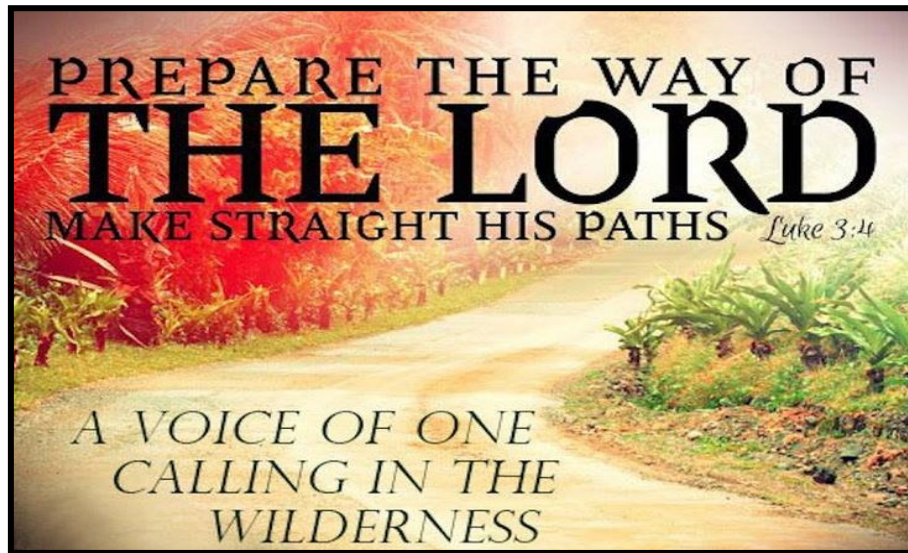


# St. John Vianney Church

December 4, 2022  
Second Sunday of Advent



**“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” Matthew 3:2**

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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>
Dec 04 8:00 AM	For: Fr. John Burns For: Orville Ossian	By: William & Rita Taylor By: Carolyn Ossian
Dec 07 5:30 PM <i>Immaculate Conception Vigil</i>	For: Maxine Swanson For: Fred & Shirley Floming	By: Randy VanMeenen By: Connie Collier
Dec 11 8:00 AM	For: Alvin Dobbels For: Betty Lou Doubler	By: Joan Dobbels Morris By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman
Dec 18 8:00 AM	For: Fred DeSplinter For: Maurice Franck	By: Theresa DeSplinter & Family By: Rose Mary Franck

## *Serving at Our Lord's Altar*

<b>Lay Ministry Schedule for December 4—December 18, 2022</b>	
Dec 04 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Brian & Julie Dwyer Lector: Dave Dobbels
Dec 07 5:30 PM	<i>Immaculate Conception Vigil</i> Extra Min: Joe Borkgren & Barb Montgomery Lector: Bill Taylor
Dec 11 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Leonard Boelens & Larry Lavin Lector: Ron Koenigs
Dec 18 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Don & Sharon Hulin Lector: Lorrie Stiles
<b>USHERS</b>	
Dec: Josh Gibson & Christian Jackson	
<b>COUNTERS</b>	
Dec: Theresa DeSplinter & Mary Kay Newman	
<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:

Dec 07: Immaculate Conception Mass 5:30  
Dec:10: A&R Christmas Brunch-Woodhull  
Dec 11: Deadline/Memorial flower order  
Dec 15: Advent Penance Service-Kewanee  
Dec 18: CCD Christmas program & party

### **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.

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation Mass Times

**Vigil-Wed, Dec 7: 5:30 PM Cambridge**

Thurs, Dec 8: 8 AM Woodhull & Kewanee

Thurs, Dec 8: 5:30 PM Galva

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Xander Carlson, Donna Dobbels, Jim Dobbels, Tom Montgomery, Ryan Thrasher & Mary Lou Robinson. 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.

## Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve-Saturday, Dec 24**

4:00 PM - Galva & Kewanee

9:00 PM - Kewanee

**Christmas Day-Sunday, Dec 25**

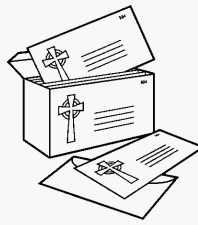
8:00 AM - Cambridge & Kewanee

10:00 AM - Galva & Woodhull



**Trivia Question** (answer on last page)

What Old Testament prophet predicted the coming of the Savior: a) Amos b) Elijah c) Moses d) Isaiah



## Last Week's Gifts to God

**\$1,540.00 Sunday Total**  
*\$730.00 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".

## In Memory of Your Loved Ones

To order a Christmas flower in memory of your loved ones, please use the Christmas flower envelope in your envelope box or at the doors. Please **clearly print** your loved one's name on the envelope. Cost is \$10. Order deadline is Sunday, **Dec 11th**.



## St. John's A&R Christmas Brunch

Ladies of the Altar & Rosary Society are cordially invited to attend the Christmas Brunch and Bingo Party at St. John's in Woodhull on Sat, Dec 10th at 11 AM. Cost is \$15 per person. Please sign the sheet on the back table if you are planning to attend. **Deadline is Today!**



## Brighten Someone's Day!

A revised list of addresses for our parishioners who might appreciate being remembered with a card is at the entrances.



## Presentation of the Gifts

Starting in January, parishioners will be invited to take the gifts of wine, water and hosts to the altar. Gift bearers will be contacted in the future weeks.



## 2nd Week of Advent Prayer

Father in heaven, set our hearts ablaze to follow in the steps of John the Baptist. May we bring light and love to all we meet, that the darkness of sin and fear may be overcome. Amen.



Prepare the way  
of the Lord.

Isaiah 40:3

# Hospitality & Repentance

Our first reading from the prophet Isaiah continues the theme of a journey towards the holy mountain, the Kingdom of God. The prophet gives us a beautiful glimpse of this mountain, where Christ will reign forever. It will be a place of peace, justice, and harmony among all God's creatures. "There shall be no harm or ruin in all my holy mountain...This dwelling shall be glorious."

Our second reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, encourages us to focus our preparation in this way: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." How has Christ welcomed us? By becoming one of us through His incarnation, one with us through the Eucharist, and freeing us from our sins through His death and resurrection so that we can finally live with him for all eternity in Heaven. The idea of welcoming others as Christ welcomes us is the essence of Christian hospitality. This kind of hospitality involves seeing people as God sees them and being ready to invite others into our lives whenever and however God asks; it is an attitude we take with us wherever we go, whether at home, at the parish, or out and about at work, school, or in the community. This kind of hospitality is a vital aspect of stewardship living. Fully embraced, it has the power to transform our lives and the lives of those who experience it through us.

The practice of Christian hospitality is also a way for us stewards to answer the call of John the Baptist in our Gospel passage from Matthew. John has the honor of preparing the people for the arrival of the Savior and the coming of the Kingdom of God. His words apply just as much to us in our own Advent preparations today. John says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" And he recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." So how can we make repentance a regular part of our everyday lives? We can make an "examination of conscience" a daily part of our prayers, thanking God for the times we said "yes" to Him, and asking forgiveness for the times we chose our own will. We can (and should!) go to Confession this Advent. We can reach out to a family member or friend where there is distance or discord and make peace.

Though it may not seem obvious at first, there is a definite connection between repentance and effective hospitality. By recognizing and repenting of our sins, we become aware of our need for a Savior and his great mercy towards us. With this awareness and the gratitude to God that comes with it, we are freed to see the good in others and welcome them into our lives just as Christ has welcomed us.

As we "straighten the paths" of our own hearts and minds, we become more hospitable people, better stewards of God's grace and mercy, and far more open and ready to invite others into our lives, homes, and parish. This is preparation fitting for our merciful Savior.

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