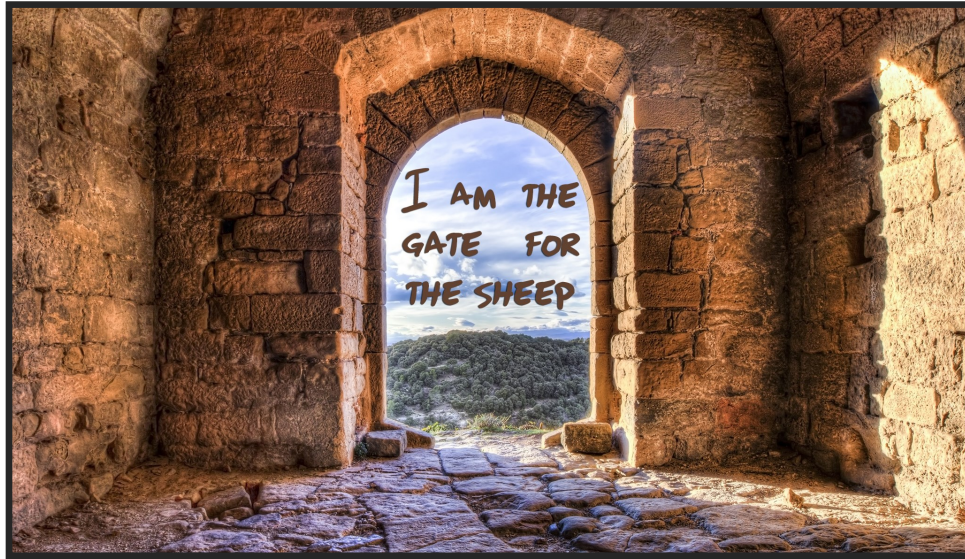


St. John Vianney Church

April 30, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter



“Whoever enters through me will be saved.”

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

Mass Sunday 5:00 PM

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St John, The Evangelist

Mass Saturday 4 PM | Sunday 10:00 AM

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Date	Mass Intentions	Given By
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
May 21 8:00 AM	For: Richard Nichols For: Jeff Nichols	By: Connie Collier By: Ruthann Nichols

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

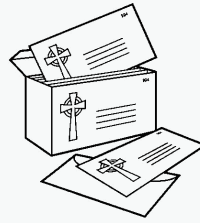
Lay Ministry Schedule for April 30 - May 21, 2023	
Apr 30 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Joe Borkgren & Barb Montgomery Lector: Don Hulin
May 07 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Brian & Julie Dwyer Lector: Ron Koenigs
May 14 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Leonard Boelens & Larry Lavin Lector: Lorrie Stiles
May 21 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Bill Taylor Lector: Trent Taber
USHERS	
Apr: Bob Olson & Dwaine VanMeenen May: Dave DeKezel & Joe Borkgren	
COUNTERS	
Apr: Brian Boberg & Carol Dobbels May: George & Mary Bowman	
<i>Week Day Masses:</i> 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:

Today: First Communion Sunday with Honorees Breakfast after Mass
May 14: Mother's Day



Last Week's Gifts to God

\$1,454.00 Sunday Total
\$615.00 Building Fund is included in the above amount.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Xander Carlson, Donna Dobbels, Rose Mary Franck, Tom Montgomery, Mary Lou Robinson, and 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".

Breakfast After Mass Today

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.*



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 to our CCD teachers

Kay Maertens, Lisa Beuseling, Meghan Brandau, Ashley Galle, and Beth and Josh Gibson. We appreciated the giving of their time and talent in spiritually guiding the youth of our parish.

Thank You for Sharing the Faith



Blessings and Congratulations

to our First Communicants, Confirmands, and Graduates! And a big thank you to our servers for serving at Mass!



Lord, You are indeed the Good Shepherd who leads me each day. Help me to love and know you more deeply so that others will be drawn to Your fold.

Did you know? Fr. John's favorite Bible verse is John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

Trivia Question (answer on last page)
What is sheepfold?

- a) a flock of sheep
- b) an enclosure for sheep
- c) a herd of sheep
- d) a sheepskin

May the Month of the Rosary

Please join us in praying the rosary 20 minutes before Mass during May.

Date

May 07
May 14
May 21
May 28

Rosary Leaders

Terri Borkgren
Chris DeKezel
Larry Lavin
Don Hulin



"The Rosary has accompanied me in moments of joy and in moments of difficulty. To it I have entrusted any number of concerns; in it I have always found comfort." ~St. John Paul II~

The Shepherd and Guardian of Our Souls

Today's readings on this fourth Sunday of Easter offer us a glimpse into the heart of our loving Savior. He is the Good Shepherd and we can confidently place our trust in Him as we live the stewardship way of life.

In both the first and second readings, we find Peter embracing his role as leader of the newborn Church. In our first reading from Acts, he exhorts the crowd, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." We then read that the ones who accepted his message were baptized that day. Peter simply proposed the Good News to them and then left them free to accept or reject the call to repentance and belief in Christ, which is ultimately a call from God. We can find many parallels in this passage to the call to a stewardship way of life. We, too, are free to accept or reject God's call to discipleship. We can keep our time, talents, and treasure for ourselves, purely to serve our own interests. We are free to make that choice. Or, we can embrace the call to discipleship through the stewardship way of life. If we do so, we will find a path to freedom from "this corrupt generation" just as those first disciples found in the early days of the Church.

Our second reading, again featuring St. Peter, offers further motivation for embracing this way of life. Peter reminds us that Christ, "bore our sins in his body upon the cross." And that, "by his wounds you have been healed. For [we] had gone astray like sheep but... have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of [our] souls." Such an incredibly poignant description of the love our Savior has for us and the kind of relationship He desires to have with us — as shepherd and guardian of our souls.

This endearing image of Jesus as shepherd, and His personal love for each one of us, is expanded in our Gospel passage from John, through the words of Jesus Himself. Here we read Jesus' description of Himself as the "Good Shepherd." He says of Himself, "The sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice."

This aspect of our Lord's tender and personal love for each one of us is yet another reason to embrace the stewardship way of life — in the offering of our time, talent, and treasure to Him, we can express our gratitude to Him for the incomprehensible love He has for us. Embracing the stewardship way of life certainly requires trust on our part. But Christ has proven Himself worthy of our trust. He "bore our sins in His body." He calls Himself our shepherd and He offers Himself as the guardian of our souls. He has withheld nothing of Himself and His goodness from us. He would never ask anything of us that would bring us harm.

On the contrary. Our Lord did not come to take from us, but to give to us. Again, we read His own words from the Gospel passage, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." This Easter season, let us resolve to freely give all of ourselves and our lives gratefully to Him.

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