

St. John Vianney Church

August 6, 2023

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord



“This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Catholic Diocese of Peoria

Fr. Ghislain Inai, SMA, 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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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
Aug 06 8:00 AM	For: Orville Ossian For: Carolyn Ossian	By: Carolyn Ossian By: William & Rita Taylor
Aug 13 8:00 AM	For: Judith Lee Schehl For: Ed Galle	By: The William Schehl Family By: The Hickenbottom Family
Aug 14 5:30 PM Assumption	For: Bernice Dietz For:	By: The William Taylor Family By:
Aug 20 8:00 AM	For: Jim Dobbels For: Fred DeSplinter	By: Carol Dobbels By: The Theresa DeSplinter Family

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Lay Ministry Schedule for August 6 - August 20, 2023	
Aug 06 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Leonard Boelens & Larry Lavin Lector: Don Hulin
Aug 13 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Bill Taylor Lector: Dave Dobbels
Aug 14 5:30 PM Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Extra Min: Chris DeKezel & Mary Kay Newman Lector: Ron Koenigs
Aug 20 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Don & Sharon Hulin Lector: Lorrie Stiles
USHERS	
Aug: George Bowman & Mark Skelton	
COUNTERS	
Aug: Clyde & Kay Maertens	
<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:

Aug 13: Blessings/birthdays & anniversaries
Aug 13: Ice Cream Social 4:30-6:30 PM
Aug 14: Assumption Mass 5:30 PM

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,
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.



ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Before going into the hospital, please call Fr. Ghislain at 309-334-2180. If you are admitted to the hospital or nursing home prior to Fr. Ghislain anointing you, please tell admittance that you are Catholic. They will arrange for the designated chaplain to anoint you and will notify Fr. Ghislain.

Bereavement Support Group

at St. Malachy's starting Aug 8th 6:30 pm
See bulletin board for details.

WORDS of ST. JOHN VIANNEY



Patron Saint of Parish Priests
Feast Day - August 4th

"Prayer is to our soul what rain is to the soil. Fertilize the soul ever so richly, it will remain barren unless fed by frequent rains."

Trivia Question (answer on last page)

Which 2 Old Testament prophets appeared with Jesus during the Transfiguration?

- a) Moses & Elijah b) Elijah & Elisha
c) Moses & Samuel d) Moses & Elisha



Last Week's Gifts to God

\$1,439.00 Sunday Total
\$485.00 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".

Here's the Scoop!

Ice Cream Social at St. John Vianney Church

Sunday, Aug 13th 4:30- 6:30 pm

Hot Dog, Chips & Drink \$3.00

BBQ Sandwich, Chips & Drink \$6.00

Dessert - Free Will Donation

Mark your calendars! Everyone is invited.



The Traveling Monstrance will be at

St. John the Apostle Church in Woodhull on Monday, August 28th. Mass at 8 AM followed by Adoration all day until 6:30 pm. There is a sign-up sheet for Adoration times on the back table. Everyone is invited to attend.

Combined Bulletin

Any information you would like placed in the combined bulletins will need to be submitted to your parish secretary at least 12 days in advance of the Sunday Mass that bulletin is available.

Priests Prayer Calendars are available at the doors. Please remember the priests and religious in your prayers.

Summer Prayer

Loving God, Creator of all times & places. We thank you for the gift of summertime, the days of light, warmth and leisure. Guide our steps and strengthen our hearts, during these months of summer and vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

The View of Eternity

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. According to most Catholic scholars and theologians, the Transfiguration is the culminating point of the Lord's public life. His Baptism is considered to be the starting point of that public life, and the Ascension is the end. Our Gospel Reading today, which reports this event, is from the Book of Matthew. However, the Transfiguration is also reported in Mark and Luke, and St. Peter refers to it in one of his letters, and by St. John as well. Naturally, Peter and John would allude to the Transfiguration as they (along with St. James) witnessed it. Jesus took the three Apostles and led them to a "high mountain" where He was transfigured before their eyes. The mountain is never directly identified, but tradition has ascertained it to be Mt. Tabor. Of course, it is not the mountain but what occurred there that is important. In today's Gospel St. Matthew uses the Greek word *metemorphe* to describe the Transfiguration. It means "a complete change of form, structure, or substance." Jesus allows the three Apostles who were present (as well as those of us who hear the Word) to view what eternal life in heaven is like. Christ's divinity is on full display. To use Matthew's words, "His face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light."

Our First Reading from the Book of Daniel contains almost the same description as that found in the Gospel. The prophet Daniel describes what will occur as follows: "His clothing was bright as snow, and the hair on his head as white as wool." As if that prophecy was not enough, Daniel takes it to the next step by going on to say, "One like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven." The term Son of Man is one that Jesus was most likely to use in indication of Himself. Seeing it in a prophecy, and especially one which is so clearly the Transfiguration merely more closely associates Jesus with the Transfiguration which is to come and described so perfectly in the New Testament.

In our Second Reading from St. Peter's Second Letter the Apostle Peter also alludes to the Transfiguration. Peter writes, "...we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty...when that unique declaration came to him from majestic glory, 'This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Those words from God are reported quite accurately in our Gospel Reading from St. Matthew, but this is Peter repeating them. You can almost sense Peter remembering the experience clearly. At the time Peter mistakenly placed Jesus as an equal to Moses and Elijah at the Transfiguration, and this was the way God made it quite plain to Peter that this was not the case. This may have been a rebuke to Peter, but now it is a valuable memory to him. The Transfiguration was not a different miracle; it was part of an ongoing miracle. Perhaps the real miracle was that Jesus kept away from displaying His glory most of the time. When the three apostles present became aware of the full divinity of Jesus, it is reported that "They fell prostrate and were very much afraid." Is that how we react when we become aware of the presence of God? Are we a bit fearful? Knowing God, appreciating God, and embracing God should give us confidence. God's grace is amazing, and that needs to be our reality. Remember that Jesus is on His way to crucifixion and temporary death. We are on that same path, but the Transfiguration is a reminder to us of the hope we have in the saving grace of the Lord. www.theCatholicSteward.com