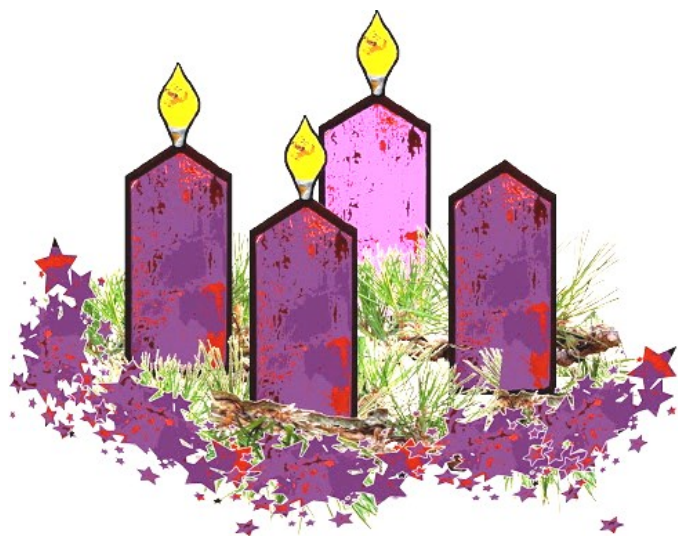


# St. John Vianney Church

December 11, 2022  
*Third Sunday of Advent*



*Joy* On the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday, the rose colored candle is lit. It reminds us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus, our true source of joy.

**Rejoice the Lord is near!**

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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>
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
Dec 25 8:-00 AM	For: Maxine Swanson For: Dan Collier	By: Randy VanMeenen By: Connie Collier
Jan 01 8:-00 AM	For: Frank Maertens For: Glenn DeSmith	By: Clyde & Kaye Maertens By: Mark & Karen DeDecker

## *Serving at Our Lord's Altar*

<b>Lay Ministry Schedule for Dec 11, 2022—Jan 1, 2023</b>	
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
Dec 25 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Bill Taylor Lector: Trent Taber
Jan 01 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Chris DeKezel & Mary Kay Newman Lector: Bill Taylor
<b>USHERS</b>	
Dec:	Josh Gibson & Christian Jackson
Jan:	Clyde Maertens & Randy Borkgren
<b>COUNTERS</b>	
Dec:	Theresa DeSplinter & Mary Kay Newman
Jan:	Don & Sharon Hulin
<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:

**Today:** Deadline/Memorial flower order  
Dec 15: Advent Penance Service-Kewanee  
Dec 18: CCD Christmas program & party  
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.

### **Advent Penance Service**

Thursday, Dec 15th at 6 PM  
St John Paul II Church  
406 W Central Blvd, Kewanee IL



### **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



### **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.

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

In which book of the Bible is the Jesse tree  
referenced: a) Isaiah b) Luke c) Jeremiah  
d) Psalms



## Last Week's Gifts to God

**\$1,559.00 Sunday Total**  
*\$215.00 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**

Today is the deadline to order a  
Christmas flower in memory of  
your loved ones. Cost is \$10.



### **Weekly Offering**



### **2023 Weekly Envelopes**

Your 2023 Weekly

Offering envelopes are available on the  
card table at the back of the church.  
Please pick up yours 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.



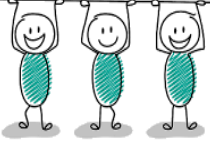
**In Memoriam** - We extend our sympathy  
and prayers to Judy Boelens in the passing  
of her mother, Rachel Good. May her soul  
rest in peace & may God grant peace and  
consolation to Judy, Leonard and family.

### **Third week of Advent Prayer**

As we draw near to you, Lord God,  
keep us aware of your presence in  
all we do. Come with power to  
enlighten us by your grace, that  
we may live in praise and peace  
all our days. Amen



THANK YOU



to everyone who donated cookies or helped in any way to make our booth for Christmas on the Square on Dec 3rd a success. It was a cold, but fun night for everyone!

## Heartfelt Thanks

to everyone who gave gifts or donations to the Caring Hearts Drive. Your kind generosity was greatly appreciated and will brighten Christmas for many in the community. God bless you for your caring hearts!



## Rejoice Sunday



Good news, Christian stewards — we are gaining ground on our Advent mountain climb and it is time to take a moment to rejoice in the Good News that our Savior will come again in triumph one day. Today's readings on this Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday are filled with reminders of God's final victory over suffering and injustice, and encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to live as faith-filled disciples.

Our first reading from the prophet Isaiah seems to shout out good cheer as he paints a picture of what the long-awaited Savior will usher in: "the eyes of the blind will be opened, the ears of the deaf will be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag...the tongue of the mute will sing. Those whom the Lord has ransomed [that's us!] will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee." Such a day almost seems too good to be true, especially when we look around at the dire circumstances we face in our world at present. But by faith, we know this day is coming. Lest we grow weary as we await the glorious day of Christ's return, St. James, in our second reading, offers wise counsel. "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord... Make your hearts firm... Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged."

This is excellent advice for us Christian stewards as we face the challenges of everyday life in our broken world, especially in the hectic days that precede Christmas when stress can make us and those around us less than our best selves. St. James reminds us that we can choose our response to both the great strains and the minor annoyances of life. In other words, we can be good stewards of our attitude, "making our hearts firm" by practicing patience with others and refusing to give in to the temptation to complain. We can choose to see and rejoice in God's presence with us, no matter the circumstances surrounding us.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, connects the prophecy of Isaiah to the arrival of Jesus, almost word for word. In this passage we find the imprisoned John the Baptist sending his disciples to ask Jesus if he is indeed the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus' reply is almost identical to Isaiah's prophetic words. He says, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised..." The Savior really has arrived just as promised! Yet that arrival was 700 years after Isaiah's prediction. God always fulfills his promises, but patience and firmness of heart are required as we await his perfect timing. As John's disciples go off to report this wonderful news, Jesus has high praise for John. "Among those born of women, there has been none greater." Yet, Jesus adds, "The least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." Honorable as it was for John the Baptist to serve as the one who would announce the Savior's arrival, it is a much greater privilege to attain membership in His kingdom. Let us rejoice in the knowledge that God has called us to enter this kingdom. Let us keep our hearts firmly fixed on this eternal goal and strive with all our might to give God and others the very best of ourselves in gratitude for such a privilege.

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