

St. John Vianney Church

January 7, 2024

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord



Wise men still seek him!

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
Jan 07 8:00 AM Sunday	For: Joan Dobbels	By: Dwaine & Janice VanMeenen
Jan 10 5:30 PM Wednesday	For: Carolyn Ossian	By: The Parish
Jan 14 8:00 AM Sunday	For: Jim Dobbels	By: Ron Koenigs
Jan 17 5:30 PM Wednesday	For: Orville Ossian	By: The Parish

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Lay Ministry Schedule for January 7-January 17, 2024		
Sunday,	January 07	8:00 AM
Extra Min:	Chris DeKezel & Mary Kay Newman	
Lector:	Ron Koenigs	
Wednesday,	January 10	5:30 PM
Lector & Server Volunteers		
Sunday,	January 14	8:00 AM
Extra Min:	Don & Sharon Hulin	
Lector:	Lorrie Stiles	
Wednesday,	January 17	5:30 PM
Lector & Server Volunteers		
USHERS		
Jan:	Brian Boberg & Dale Stiles	
Feb:	Bob Olson & Dwaine VanMeenen	
COUNTERS		
Jan:	Don & Sharon Hulin	
Feb:	Bill Taylor & Leslie Thrasher	

Other Weekday Masses:

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:

Jan 10: Parish Council Meeting 6:15 PM
Jan 14: Coffee hour after our 8:00 AM Mass
Jan 25: Blood Drive in hall 2-6 PM
Jan 31: Fr. John Zilimu's birthday

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.

God's Word: "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you." Isaiah 60:1

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.

Plan to take home your Christmas memorial flower next Sunday, January 14th after Mass. They will be in the back of the church.



"Words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness." ~Mother Teresa~

Trivia Question (answer on last page)

How many days until spring?

a) 65 b) 68 c) 70 d) 72

Last Week's Gifts to God



December 31, 2023

Collection: \$ 92700
Building Fund: \$ 680.00
Sunday Total: \$ 1,607.00

ADA Update as of December 5, 2023

Our goal: \$12,998 Pledged: \$7,275
of Pledges: 33 Received: \$6,350

Currently our parish will need **\$5,723.00** more in pledges to reach our goal. Pledge cards are available on the back table. Thank you to all those who have given generously.

Coffee Hour Next Sunday

January 14th after 8 AM Mass



Reflections on the New Year

"The beginning of a new year is an opportunity for improvement. It makes little difference what the past has been, for we are not to look back to see if the furrow be crooked. Time is so precious that God doles it out second by second. If life in the past has been evil, the new year is an opportunity for penance. In such a way is time redeemed. If life, however has been virtuous, the new year is an opportunity for greater self-perfection." ~Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Epiphany House Blessing

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with good health, kindness of heart, gentleness and obedience of your commandments. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen





Christ's Manifestations

Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. "Epiphany" comes from the Greek word meaning "to manifest" or "to make known." In other words, today we celebrate the first manifestation or revelation of Jesus as the Son of God. Our readings today remind us of God's numerous manifestations in our lives and how we are called to share these manifestations with others.

The Gospel account of the three magi traveling to meet the newborn Baby Jesus bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh is one that we know well. Yet, when we pause to reflect on this passage and unpack the richness of that moment when these men met Christ for the first time, we recognize that there is much to be said for us still today. As today's Gospel tells us, the magi traveled quite a distance as they followed the star, and "on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage." Clearly these men knew that they were in the presence of their King, for one prostrates himself out of reverence and submission. They also came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, which symbolize Christ's kingship, divinity, and humanity. These gifts make known to us Who Christ is — our Lord, our God, and our Redeemer.

Christ is still manifesting Himself to us today. We enter God's house weekly. Upon entering His house, we are in His presence. Is meeting Christ our top priority each week? When we meet Him, do we give Him homage and show reverence knowing that He is our King? Do we offer Him our gifts — our time, talent, and treasure? As Christian stewards, we are called to respond to Christ's manifestation in the Eucharist with love, reverence, and gratitude. And as Christ primarily manifests Himself in the Eucharist, He also manifests Himself in everyday moments — like a beautiful sunrise, a good conversation, a merciful spouse. He gifts us with little manifestations throughout our days and we often miss them. In order to recognize Him, we need an attitude of gratitude — a key component of a stewardship way of life.

A faithful steward not only receives Christ gratefully but also shares His goodness responsibly. St. Paul expresses this in our Second Reading in his letter to the Ephesians, "the mystery was made known to me by revelation... the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body." St. Paul is sharing the Good News that has been revealed to him with the Gentiles. As Christian stewards, we too are called to share what has been revealed to us. We are called to manifest Christ to others by the way we live our lives.

As we strive to become more faithful disciples of Christ, let us prepare our hearts to receive Christ's many manifestations in our lives, both big and small, and let us be Christ to others. In other words, let us look at every moment through the lens of gratitude, and share what we receive with one another. God gifts us with countless little epiphanies! We just need a grateful disposition to receive them. www.TheCatholicSteward.com