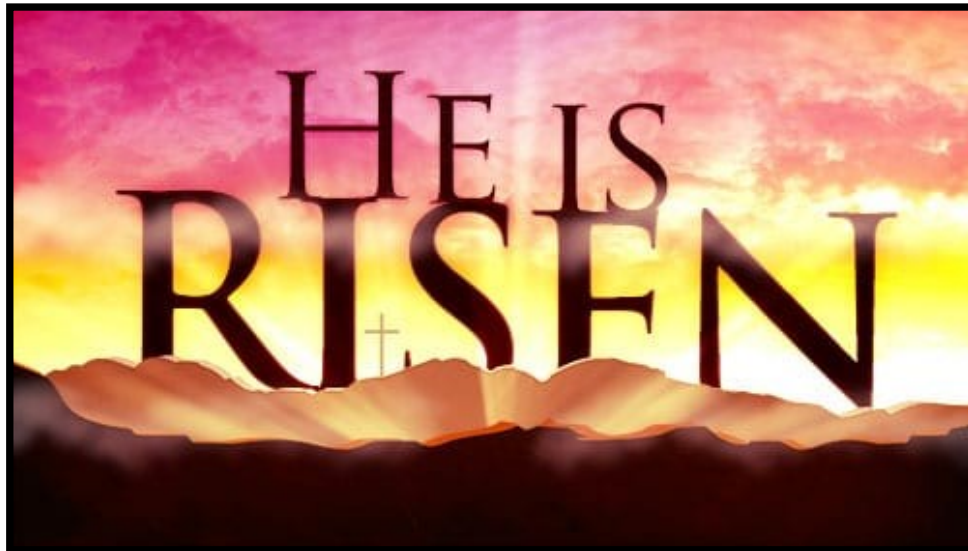


# St. John Vianney Church

April 9, 2023

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*



**This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!**

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Catholic Diocese of Peoria

**Fr. Johndamaseni Zilimu, Pastor**

**Fr. Christopher Lwigi Magesa, Parochial Vicar**

**Mass: Sunday 8:00 AM All Are Welcome**

Reconciliation: 7:30 AM to 7:50 AM

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St John, The Apostle

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| <b>Date</b>                            | <b>Mass Intentions</b>                          | <b>Given By</b>   |
|--|---|---|
| Apr 09 7:30 AM<br><b>Easter Sunday</b> | For: Richard Nichols<br>For: Jeff Nichols       | By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman<br>By: Ruthann Nichols             |
| Apr 16 8:00 AM                         | For: Fred DeSplinter<br>For: Lucille Doubler    | By: Theresa DeSplinter & Family<br>By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman |
| Apr 23 8:00 AM                         | For: Carolyn Ossian<br>For: Marvin & Verna Hall | By: William & Rita Taylor<br>By: The Bruce Beuseling Family   |
| Apr 30 8:00 AM                         | For: Frank & Minnie Doubler<br>For: Rhea Dwyer  | By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman<br>By: Dave & Chris DeKezel        |

## *Serving at Our Lord's Altar*

| <b>Lay Ministry Schedule for April 9 - April 30, 2023</b> |         |                      |
|---|---------|----------------------|
| Apr 09  | 7:30 AM | <b>Easter Sunday</b> |
| Extra Min: Bill Taylor                                    |         |                      |
| Lector: Larry Lavin                                       |         |                      |
| Apr 16  | 8:00 AM |                      |
| Extra Min: Chris DeKezel & Mary Kay Newman                |         |                      |
| Lectors: Dave Dobbels                                     |         |                      |
| Apr 23  | 8:00 AM |                      |
| Extra Min: Don & Sharon Hulin                             |         |                      |
| Lectors: Chris DeKezel                                    |         |                      |
| Apr 30  | 8:00 AM |                      |
| Extra Min: Joe Borkgren & Barb Montgomery                 |         |                      |
| Lectors: Don Hulin  |         |                      |
| <b>USHERS</b>   |         |                      |
| Apr: Bob Olson & Dwaine VanMeenen                         |         |                      |
| May: Dave DeKezel & Joe Borkgren                          |         |                      |
| <b>COUNTERS</b>   |         |                      |
| Apr: Brian Boberg & Carol Dobbels                         |         |                      |
| May: George & Mary Bowman                                 |         |                      |

### ***Week Day Masses:***

Woodhull: 8:00 AM Tuesday & Thursday    Galva: 8:00 AM Wednesday

### **For Prayer Chain requests contact:**

Terri Borkgren: 309-945-2628 or Julie Dwyer: 309-507-1627

*Easter Blessings*

*May God's grace and peace be with you.*

### Dates to Remember:

April 16: Divine Mercy Sunday  
April 16: Prayer Service Woodhull 4 pm  
April 30: First Communion

### Our Mission Statement

St. John Vianney Parish's mission is to share the Word of God and to live His message of faith, love and forgiveness.

### Our Vision Statement

We welcome all to share their time, talent and treasures to provide a deep and abiding understanding of God's Word.

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Xander Carlson, Donna Dobbels, Jim Dobbels, Rose Mary Franck, Mary Lou Robinson, Tom Montgomery Ryan Thrasher & Judy Brockway Skelton. Please pray for the sick, their loved ones, and caregivers. May they never lose sight of the love of God.



### ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

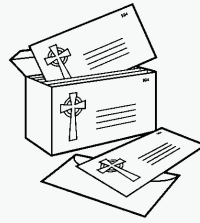
Before going into the hospital, please call Fr. John Zilimu at 309-852-4549 Ext 106. If you are admitted to the hospital or nursing home prior to Fr. John anointing you, please tell admittance that you are Catholic. They will arrange for the designated chaplain to anoint you and will notify Fr. John.

**Thank You** to Larry Lavin for leading the Stations of the Cross during Lent, and to Terry Borkgren for providing the music. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given

### Trivia Question (answer on last page)

Who was the first person Jesus appeared to after his resurrection: a) Peter b) Thomas c) Mary Magdalene d) John the Beloved



### Last Week's Gifts to God

**\$1,317.50 Sunday Total**  
**\$495.00 Building Fund**  
*is included in the above amount.*

**BUILDING FUND:** To make a donation towards the upcoming project to repair or replace the parking lot, please mark your weekly envelope "Building Fund".



### Lenten Rice Bowls

It is time to turn in your contributions. Please mark your name & amount on the box and place on the desk in the office.



### Thank You

to all those who attended the Ladies Luncheon, the April Committee for providing the delicious food and fun entertainment and for the men's help with serving and cleaning up.

### Mark Your Calendars!

All 4 Parishes are invited to a Prayer Service for Forgiveness & Healing on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16th at 4 PM at St John's Woodhull. Doors open at 3 PM. Divine Mercy Chaplet, confessions & adoration followed by Sunday Mass at 5 PM. Flyers with further information are available at the doors.



### The Gate of Everlasting Life

Almighty God, who through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



## *Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad!*

The great feast of Easter has begun, Christian stewards. Let us rejoice and be glad! Just as we embraced the discipline and fasting of Lent, let us fully embrace the joy and feasting that the next 50 days offer. We are called to be good stewards of the Easter season.

Our first reading, from Acts, gives instruction on how to do this. Here, St. Peter says that our Lord, “commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead... that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.” How do we ordinary people preach and testify to all God has done? By the way we live our ordinary lives — through the intentional use of our time, talent, and treasure for the kingdom of God. Putting God and others ahead of ourselves in every aspect of our lives is the most eloquent preaching we can do. Boldly and joyfully embracing a stewardship way of life is our most powerful testimony.

Reflecting on today’s Gospel passage from John and studying the actions of the first witnesses to the Resurrection gives us further insight into how we should live the Easter season. First, we learn of Mary Magdalene’s response. She “came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark.” Despite the trauma of just having witnessed the crucifixion of the Lord Whom she loved so much, Mary Magdalene remained focused on Him, not on herself and her own sense of loss. In fact, forgetting herself entirely, she made her way to the tomb in the dark so she could be near Him. Once she realized that the tomb was empty we read that she “ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple...” to tell them this shocking news. In response, we read that “they both ran, but the other disciple ran faster and arrived at the tomb first.” They ran to see all of this for themselves. These first witnesses of Christ’s mission and message, His death, and now His Resurrection were passionate. As stewards, we are called to this same devotion to our Lord, this same passion, and the same determination to remain near to Him no matter what.

This will look different depending on our own circumstances. Perhaps it will mean committing to a weekday Mass throughout the Easter season to rejoice in all that the Lord has done for us through His death and Resurrection. Perhaps it will mean getting up “in the dark” of the early morning to reflect on the daily Gospel. Perhaps we will gather our courage and finally speak to that friend or co-worker about what the Lord means to us and how they can have His grace in their lives, too. Maybe we will be inspired to host an Easter feast for friends and neighbors at some point during the next 50 days of celebration.

As Christian stewards, we are the modern-day witnesses of an incredible miracle prompted by unfathomable love — the death and Resurrection of our Savior for us. Let us rejoice and be glad, and let’s make sure our lives are a testimony to this amazing grace!

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