

St. John Vianney Church

December 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent



“All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophets.” Mt 1:23

Catholic Diocese of Peoria

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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

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Mass Saturday 4 PM | Sunday 10:00 AM

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Date	Mass Intentions	Given By
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: Dave & Dee DeBrock By: Connie Collier
Jan 01 8:00 AM	For: Frank Maertens For: Glenn DeSmith	By: Clyde & Kaye Maertens By: Mark & Karen DeDecker
Jan 08 8:00 AM	For: The Leslie Hunt Family For: Albert Doubler	By: Carolyn Ossian By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Lay Ministry Schedule for Dec 18, 2022-Jan 8, 2023	
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
Jan 08 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Don & Sharon Hulin Lector: Larry Lavin
USHERS	
Dec:	Josh Gibson & Christian Jackson
Jan:	Clyde Maertens & Randy Borkgren
COUNTERS	
Dec:	Theresa DeSplinter & Mary Kay Newman
Jan:	Don & Sharon Hulin
<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: 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.

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



The Christmas Collection

Quite some time ago the diocese changed the procedure for the Christmas Collection offering envelopes to go to our parish and not the parish priests. If you would like to give something to Father John and Father Christopher for Christmas, please address your gift directly to them.

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 song are these words found:

"He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages."

- a) Silent Night b) The King of Glory Comes
c) Joy to the World d) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



Last Week's Gifts to God

\$5,128.00 Sunday Total
\$925.00 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".

ADA UPDATE as of Nov 30, 2022

Our goal: \$11,303 Pledged: \$9,340
of Pledges: 33 Received: \$8,390

Thank you to all those who have given generously. If you haven't mailed your pledge to the Diocese yet, please do so soon. There are extra pledge cards on the back table.



The new Living Faith booklets for January-March are available at each door. Everyone is invited to take one home.

2023 Altar & Rosary Books

are available at the back of the church. Look for your name on the front cover. Please pick up yours today.



A Big Thank You to the Confirmation Class, teachers and parents for decorating the church for Christmas.

Woodhull Mass Change

Starting January 1, 2023 Woodhull will be having only **ONE** weekend Mass, which will be on Sundays at 5:00 PM (Note time change.) The 5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass will be dropped.

Fourth Week of Advent Prayer

Help us, Lord, to follow Mary's example of faith and trust. Along with Mary, help us to say, "Yes, God, I am yours." Inspire us to live every day as if Christmas were just a week away. Amen



Gift Giving



As our Advent preparations draw to a close and Christmas fast approaches, it is fitting that today's readings demonstrate the intensity of the Father's perfect and passionate love for each of us, culminating in the gift of His own Son, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day. As we reflect on the enormity of this gift, let us ask ourselves what we can offer in return.

In our first reading, from Isaiah, the Lord invites King Ahaz to "ask for a sign from the Lord, your God." And not just any sign. The Lord says, "let it be deep as the nether-world, or high as the sky!" Ahaz, though, cannot arouse himself from his bleak and limited outlook, and actually refuses this invitation. Undeterred by his negativity, the Lord says through the prophet Isaiah, that he himself will provide the sign: "the virgin shall conceive and bear a son" and his name will be Emmanuel which means, "God with us." What great love and patience our heavenly Father has shown his people throughout all ages!

In the second reading, from Paul's letter to the Romans, St. Paul sends a blessing of "Grace...and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. This — grace and peace — is precisely the gift we celebrate on Christmas Day. Through his incarnation, Jesus brings the intimate love of God right into our midst; and through His death and resurrection, He saves us from our sins and restores us to right relationship with the Father. This is the peace that the world cannot offer. In response to such an overwhelming gift, what can we do except offer our lives as gift in return, embracing a stewardship way of life with all the love and strength we have to give?

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we find an unparalleled example of one who embraced this way of life in St. Joseph, as he responds to God's call to him through the message of an angel. St. Joseph immediately and humbly obeys the instruction from the angel: "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Open to this extraordinary role, he did as the angel commanded and "takes Mary into his home."

We never hear St. Joseph speak, but the Scriptures tell us he was always listening, attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit for his family. It was Joseph who found the stable where the baby Jesus would be born. No doubt it was Joseph who cleaned it up and prepared it for Mary and Jesus since we know that Mary was about to give birth. Joseph protected the family, guarded them, and tended to their safety, their comfort, and their well-being at the expense of his own plans and preferences. Though we do not hear any words from St. Joseph, his actions clearly show that he offered himself, his whole life, as a gift to his family through his strong guidance, protection, and service. Let us imitate St. Joseph, then, as good stewards, giving our very lives to those around us in love and gratitude to God who has given us everything we have, especially His own Son, Jesus Christ. We will no doubt find that the more we give ourselves away, the more our generous Father will fill us with His grace and peace — these are truly the best Christmas gifts we could receive.

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