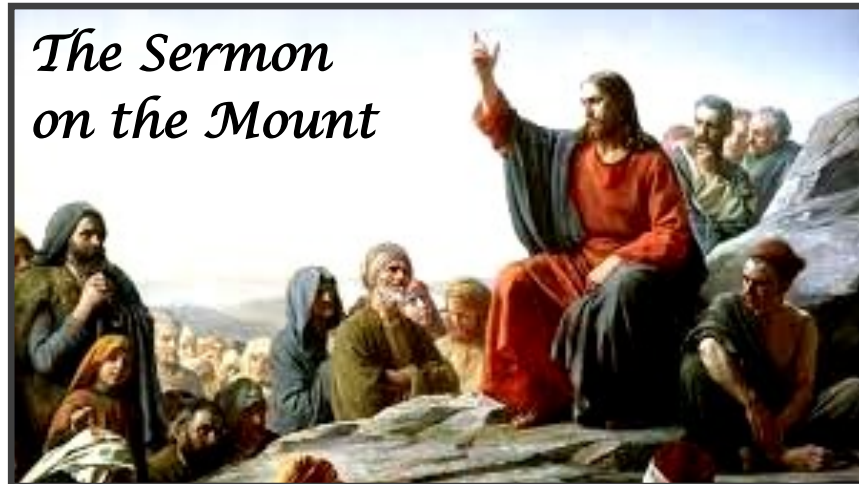


St. John Vianney Church

January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Beatitudes are found in this week's Gospel in Matthew 5:1-12

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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Mass Saturday 4 PM | Sunday 10:00 AM

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Date	Mass Intentions	Given 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:
Feb 12 8:00 AM	For: Orville Ossian For:	By: Carolyn Ossian By:
Feb 19 8:00 AM	For: Maxine Swanson For: Fred DeSplinter	By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman By: Theresa DeSplinter & Family

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Lay Ministry Schedule for January 29–February 19, 2023	
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
Feb 12 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Chris DeKezel & Mary Kay Newman Lector: Lorrie Stiles
Feb 19 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Don & Sharon Hulin Lector: Trent Taber
USHERS	
Jan:	Clyde Maertens & Randy Borkgren
Feb:	George Bowman & Mark Skelton
COUNTERS	
Jan:	Don & Sharon Hulin
Feb:	Bill Taylor & Richard Nichols
<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:

Today: KC Free Throw Championship

Jan 31: Fr. John's birthday!

Feb 12: Coffee Hour after Mass

Feb 22: Ash Wednesday

Feb 23: A&R Meeting 7pm

Feb 26: Men's Breakfast after Mass

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, Rose Mary Franck, & 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 **today**, 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.



"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord." Jeremiah 17:7

Trivia Question (answer on last page)

Blessed are the _____, for they shall see God.

- a) clean of heart b) merciful c) peacemakers
d) meek



Last Week's Gifts to God

\$971.00 Sunday Total

\$455.00 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

Happy Birthday to Fr. John

on Jan 31st! May God bless him on his birthday and always.

His mailing address is:

Fr. Johndamaseni Zilimu
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Have a Heart for the Homeless Luncheon

Saturday, Feb 11th 12 to 1 PM
Bally's Casino & Resort
777 Bally Rd, Rock Island, IL
See bulletin board for details
www.christiancareqc.org



Attention all Men Young and Older!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 26th following Mass
Program presented by *Trent Taber*
Sign up sheet on table at back of church

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas

Grant me, O Lord my God,
a mind to know you,
a heart to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
conduct pleasing to you,
faithful perseverance in waiting for you,
& a hope of finally embracing you. Amen
(*St. Thomas Aquinas is the patron saint of universities & students. Feast day Jan. 28th*)



The Secret of Living a Good Life

The First Reading is drawn from the Old Testament Book of Zephaniah. It was written at about the same time as Isaiah. We do not often hear readings from Zephaniah as it only contains about 1,400 words. The First Reading touches on traits on which we will be judged. It emphasizes the importance of humility, justice, and being lowly. Just as Pope Francis indicated in his homily on the Beatitudes, these are not traits many people in our world seek. Yet, these are exactly the kinds of attributes that follow lives of stewardship. That is why it is not easy.

In Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (our Second Reading) the Apostle Paul also describes what it means to be a Christian and a steward, paralleling the First Reading and the Gospel. He reminds the Corinthians that they, too, need to be humble. It is possible that they, like many who felt they were "chosen," had an inflated opinion of themselves, thinking that God favored them. In this reading Paul gently reminds them that God does not work that way. We need to keep that in mind ourselves; it is very easy when we feel that we have completely captured the secret of living, which may be true; however, we must take caution not to be self-righteous. Paul tells the Corinthians that they are not chosen because they are great, but because God is great. Paul knows this firsthand; he was an educated man, but he also understood that the Lord selected fishermen and farmers first, and people like him second; the shepherds came first, then the wise men. Paul uses three words to emphasize his meaning — righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. Righteousness on our part is trying to live as Jesus told us; sanctification implies how we live, how we recognize that it is only through Christ that we are sanctified; and redemption reminds us of the sacrifice the Lord made in our behalf so we could be free, and God would forgive our sins.

Today's Gospel Reading from Matthew recounts what we know as Christ's Sermon on the Mount. It provides us with instructions from Jesus as to what kind of people His disciples should be. There are more than enough key words on which to reflect and pray: poor, mourn, meek, hunger, mercy, peacemakers, clean, and persecuted to name a few. We could concentrate on each one, but it is worth pointing out that these are traits the Lord calls us to, and what He may mean by them. For example, when Jesus says that to be blessed, we need to "hunger and thirst for righteousness," He is reminding us of what our focus in life should be. In our world people hunger for many things that may not be that important — things like power and success and wealth and possessions and comfort. The idea of being righteous in His eyes is more important than any of those. When He calls us to be peacemakers, He probably does not mean that we do not just live in peace, but that we need to bring peace to others.

The Sermon on the Mount is the first of five teachings Jesus gives us in the Gospel of Matthew. In the entire New Testament this is the longest continuous section of Jesus speaking. The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching in which He provides us with the secret of living a good life and the central rules of discipleship. If we rely on Him and follow Him, we will be blessed.

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