

# St. John Vianney Church

January 15, 2023  
*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” John 1:29**

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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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St John, The Apostle

Mass Sunday 5:00 PM

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>Given By</b>
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:
Feb 05 8:00 AM	For: Rhea Dwyer For:	By: Dave & Deb Dobbels By:

## *Serving at Our Lord's Altar*

<b>Lay Ministry Schedule for January 15–February 5, 2023</b>	
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
Feb 05 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Bill Taylor Lector: Ron Koenigs
<b>USHERS</b>	
Jan:	Clyde Maertens & Randy Borkgren
Feb:	George Bowman & Mark Skelton
<b>COUNTERS</b>	
Jan:	Don & Sharon Hulin
Feb:	Clyde & Kaye Maertens
<b><i>Week Day Masses:</i></b>	
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 26: Red Cross Blood Drive 2-6 pm  
Jan 29: KC Free Throw Championship  
Jan 31: Fr. John'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.

## 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.

## 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.

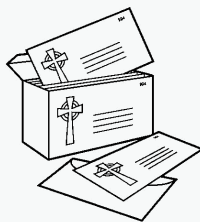


*Thank You* to the January A & R Committee for hosting the Coffee Hour last Sunday. The delicious food and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

### **Trivia Question** (answer on last page)

Approximately how old was Jesus when he was baptized?

a) infant b) adolescent c) 20 years d) 30 years



## Last Week's Gifts to God

**\$1,378.00 Sunday Total**  
*\$585.00 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



## American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, January 26, 2023  
2 to 6 PM

St John Vianney Church Hall  
Contact: Don Hulin 937-2648



If anyone would like to take home a live poinsettia from the back of the church, please do so.

## *A New Year Reflection*

As you reflect back and look forward, remember that God was with you every moment of this past year. Move forward into the new year in the presence of God and walk in peace each day of 2023.

## *Baptismal Prayer*

Lord God, you revealed your Son in the waters of the Jordan and anointed him with the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim good news to all people. Sanctify us by the same Spirit, that we may proclaim the healing power of the gospel by acts of love in your name. Grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Amen



# *God's Modern-Day Disciples & Stewards*

Today's readings provide clear and inspiring reminders of the most fundamental aspect of our identity — that of servants of our most high and holy God, His modern-day disciples and stewards.

In the first reading, from Isaiah, we hear the voice of the “Suffering Servant” — prophetic words of Jesus Christ. “Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb.” How beautiful! Even from the first moment of his conception in the womb of our Blessed Mother, Jesus’ saving mission had begun. This is true for each one of us. The Father has called each of us from the moment of our conception for a unique mission to further His kingdom on the earth. Each one of us can truly say the Father has “formed me as his servant from the womb.” To be his servant is all that truly matters in this life, for ourselves and for our children. Career paths, athletic accomplishments, the school we attend or the city in which we live — all are secondary to the thing that matters most — that we have been called from the womb for the privilege of being God’s servants. Do our daily lives reflect this high calling? Do we use the gifts of our time, talents and treasure in service of God’s kingdom, and do we guide our children to do the same, for that is why God has entrusted these things to us?

Our second reading, from St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, gives us another reminder of our true identity as God’s servants and the high calling we have as Christian stewards. St. Paul greets the Corinthians, and us as well, with this description: “To you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy...” We are called to nothing less than holiness. After all, only the holy can enter heaven.

John the Baptist recognized the holiness of Jesus and the response due to Him when he encountered Christ in person on the day they met at the Jordan River. His response, which we read in our Gospel passage from St. John was, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world... He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’” What a powerful description of our Lord and the place He should rightfully have in each of our lives. He is truly our Savior, the only one who can free us from our sinfulness. We are utterly and completely dependent on His power, love and mercy. Therefore, He truly does “rank ahead” of us; he deserves to be first, above all other priorities and plans in our lives. Again, let us examine our daily lives, and encourage our children to do the same. Does the way I spend my time reflect that God comes first? Do prayer and weekly Mass, regular confession and time with my family “rank ahead” of everything else on my calendar? Do I use my talents, skills and energy to serve my family, parish and community in thanksgiving and recognition that God’s kingdom ranks ahead of any other goals or ambitions? Do I spend my money and use my material possessions so as to glorify God? Challenge questions, to be sure. But questions worthy of our high calling as Christian stewards offered a glorious mission in service of our Lord and His kingdom. What will our response be? [www.TheCatholicSteward.com](http://www.TheCatholicSteward.com)