist of 5-7 families who meet regularly in each other's homes, or at the parish. Using CFM's discussion guides, Christian values are reinforced and families are encouraged to reach out in action to others. A great way to enrich your marriage, family and faith life while connecting with others.

Diocesan Marriage Preparation Weekend

SJV hosts a diocesan marriage preparation class in January and February each year for engaged couples. This one-day event utilizes the assistance of married couples from our parish and is a pre-requisite for marriage in our Davenport Diocese. Other Marriage Preparation dates are available throughout the Diocese on their website. (davenportdiocese.org)

Donut Sunday

Volunteers help to provide hospitality and fellowship following Sunday Masses approximately once a month.

Forever Young (50+)

A group of parishioners fifty years of age and over – single, married or widowed – meet monthly to enjoy community within the church. Watch the bulletin for details.

GriefShare

A 13-week faith-based program for those who have lost a loved one. It consists of a video, sharing, support and prayer. The group meets on Sunday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. with three sessions held each year. Individual support for those grieving the loss of a loved one is always available. Call Parish Health Ministry at 332-7910, ext. 122.

Mom's Morning

Mothers gather each week on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. for friendship, support, and laughter. Babysitting is available in the nursery during this time.

YACHT Club (Young Adult Christians Hanging Together)

A group of young people ranging in ages from early 20s to early 30s (married or single) who meet for social gatherings, as well as faith exploration and community service opportunities.

IV. Finance & Administration

The ministry of Finance & Administration helps to provide policies and leadership in support of the day-to-day operations of the parish as well as guidance in managing the parish's finances.

Finance & Administration Ministries at SJV:

Parish Council

The council is the forum to discuss issues of parish concern and works closely to advise the pastor on parish planning, activities and policies. Three of the nine members plus an alternate are selected annually in April using an open parish-wide selection process. Selected members serve a three year term. Meetings are held every other month.

Finance Council

A team of parish men and women, appointed by the pastor, meet monthly as advisors on financial planning for the parish in the administration and accountability of parish finances, budget, parish facilities and long-range financial development.

Building & Grounds Commission

Oversees the maintenance of the parish property and meets bi-monthly or on an as-needed basis.

Money Counters

A team of parishioners who count the collection after weekend Masses have been celebrated.

V. Liturgy

The Church gives us the Liturgy (Mass, Sacraments, Prayers and Devotions). Our mission is to prepare and celebrate liturgies well with our parish community. Since the word liturgy means “work of the people”, we invite parishioners to participate in the ministries listed below.

Liturgy Ministries at SJV:

Altar Servers

Students in grades 4-12 assist the priest during weekend Masses and special liturgies.

Care of Altar Linens

Collect linens after weekend Masses. Launder and return linens to church for the next weekend.

Drivers for Palmer Hills

Drive residents of Palmer Hills Retirement Center to 9:00 a.m. Mass and back on Sunday mornings.

Eucharistic Ministers

Welcome all to the celebration of Mass and distribute the Body & Blood of Christ to fellow worshippers during the communion rite.

Liturgy Commission

Meets monthly to collaborate with the Director of Liturgy and Music and the Pastor to form Liturgy that encourages the full, conscious and active participation of the faithful.

Music Ministry

Offers multiple opportunities for students and adults to join in the musical and liturgical life of the parish

***Little Angels** (youth choir, grades 1-2)*

***Young Shepherds** (youth choir, grades 3-6)*

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

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

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

***Adult Ensemble** (adult instrumental ensemble)*

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

***Resurrection Choir** (high school/adult funeral choir)*

***Cantors** (lead the assembly in singing, by audition only)*

***Accompanists** (exceptional pianists/organists who support cantors, assembly and choirs, by audition only)*

Readers

Proclaim the Word of God in the Liturgy of the Word during Mass and lead the Prayers of the Faithful.

Sacristans

This ministry takes place "behind the scenes." Sacristans prepare and set out the vessels, bread, wine and small linens needed for Mass, then purify the vessels after Mass.

St. Francis Art & Environment Committee

Clean and decorate for weekend Masses, holidays, and seasons.

Ushers

This is a ministry of hospitality! Ushers welcome all who gather for Mass and assist by distributing worship aids, seating, passing the collection baskets, guiding the communion procession, and distributing weekly bulletins.

Welcoming Ministry

Parishioners staff the Welcome Center after weekend Masses, welcoming new parishioners and providing parish information.

VI. Social Action

The ministry of Social Action calls us to go forth beyond the walls of our church building and be “salt and light” in our neighborhoods and communities. We do this by providing direct service to those in need as well as encouraging participation of parish members in the apostolic work of the church through many community programs.

Social Action Ministries at SJV:

Health Ministry

Focuses on healing and health in our parish and community. Health ministers provide blood pressure screenings, visit and/or run errands for home bound parishioners, provide spiritual support to and pray with anyone in need, particularly the elderly, transport parishioners to health care appointments, assist with seeking community resources and other help as needed.

Haiti Committee

The mission of the Haiti Committee is to help our twin parish, Notre Dame du Rosaire in Jean-Denis, Haiti, to improve the quality of their physical, economic, social and spiritual lives through a long term partnership working on projects and needs beneficial to the community.

Knights of Columbus

The world’s largest fraternal service organization dedicated to providing charitable services on parish, community and national levels. Council 4403 - “Father James P. Conroy”- meets the first Tuesday of the month.

Hospital Visitors/Communion Ministers

Hospital visits are made on weekdays to parishioners at Genesis East and West Campuses by SJV volunteers. We also visit and bring communion to all Catholics at Trinity Bettendorf 3 days per week (other parishes fill the remaining 4 days of the week). SJV Eucharistic Ministers take communion to the homebound and nursing homes on Sunday mornings.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets twice a month to knit and crochet shawls for those in need of comfort and prayer.

Bettendorf CareLink Program—Chaplain's Fund

SJV, along with other churches, supports Bettendorf residents in need of financial support for living expenses.

Backpacks With Snacks

Provides supplemental food items to children in need at Neil Armstrong Elementary in Bettendorf. In an effort to remove hunger as a barrier to learning, students in need receive a backpack full of nutritious food each month.

Bettendorf Food Pantry

Collaborate with The Churches United Network of Food Pantries to provide a free 3 to 5 day supply of basic food that will stave off hunger to those in need of assistance. SJV volunteers serve on Wednesdays from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m..

Café on Vine

SJV provides financial assistance, food donations and volunteers for this meal site.

Meals on Wheels

Deliver lunches as needed to area homebound.

Meal Site (formerly Free Kitchen)

Helps feed the poor and underprivileged. Once a month, SJV prepares, delivers and serves a hot meal for approximately 75 people in downtown Davenport. Volunteers needed in 2 areas:

- 1) prepare food in the SJV kitchen (about two hours a month) and*
- 2) bake homemade cookies or cupcakes.*

Habitat for Humanity

Build homes for a nationally recognized home building program.

Humility of Mary Center

SJV donates school supplies, furniture and money.

Social Action Ministries, continued

Annual Red Cross Blood Drive

SJV conducts a blood drive in conjunction with QC Red Cross.

Birthright

An emergency pregnancy service offering alternatives to abortion. Birthright believes that “It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born.” We offer love, friendship, hope and financial support.

Teen Academic Parenting Program (TAPP)

During the school year, donations are collected for babies and parents in need of clothes (new or in good condition), diapers, formula, and toiletries.

Women’s Choice Center

Saint John Vianney generously supports the Women’s Choice Center. They offer free and confidential pregnancy testing, ultrasound imagine, and pregnancy counseling for women, men and couples. 2711 Happy Joe Drive, Bettendorf, 563-332-0475

School Supply Distribution—August

Distributes SJV donations to local needy school children.

Thanksgiving Baskets—November

Collects parishioner-donated Thanksgiving meal food items and distributes to those in need in the parish and wider community.

Angel Gifts at Christmas—December

Provides needy children and families with Christmas presents purchased by parishioners.

Stewardship Prayer

Lord, You alone are the source of every good gift.

Of the vast array of our universe,

And the mystery of each human life.

We praise You and we thank You

For Your great power and Your tender, faithful LOVE.

Everything we are and everything we have is Your gift,

And after having created us,

You have given us into the keeping of Your Son, JESUS CHRIST.

Fill our mind with His truth and our hearts with His love,

That in His Spirit we may be bonded together

Into a community of faithful, caring people.

In the Name and Spirit of Jesus,

We commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts

Entrusted to us, to share our time, our talents and our material gifts

As an outward sign of the Treasure we hold in Jesus.

AMEN

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