



SACRED HEART BEAT

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SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

The feast day of St. John Vianney is August 4th. John Vianney was born on May 8, 1786, in Dardilly, France. He was raised in a devout Catholic family who often helped the poor. He was the fourth of six children.

John was young when the French Revolution was going on. He had to make his First Holy Communion and Confirmation in secrecy. During the French Revolution, priests risked their lives by secretly celebrating Mass and offering the sacraments to Catholics. Vianney considered those priests heroes because of their bravery.

When John was older, he entered the seminary. Since John had very little education, he struggled a great deal with his studies, especially Latin. He struggled so much that it was questioned whether he was smart enough to become a priest. One of the priests at the seminary, who knew and believed in John, became his mentor. John studied very hard, persevered, and was finally ordained a priest on August 12, 1815.

In 1818, Fr. Vianney was appointed parish priest in the small town of Ars, hence the name "Curé (priest) d' Ars." Because the French Revolution had taken a heavy toll on the French people, Fr. Vianney had an uphill battle getting people to come back to Church and start living Christian lives again. He prayed many hours for them and rigorously fasted for their conversions. Fr. Vianney was a very dedicated, humble, and holy priest who fervently prayed for the people in his parish and fasted by eating boiled potatoes for many years. Just like many other saints, Vianney suffered attacks from the devil. He responded by increasing both his prayers and his penances.

Fr. Vianney became well known as a confessor who read people's souls. Many people travelled a long way and waited in very long lines just to have Fr. Vianney hear their confessions. He heard confessions sometimes 16-18 hours a day.

Fr. Vianney had a great devotion to St. Philomena. He erected a chapel and shrine in her honor. In May 1843, he became deathly ill. He believed he was miraculously cured through the intercession of St. Philomena.

Vianney died on August 4, 1859, at the age of 73. He was canonized on May 31, 1925, by Pope Pius XI. There are statues of St. John Vianney in many Churches in France and Catholic Churches throughout the world. In fact, there is a statue of St. John Vianney at St. Francis Xavier Church in Seward, Kansas. There is also a seminary named after him in Denver, Colorado. It is called St. John Vianney Theological Seminary and is where our Dodge City Diocese seminarians study for the priesthood.

In honor of the 150th anniversary of Vianney's death, Pope Benedict XVI declared 2009-2010 a Year for Priests, starting June 19, 2009 (the feast of the Sacred Heart) to June 19, 2010. In the Pope's words, the Curé d' Ars was "a true example of a pastor at the service of Christ's flock." (St. John Vianney is just one more example of God choosing the poor and lowly to do great things for His kingdom here on earth.)

Let us remember to pray for all priests, both living and deceased, especially those who served as pastors here at Sacred Heart Church and St. Bernard Church. God bless Fr. Anselm as he continues to do God's will in his priestly vocation. Let us also pray for our new pastor, Fr. Patrick Otor, MSP, that God will bless and guide him as he leads us and serves our two parishes.

St. John Vianney is the patron saint of parish priests. Through the intercession of St. Vianney, may God provide an abundance of good and holy priests to serve the people of the Diocese of Dodge City.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us!

Source: Catholic Saints and Feasts

Adult Religious Formation Commission: Karen McAllister



✠ OCIA ✠

The sessions of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin in September. If you know of anyone who might be interested in inquiring into the Catholic faith, please extend an invitation. The first several weeks will be spent in answering questions of inquirers and does not mean there is an obligation to join the church. These sessions may also be informational for Catholics who want an update about their faith. For further information, please call Karl Grover at 620-793-2936 or the parish office at 620-285-2035.



August Birthday / Anniversary Blessing

Sunday, August 3rd – 11:30 AM

Parish Center

Hosted by: Liturgy Commission

10TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Join us Friday, September 5, at the beautiful Mariah Hills Golf Course in Dodge City, for a fantastic day of golf and giving back – supporting our Priests Retirement. Don't miss out! Register your team or become a sponsor. Learn more at communications@dcdiocese.org or visit dcdiocese.org/dechant



COLORADO PEACHES

Our Sacred Heart Youth Group is once again selling 18 lb. boxes of Colorado peaches at \$50.00 per box to earn money for their Youth Group Trips. These peaches are far better than anything you can get at the grocery store. The peaches will arrive mid to late August. If you would like to reserve a box, contact Michelle Kelty at 285-7039, a high school youth group member or call the parish office at 285-2035.



AUGUST AT A GLANCE

- Aug. 3 ~ August Birthday & Anniversary Blessings, 11:30 AM
- Aug. 5 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Aug. 5 ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Aug. 7 ~ Benedictine Oblates Gathering, 11:00 AM
- Aug. 7 ~ Adult Religious Formation Commission Meeting, 6:00 PM
- Aug. 12 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Aug. 15 ~ Larned Community Blood Drive, 12:00 to 6:00 PM
- Aug. 17 ~ Kapaun's Men Group, 8:45 AM
- Aug. 17 ~ Women's Bible Study Group, 8:45 AM
- Aug. 18 ~ Heart to Heart Ministry Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Aug. 19 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Aug. 20 ~ Women's Bible Study Group, 7:00 PM
- Aug. 21 ~ Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:00 PM
- Aug. 26 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM

AUGUST PSR SCHEDULE

- Aug. 27 – PSR Begins with Family Mass, 6:30 PM

Remember with Prayer

Joe Simmons

Richard Wolf

Rita O'Gwin

Bert Schartz

Marie Welden

Brenda Martin

Fr. Charles Mazouch

Stan Durler

Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku

Lindsey (Johnson) Gaylord

Pam Theis

Darlene Orth



Sherry Lemuz

Karla Graham

Leon Sanders

Ryan Shelton

Clayton Kelty

Sue Haymaker

Trenton Welsch

Kevin Simmons

Lee Durler

Denis Gilcris

Michele Collins

Tammy Orth

All of our men and women serving in the United States Military, our homebound parishioners and those in care homes.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Friday, August 15th

Masses:

7:00 am at St. Bernard, Belpre

6:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parish

A Holy Day of Obligation



DIED IN CHRIST

Maxine K. Herman ~ December 12, 2024

Barbara "Jean" Tanner ~ June 28, 2025

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| (01) Clint Bowman | (19) Erica Gonzalez |
| Betty Haberman | Daniel Kelty |
| (03) Pam Hutfles | Hayden Skelton |
| Tanner Steinlage | Bryan Stacey |
| (04) David McMillan, Jr. | (20) Sheryl Giessel |
| (05) Tyson Couchman | Rosemary Heinen |
| Barbara Hammond | Ryder VanSickle |
| (06) Kathy Couchman | (22) Isabella Bowman |
| Kristy Hagerman | Briella Ramirez |
| Marilyn Minson | Curtis Ramirez |
| Luke Steinlage | (23) Zane Fitzsimmons |
| (07) Beverly Burd | Kailani Gonzalez-Renteria |
| Sharon Lessard | (24) Stan Durler |
| Brian Sanders | (25) Katy Gardner |
| (08) Jeff Byrum | Jane Kelty |
| (09) Matt Stucker | Mary Rapp |
| (10) Caleb McDonald | (26) Alyssa Clark |
| John Wasinger | Tana Clark |
| (12) John Kelty | Orena Hammeke |
| (13) Jordyn Cook | (27) Leeta Degenhardt |
| Jax Johnson | (28) Kambrie Hammeke |
| Terry Palmer | Erica Houser |
| (14) Joe Colglazier | Oliver Whetstone |
| Karen McAllister | (29) Ashley Garcia |
| (15) Linda Gasser | Henry Snodgrass |
| Jennifer McNett | Brooks Steinlage |
| Jane Prescott | (30) Paul Aistrup |
| (16) Anthony Gonzalez | Avery Gonzalez |
| Lori Hammeke | Bristol VanSickle |
| (17) Kaius Lang | Theresa Wright |
| Brandon VanSickle | (31) Dee Myers |
| (18) Priya Denning | |



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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| (01) Jason and Renae Skelton |
| (02) Jerry and Jeanette Johnson |
| Ray and Carol Moeder |
| (04) Brandon and Lindsey VanSickle |
| Troy and Amy Welsch |
| (06) Aaron and Abby Ridder |
| (08) Justin and Tricia Smith |
| (09) Dale and Berny Unruh |
| (10) Larry and Janet Skelton |
| (11) Lynn and Tama Hanson |
| Tanner and Kayla Lang |
| (13) Isaac and Sherry Lemuz |
| (16) Stan and Lee Durler |
| (18) Mark and Sharon Lessard |
| (19) Philip and Katie Hammeke |
| (20) Joe and Linda Gasser |
| (22) Paul and Cheryl Skalsky |
| (27) Samuel and Erica Gonzalez |



CONGRATULATIONS!

Larry & Janet Skelton ~ Married 62 years
 Isaac & Sherry Lemuz ~ Married 59 years
 Ray & Carol Moeder ~ Married 56 years
 Paul & Cheryl Skalsky ~ Married 55 years
 Stan & Lee Durler ~ Married 54 years

August 2025 ~ MINISTRIES ~ Saturday @ 5:00 PM

Saturday, August 2 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Ray Colglazier

Eucharistic Ministers

Dennis Wilson (major) / Joan Wilson (minor)

Servers – Harleigh Ehrlich / Eli Ramsey

Ushers – Dennis Theis / Mike Schartz

Gifts – Larry & Janet Skelton

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Maurice Schaller

Sacristan – Steve Ehrlich

Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke

August 2025 ~ MINISTRIES ~ Sunday @ 10:30 AM

Sunday, August 3 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – Amy Simmons / John Kelty

Eucharistic Ministers

Cathy Grover (major) / Kathy Hammeke (minor)

Servers – Brooke / Anna / Ben Simmons

Ushers – Stephen Schartz / David Schartz

Gifts – David & Rita O'Gwin

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Kristy Hagerman

Collection Counters: Kristy Hagerman / David O'Gwin

Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke

NET INCOME/EXPENSES BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024

	JUNE	YTD
INCOME:		
Collections	21,324.65	217,454.43
Special Donations	25.00	19,987.00
Endowment		8,000.00
Interest	12.68	2,874.49
Farm		11,656.09
PSR		18,568.00
Fundraisers		2,127.45
Miscellaneous	1,089.12	112,236.10
TOTAL	\$22,451.45	\$392,903.56
EXPENSES:		
Stewardship	1,217.54	22,659.61
Salaries	12,566.69	167,496.38
Insurance	3,686.00	39,236.00
Utilities	1,712.43	27,713.59
Maintenance	60.90	155,403.47
Improvement		
Office	763.23	7,496.69
PSR	486.77	24,564.91
Farm		1,094.89
Miscellaneous	1,074.81	21,681.45
TOTAL	\$21,568.37	\$467,346.99
		YTD: (\$74,443.43)

August 2025 ~ MINISTRIES ~ Saturday @ 5:00 PM

Saturday, August 9 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Joan Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers

Toni Novotny (major) / Richard Wolf (minor)

Servers – Volunteers

Ushers – Steve Ehrlich / Roger Myers

Gifts – Paul & Susan Aistrup

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Karen McAllister

Sacristan – Kathy Kazmaier

Sanctuary Cleaning – Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku

Saturday, August 16 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Cheryl Skalsky

Eucharistic Ministers

Cindy Perez (major) / Tonya Sanders (minor)

Servers – Harleigh Ehrlich / Eli Ramsey

Ushers – Norman Dreiling / Paul Skalsky

Gifts – Jim & Judy Damm

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Maurice Schaller

Sacristan – Tonya Sanders

Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez

Saturday, August 23 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Kathy Kazmaier

Eucharistic Ministers

Norman Dreiling (major) / Becky Martin (minor)

Servers – Volunteers

Ushers – Richard Wolf / Kraig Froetschner

Gifts – Todd & Tami Keenan

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Karen McAllister

Sacristan – Jim & Judy Damm

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

Saturday, August 30 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Jackie Ehrlich

Eucharistic Ministers

Kathy Kazmaier (major) / Steve Ehrlich (minor)

Servers – Harleigh Ehrlich / Eli Ramsey

Ushers – Jim Damm / Larry Skelton

Gifts – Toni Novotny / Lee Gilcris

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Maurice Schaller

Sacristan – Cindy Perez

Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke

August 2025 ~ MINISTRIES ~ Sunday @ 10:30 AM

Sunday, August 10 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – Okey Nwachukwu-Udaku / Mary Mitchell

Eucharistic Ministers

John Kelty (major) / Kathy Couchman (minor)

Servers – Adaeze / Onyinye / Amara Udaku

Ushers – Jason Hammeke / Nolan Dreiling

Gifts – Okey & Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – David O’Gwin

Collection Counters: Kathy Couchman / Debbie Steinert

Sanctuary Cleaning – Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku

Sunday, August 17 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – Kristy Hagerman / Kathy Couchman

Eucharistic Ministers

David O’Gwin (major) / Mary Mitchell (minor)

Servers – Slade Sundahl / Darby Sundahl / Volunteer

Ushers – Shane Sundahl / Clayton Kelty

Gifts – Stephen & Kay Schartz

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Jane Kelty

Collection Counters: Jenny Ramsey / Jack Molleker

Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez

Sunday, August 24 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – Sr. Rebecca Otter / Karl Grover

Eucharistic Ministers

Kristy Hagerman (major) / Amy Simmons (minor)

Servers – Gabe Mull / Maddy Mull / Zoe Fitzsimmons

Ushers – Craig Schartz / Mike Tanner

Gifts – Doug & Mary Smith

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Kathy Couchman

Collection Counters: Ray Colglazier / Norman Dreiling

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

Sunday, August 31 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – John Kelty / Cathy Grover

Eucharistic Ministers

Isaac Lemuz (major) / Amanda Clark (minor)

Servers – Emmet / Grace / Sarah Fisher

Ushers – David Hammeke / Bruce Kozlowski

Gifts – Shane Sundahl Family

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Emily Dreiling

Collection Counters: Kayla Lang / Craig Schartz

Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke