

St. John Vianney Church

January 8, 2023

The 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 All Are Welcome

Reconciliation: 7:30 AM to 7:50 AM

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Date	Mass Intentions	Given By
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: Special Intention For:	By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman By:
Jan 22 8:00 AM	For: Carolyn Ossian For:	By: Dave & Chris DeKezel By:
Jan 29 8:00 AM	For: Maxine Swanson For:	By: Les & Sharon Matson By:

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Lay Ministry Schedule for January 8-29, 2023	
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
Jan 22 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Brian & Julie Dwyer Lector: Don Hulin
Jan 29 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Leonard Boelens & Larry Lavin Lector: Dave Dobbels
USHERS	
Jan: Clyde Maertens & Randy Borkgren	
COUNTERS	
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:

Jan 08: Coffee Hour after Mass today
Jan 26: Red Cross Blood Drive 2-6 pm

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.

Coffee Hour Today!

in Church Hall after 8 AM Mass
Come join us for food & fellowship



KC Free Throw Championship

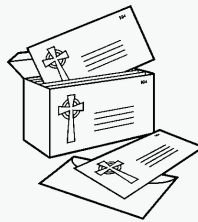
All boys & girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in a free throw shooting contest on Sunday, Jan 29th in Galva High School gym at noon. Winners in each age and gender bracket will advance to regional competition in February. No pre-registration is required.



May we be guided by the light of Christ every day of our lives!

Trivia Question (answer on last page)

What did myrrh symbolize in biblical times?
a) life b) adoration c) penance d) death



Last Week's Gifts to God

\$1,856.00 Sunday Total
\$1,130.00 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".

2022 Contribution Statements

Please contact the parish secretary if you would like to have your year end statement mailed to you for tax purposes. 309-714-8278 stjohnvianney3@gmail.com

The Chalking of the Doors

Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night), marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of "chalking the doors." The formula for the ritual is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home:
20 + C + M + B + 23 The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat* "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "23" at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked, and that He stay with those who dwell there throughout the entire year.

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 God our Lord. Amen





God's Manifestations

As our celebration of Christmas continues, today we observe the great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The word “epiphany” is a Greek word and means manifestation or appearance. The stewardship way of life is one in which we live in grateful response to God’s countless manifestations in our lives. And, as Christian stewards we are all called to manifest God’s love to each other in the sharing of our gifts. St. Paul describes this beautifully in our second reading in his letter to the Ephesians, saying, “You have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for your benefit.” We have all been given unique and wonderful gifts from our good and generous God. He wants us to share these gifts to benefit others and so to give Him glory.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, also has much to teach us about stewardship — through the actions of the magi. These three kings from ancient days display many aspects of stewardship spirituality which we can apply as modern-day stewards.

First, we observe that their overriding priority is on honoring the long-awaited King. The magi travel a great distance in search of him. Upon arrival in Jerusalem they immediately begin to ask others where this King may be found, unashamedly declaring that they “have come to do him homage.” Is honor and worship of God our highest priority? Do we order our lives so that Sunday Mass is the most important act of the week for ourselves and our families no matter what else is going on?

Second, we observe that the magi, as good stewards, are watching for manifestations of God’s presence in their lives. “We have seen the star at its rising,” they say. Good stewards are keenly aware of the “star” of God’s presence and His gifts in their lives. It is this awareness that fills them with gratitude and the desire to both worship God and share His gifts with others.

Third, we observe in the magi that a stewardship journey is not without its difficulties, its twists and turns. Herod tried to take advantage of their goodness, feigning a desire to join them in worshipping the newborn Jesus, in order to hide his deadly intentions. Yet God protected and guided them along their way, and through their cooperation with God’s plan, He accomplished great things through them.

Fourth, we observe that the magi, upon seeing the manifestation of God’s presence in their lives, “were overjoyed.” Good stewards, who live with the awareness of God’s presence and gifts to them, simply can’t help but be filled with joy — not necessarily the fleeting and superficial kind of joy that the world promises if we just obtain enough wealth or power or comfort — but rather, the deep, unalterable joy that only God can give. Finally, we observe that the magi were so filled with awe upon encountering the newborn Jesus, that they prostrated themselves before him. To prostrate oneself is to make a total offering of oneself in humility, recognizing the greatness of the One before them; it is an act of worship. And as a further act of worship, they “opened their treasures and offered him gifts.” This is precisely why good stewards generously share their material gifts — as a loving act of worship to an extravagantly loving God.

Let us rejoice in God’s manifestations in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts in gratitude to our King in the year ahead.

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