

# St. John Vianney Church

April 23, 2023  
Third Sunday of Easter



Walking with Jesus on the Road to Emmaus *Lk 24:13-35*

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Catholic Diocese of Peoria

**Fr. Johndamaseni Zilimu, Pastor**

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

Reconciliation: 7:30 AM to 7:50 AM

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>Given By</b>
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
May 14 8:00 AM	For: Leslie Hunt Family For: Bernice Dietz	By: Carolyn Ossian By: William & Rita Taylor

## *Serving at Our Lord's Altar*

<b>Lay Ministry Schedule for April 23 - May 14, 2023</b>	
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
May 14 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Leonard Boelens & Larry Lavin Lector: Lorrie Stiles
<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	
<b><i>Week Day Masses:</i></b> 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 29 & 30: FFA Plant Sale  
April 30: First Communion  
April 30: Honorees Breakfast after Mass



## Last Week's Gifts to God

**\$1,513.00 Sunday Total**  
*\$715.00 Building Fund is included in the above amount.*

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

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



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

## ADA UPDATE as of March 31, 2023

Our goal: \$11,303      Pledged: \$11,205  
# of Pledges: 39      Received: \$11,205  
Thanks to the kind generosity of our parishioners we have almost met our goal. Only \$98 to go!



## 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.

## Breakfast After Mass April 30th

Those being honored are:

### First Communicants:

Reed Brandau, Ali Mings, and Suzy Mings

### Confirmands:

Jack Gibson and Karter Hays

### Altar Servers:

Jack Gibson, John Gibson, and Cameron Stiles

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

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Reed Brandau, Ali Mings, and Suzy Mings will be receiving their First Holy Communion during the 8 AM Mass on Sunday, April 30th. Please pray for them as they continue on their journey of faith. *A Big Thank You* to their teacher, Kaye Maertens, for the giving of her time and talent preparing them for receiving this very special sacrament.

## Many thanks go to Judy Boelens

for embroidering the cloth on the small table in the back of the church. It is a beautiful adornment to our church.



## FFA SPRING PLANT SALE

will be held Saturday, April 29th and Sunday, April 30th from 9am-1pm in the Cambridge FFA greenhouse located in the back of the high school.



## The Emmaus Road

Many of us have at times walked the Emmaus road, wondering where God is. . . when all along He walks beside us. The Risen Lord is ever present in our midst!

Don't let the noise of the world keep you from hearing the voice of God.

## Trivia Question (answer on last page)

What is the name of one of the disciples that met Jesus on his walk to Emmaus? a) Thomas b) Phillip c) Cleopas d) Paul

## Emmaus Prayer

Risen Lord Jesus, help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders our awareness of your presence with us. Fill us with the joy of knowing your continuing presence, so that, like those travelers on the road to Emmaus, we too, hasten to share this great "Good News" with others. Amen.

# *The Journey Toward Heaven*

Today's readings focus on a theme of "sojourning." As Christian stewards, we know that our lives are a sojourn toward the ultimate destination of heaven.

Our second reading instructs us to "conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed... with the precious blood of Christ." What a powerful reminder during the Easter season of our "why" for embracing the stewardship way of life — we have been ransomed by our Lord's saving death and resurrection. Our lives are a gift from Him — as we sojourn through life, we are to make our lives a gift to Him in return.

Our Gospel passage today describes a sojourn as well, the familiar Easter season story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The two are dejected and despondent after Jesus' death. These men knew Jesus personally. They were believers. They had heard the Gospel message directly from His lips. They talked with Him, traveled with Him, and ate with Him. They heard the testimony of the women who discovered the empty tomb of our Lord and saw a vision of angels announcing He was alive. And if that were not enough, they had also been informed by other disciples who went to the tomb that all was exactly as the women reported. How much more obvious could the Good News be?

And yet, at times, the reaction of the two disciples describes our own walk of faith, doesn't it? We have the fullness of the Catholic faith, the power of the sacraments, and the support of our parish family. Yet, we lose our way. We fail to see all the gifts we have been given. We lack trust in the perfect goodness and almighty power of God. The life of a disciple — even for us modern-day disciples — is truly a sojourn, with valleys and mountaintops, wrong turns, and course corrections required regularly.

Our Lord offers a course correction to the two disciples who have lost their way, opening their eyes to the reality of His presence and the truth of His Resurrection. What happens when their eyes are opened once again, and they recognize Jesus in the Eucharist — "the breaking of the bread?" They are transformed! Their hearts are set on fire with love for the Lord and their faith. They recall that their hearts began "burning within" as the Lord was explaining the Scriptures to them.

So, what can we do when we become discouraged when we need our hearts set on fire once again? We can go to the same sources as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus — the Scriptures (the living Word of God) and the Eucharist (the very source and summit of our faith). Frequent recourse to these two gifts from our Lord is essential to sustain us in the stewardship way of life.

In this Easter season, resolve to feast deeply on these two sources of grace. They are the fuel that will propel us on the journey toward heaven, with a renewed sense of joy and gratitude as we go!

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