

St. John Vianney Church

February 18, 2024
First Sunday of Lent



Catholic Diocese of Peoria

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Mass: Sunday 8:00 AM Wednesday 5:30 PM

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Date	Mass Intentions	Given By
Feb 18 8:00 AM Sunday	For: Jim Dobbels	By: George & Mary Bowman
Feb 21 5:00 PM Note time change	For: Carolyn Ossian	By: The Parish
Feb 25 8:00 AM Sunday	For: Vance Edmondson	By: Blake & Angie Reed
Feb 28 5:00 PM Note time change	For: Joan Dobbels	By: Mary Verscheure

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Lay Ministry Schedule for February 18 - February 28, 2024		
Sunday, February 18	8:00 AM	
Extra Min:	Chris DeKezel & Mary Kay Newman	
Lector:	Don Hulin	
Servers:	Sully Jackson & Cameron Stiles	
Wednesday, February 21	5:00 PM	Note time change
Lector & Server Volunteers		
Sunday, February 25	8:00 AM	
Extra Min:	Larry Lavin & Don Rogers	
Lector:	Brian Dwyer	
Servers:	John & Nora Gibson	
Wednesday, February 21	5:00 PM	Note time change
Lector & Server Volunteers		
USHERS		
Feb:	Bob Olson & Dwaine VanMeenen	
Mar:	Randy Borkgren & Christian Jackson	
COUNTERS		
Feb:	Bill Taylor & Leslie Thrasher	
Mar:	Joe Borkgren & Ron Koenigs	
<i>Other Weekday 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: Men's Breakfast after Mass
Feb 22: A & R Meeting 6:30 PM
Mar 12: Finance & Parish Councils Mtg 7 PM

In Cambridge during Lent

on Wednesdays starting Feb 21st there will be a 5 PM Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and a potluck. Please join us for prayer, food and fellowship.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Xander Carlson, Donna Dobbels, Tom Montgomery, Ron Swanson, Mary Lou Robinson, Robert Franck & 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 309-852-4549. 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.

Mass for the People Beginning in March, the mass intention for the fourth Sunday of each month will be for the People of the parish.

Things to Do For Lent



Give up speaking unkindly. Let your speech be generous and understanding. *"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer."* Psalm 19:14

Trivia Question (answer on last page)
How many people were saved from the flood in Noah's Ark? a) 6 b) 8 c) 12 d) 25

Last Week's Gifts to God



February 11, 2024

Collection: \$ 963.50
Building Fund: 60.00
Sunday Total: \$1023.50

Men's Breakfast Today!

following the 8 AM Mass. All men, boys, and their guests are invited to attend.

A Presentation will be given today about Catholic Education by Wayne Brau, the principal of Visitation School.



30 Days until Spring!

Our Lenten Devotionals

entitled "Called to be Holy" are available at the doors. Please feel free to take one home.



Our Pro-Life Lenten Project

During Lent this year our parish will once again be collecting baby items for the Women's Pregnancy Center. See insert for list of items needed.



The Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian

O Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust of power and idle chatter. Instead, grant to me, Your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble-mindedness, patience, and love. O Lord and King, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge my brother; for blessed are you now and forever. Amen

A Journey Through Lent

As we celebrate our first Sunday of Lent, our readings today remind us why we partake in this 40-day Lenten journey — to prepare our hearts for the resurrection of Christ on the glorious Easter morning. Many times throughout Scripture, God presents great blessings after 40 days of purification. We see an example of this in our First Reading from Genesis. In the story of Noah and the flood, Noah preserves his family and animals on an ark for 40 days and 40 nights. There is no doubt that this journey was filled with a great deal of sacrifice and prayer as those days dragged on and the earth was swallowed up by waters. Yet, after that time of trial, Noah and his family received a covenant from the Lord. God says, “See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you... that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood.” And the sign of this covenant between God and man is a rainbow, “When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between men and you and all living beings.” Without the 40-day journey in the ark, Noah would not have been able to receive this covenant with a grateful heart. God presents great blessings to those who are prepared to receive them.

St. Peter reminds us in our Second Reading of the many blessings we receive from Christ’s passion, death, and resurrection. He proclaims, “Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous that he might lead you to God.” And again, “[Baptism] is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.” These are the many blessings God has shared with us through the gift of His Son.

To receive the blessings more readily from Christ’s passion, death, and resurrection, we too are called to endure 40 days “in the desert.” In our Gospel from St. Mark, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert where He was tempted by Satan. Jesus was called to face trials and to confront evil. During this time, He committed to intense prayer and fasting. It was not necessary for Jesus to go into the desert so that He might be purified. But it was necessary for Him to go into the desert to endure the temptations of man for our sake. He was fully man, and experienced temptations just like us, yet responded to them perfectly, never falling into sin. Once He was finished, He began proclaiming the Gospel, saying, “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” The Good News of Jesus Christ was announced.

We should strive to fully participate in this Lenten season by mirroring Jesus, the model steward by Whom we are called to imitate. Through our time in the desert, we will confront evil by weeding out the roots of sin in our lives through fasting. And we will be sustained and nourished in the desert by prayer. If we willingly choose to spend this Lent like Jesus, we will be ready to receive the glorious gift of Himself and partake in the riches that pour forth from that Gift. Let us strive to purify our hearts for the remainder of these 40 days so that we might be ready to receive all that God plans to bless us with on Easter.

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