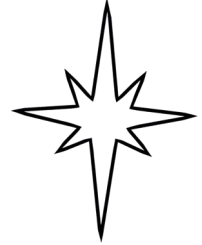
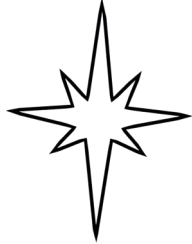


St. John Vianney Church

December 25, 2022

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord



“Let the light of Christ shine forth!”

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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Date	Mass Intentions	Given By
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
Jan 15 8:00 AM	For: Maxine Swanson For:	By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman By:

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Lay Ministry Schedule for Dec 25, 2022-Jan 15, 2023	
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
Jan 15 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Joe Borkgren & Barb Montgomery Lector: Chris DeKezel
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

Merry Christmas

May God's love and peace fill your hearts with joy this Christmas!

Dates to Remember:

Jan 1: Sunday Mass at 8:00 AM as usual
Jan 2: Diocesan Traveling Monstrance 6:30

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, 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

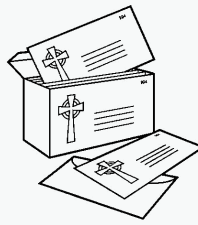
Before going into the hospital, please call Fr. John Zilimu at 309-852-4549 Ext 106. If you are admitted to the hospital or nursing home prior to Fr. John anointing you, please tell admittance that you are Catholic. They will arrange for the designated chaplain to anoint you and will notify Fr. John.

Diocesan Traveling Monstrance

will be at our parish Mon, Jan 2nd, 2023! The Holy Hour will start at 6:30 PM. Bishop Tylka has commissioned that a monstrance be used for a holy hour in each of our churches and make its way across the Diocese over the course of the National Eucharistic Revival.

Trivia Question (answer on last page)

What is the "Heavenly Host" in Luke 2:13?
A) the angels at the gates of heaven
b) an angel choir c) an army of angels
d) Michael, Gabriel and Raphael



Last Week's Gifts to God

\$1,616.00 Sunday Total
\$915.00 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".

Many Thanks go to

Janice & Dwaine VanMeenen for giving their time and talent to decorate the altar and church with the beautiful poinsettias.



The poinsettias were purchased from the Cambridge FFA/Agriculture Dept.

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.

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.

"A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us." Psalm 97



A Christmas Prayer

God of love, Father of all, the darkness that covered the earth has given way to the bright dawn of your Word made flesh. Make us a people of this light. Make us faithful to your Word, that we may bring your light to the waiting world. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



Glory to God in the Highest



“For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is the Messiah and Lord, and this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger, and suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: ‘Glory to God in the highest’.” We are all very familiar with the report of Jesus’ birth. We know about the multitude singing, and we are aware of how the shepherds came from the fields to see and worship the child. On this glorious day we are the heavenly host singing and we in a sense are the shepherds who kneel in admiration of this child. This child is like none other. We know that every child changes the world in his or her own way. But the birth of Jesus, the Son of God and the son of Mary does more than change the world. He changes our lives completely. He comes to save us. He comes to embrace us. And He invites each of us to embrace Him.

The Second Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews complements and affirms the feelings expressed in Isaiah. The writer makes it clear that Jesus is God and that today marks the beginning of salvation for us. This passage from Hebrews parallels our Gospel today in that it is the opening words of the letter to the Hebrews. The first word is “God” as that is where it all begins. God speaks to us in the birth of Jesus, and the author of the letter uses a word to describe Jesus that may be foreign to us: the author speaks of the “refulgence of his glory.” Refulgence means brightness or radiance. The original Greek word from which this is translated is *apaugasma*. That means brightness beyond our understanding. It is as if we cannot see or look upon the Lord — only through the light of Jesus His Son.

Today’s Gospel Reading, which is the opening statement of John’s Gospel, describes Jesus’ birth: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through Him. And without Him nothing came to be. What came to be through Him was life; and this life was the light of the human race: the light shines in the darkness.” On this magnificent Christmas Day we receive the life, and we receive His light. It is no wonder that all our readings reflect that life and that light and the joy that results. Just listen to the words and phrases we find in the First Reading from Isaiah. These are perfect descriptions of what we should feel on this day: “beautiful; glad tidings; peace; good news; salvation; shout for joy; break out in song.” What a summary of this day! The Gospel, as explained previously, speaks of the Christ child in a way that is not found in the other Gospels. Jesus is the Word incarnate. If we review what we know about Jesus, we might say He was from Nazareth or He was born in Bethlehem, or He is descended from Abraham through David. However, John wants us to understand that Jesus has come to us directly from God as He is One with God. He is the Word. Toward the end of His Gospel John states of his Gospel: “But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.” Today is a day of life and light. It is truly a day on which we must proclaim “Glory to God in the highest.” www.TheCatholicSteward.com