

St. John Vianney Church

April 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday



*Jesus said to Thomas,
“Have you come to
believe because you have
seen me? Blessed are
those who have not seen
and have believed.”*

John 20:29

Catholic Diocese of Peoria

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Mass: Sunday 8:00 AM All Are Welcome

Reconciliation: 7:30 AM to 7:50 AM

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St John, The Apostle

Mass Sunday 5:00 PM

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Mass Saturday 4 PM | Sunday 10:00 AM

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Date	Mass Intentions	Given By
Apr 16 8:00 AM	For: Fred DeSplinter For: Lucille Doubler	By: Theresa DeSplinter & Family By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman
Apr 23 8:00 AM	For: Carolyn Ossian For: Marvin & Verna Hall	By: William & Rita Taylor By: The Bruce Beuseling Family
Apr 30 8:00 AM	For: Frank & Minnie Doubler For: Rhea Dwyer	By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman By: Dave & Chris DeKezel
May 07 8:00 AM	For: Fr. John Burns For: Kim VanMeenen	By: Mark & Karen DeDecker By: Dwaine & Janice VanMeenen

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Lay Ministry Schedule for April 16 - May 7, 2023	
Apr 16 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Chris DeKezel & Mary Kay Newman Lector: Dave Dobbels
Apr 23 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Don & Sharon Hulin Lector: Chris DeKezel
Apr 30 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Joe Borkgren & Barb Montgomery Lector: Don Hulin
May 07 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Brian & Julie Dwyer Lector: Ron Koenigs
USHERS	
Apr: Bob Olson & Dwaine VanMeenen May: Dave DeKezel & Joe Borkgren	
COUNTERS	
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

Dates to Remember:

April 16: Divine Mercy Sunday
April 16: Prayer Service Woodhull 4 pm
April 30: First Communion
April 30: Honorees Breakfast after Mass

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.

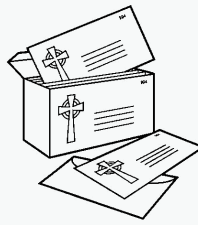
Many Thanks go to Janice & Dwaine VanMeenen for giving their time and talent to decorate the altar and church with the beautiful Easter flowers.



Thank You to all those who so generously gave baby items to our Pro-Life Lenten Project for Pregnancy Resources in Moline. They were very appreciative of our efforts.



Trivia Question (answer on last page)
What is the name of the instrument used to sprinkle holy water: a) aspergillum b) pyx c) ambo d) paten



Last Week's Gifts to God

\$1,612.00 Sunday Total
\$450.00 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".

Mission Appeal- Thanks to your kind generosity, **\$2,060.00** was collected for Fr. John's Mission Appeal to help orphans and needy children in Tanzania.

Breakfast on Sunday, April 30th

Those being honored after Mass are:

First Communicants:

Reed Brandau, Ali Mings, and Suzy Mings

Confirmands:

Jack Gibson and Karter Hays

Altar Servers:

Asher Brandau, Grayson Brandau, Jack Gibson, John Gibson, and Cameron Stiles

High School Graduates: Jake Johnson and Sydney VanHyfte Everyone is invited.

Divine Mercy Service

All 4 Parishes are invited to a Prayer Service for Forgiveness & Healing today 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.



Divine Mercy Prayer: Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen

Trust in the Mercy of God

The Christian steward approaches life with an “Easter vision” rooted in gratitude for and confidence in the salvation our Lord has won for us through His death and Resurrection. Today’s readings on this Divine Mercy Sunday teach us how this approach plays out in daily life and remind us that we can have complete trust in the mercy of God to lead us, step by step, to heaven.

Our first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, describes this beautiful way of life as it was practiced by the first Christians. “They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.” And, “They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people.” This is a snapshot of the very first community of Christian stewards living out their daily life — embracing prayer (the breaking of the bread), formation (the teaching of the apostles), hospitality (the communal life and fellowship through joyful meals together), and mutual service. What an inspiration to us modern-day stewards!

The Easter season is not the time to let up in the practice of our faith now that Lent is behind us. Rather, it is a time to live our faith with deeper joy and gratitude as we bask in the celebration of our Lord’s victory over sin and death for us. St. Peter summarizes this Easter outlook eloquently in our second reading. Our daily lives should be a reflection of this attitude: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is... kept in heaven for you.” St. Peter acknowledges that life can be difficult however, saying that “In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials.”

Certainly, it is challenging to live for heaven when the things of the earth — job stress, family crises, health troubles, political strife — loom large on the horizon. We can find ourselves becoming cynical like the Apostle, Thomas, in our Gospel passage today — until he had an encounter with the merciful Savior. We all recall the famous line from Thomas who was not present with the other Apostles during Jesus’ first appearance after the Resurrection. Beaten down by the events of the last several days, Thomas refuses to believe that the others had indeed “seen the Lord” as they claimed. Thomas stubbornly declares he would not believe their story about the Lord unless he placed his finger into the nail marks and his hand into His side. Yet, these doubts did not repel our Lord. They actually drew Him to Thomas in an extraordinary way. Our merciful Lord saw that beneath the hubris in Thomas’ statement were pain and disappointment. Our Lord is mercy itself. And so He did not condemn Thomas, but calmed his doubts and fears, and allowed Thomas to actually touch those Sacred Wounds. What amazing grace!

When we are tempted to give in to doubts about our faith, for whatever reason, all we need to do is seek the Lord — in prayer, in the sacraments, through the encouragement of our Christian communities — and just as He did for Thomas, our Lord will mercifully restore our Easter vision and fill us with His joy and peace. www.TheCatholicSteward.com