

# St. John Vianney Church

March 3, 2024  
Third Sunday of Lent



Catholic Diocese of Peoria

**Fr. Ghislain Inai, SMA, Pastor**

**Fr. Chris Haake, Parochial Vicar**

**Mass: Sunday 8:00 AM Wednesday 5:00 PM-(during Lent)**

Reconciliation: Sunday 7:30 AM to 7:50 AM

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St John, The Apostle

Mass Sunday 5:00 PM

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Mass Saturday 4 PM | Sunday 10:00 AM

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>Given By</b>
Mar 03 8:00 AM Sunday	For: Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus	By: The Knights of Columbus
Mar 06 5:00 PM <b>Note time change</b>	For: Mark Buettner	By: Fr. Haake
Mar 10 8:00 AM Sunday	For: Les & Helen Causemaker	By: Marv & Mary Kaye Newman
Mar 13 5:00 PM <b>Note time change</b>	For: Carolyn Ossian	By: The Parish

## *Serving at Our Lord's Altar*

<b>Lay Ministry Schedule for March 3- March 13, 2024</b>		
Sunday, Extra Min: Lector: Servers:	March 03 Don Rogers Trent Taber Larry Lavin & Ron Koenigs	8:00 AM
Wednesday, Lector & Server	March 06 Volunteers	5:00 PM <b>Note time change during Lent</b>
Sunday, Extra Min: Lector: Servers:	March 10 Bill Taylor & Christian Jackson Lorrie Stiles Sully Jackson & Cameron Stiles	8:00 AM
Wednesday, Lector & Server	March 13 Volunteers	5:00 PM <b>Note time change during Lent</b>
<b>USHERS</b>		
For March 03: Joe Borkgren & Rich DeSchepper Rest of March: Randy Borkgren & Christian Jackson		
<b>COUNTERS</b>		
Mar: Joe Borkgren & Ron Koenigs		

### ***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:**

Mar 10: Coffee hour after Mass  
Mar 12: Councils meeting 7 PM  
Mar 21: Red Cross Blood Drive 2-6 PM

**In Cambridge During Lent**

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



**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.

**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.



**Things to Do For Lent**

Give up looking at other people's worst points. Concentrate on their strong points and positive attributes instead. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged." Lk 7:37



**Lenten Rice Bowls**

are available at the doors. Please take one home for almsgiving during Lent.



**16 Days until Spring!**

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

In what other book of the Bible besides Exodus are the Ten Commandments found? a) Deuteronomy b) Numbers c) Wisdom d) Proverbs

**Last Week's Gifts to God**

**February 25, 2024**

Collection: \$ 672.00  
Building Fund: 420.00  
Sunday Total: \$1092.00

**Finance & Parish Councils' Meeting**

will be held Tuesday, March 12th at 7 PM in the church hall.



Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 10th. Remember to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour.

**Coffee Hour Next Sunday**

March 10th after 8 AM Mass

**Assembly Day**-Fr Ghislain & Haake will join Bishop Tylka & the Presbyterate of the Diocese for their "Spring Assembly Day" on Tues, March 5th. They will be away the entire day. Please pray for a prayerful, fruitful, & formative assembly.

**In Memory of Your Loved Ones**

To order an Easter flower in memory of your loved ones, please use the Easter flower envelope in your envelope box. Please clearly print your information. Price \$12. **Deadline is Sun, March 17th.** Additional envelopes are at the entrances of the church.



**Cleansing Lenten Prayer**

Free me, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs my way to you. Clear away the clutter of petty grudges. Remove smudges of resentment and bitterness. Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger, envy or self-pity. Wash away my spitefulness and self centered needs. In your sacred name, I pray. Amen



# *Time to Come Clean*

This week marks the halfway point in our season of Lent. Our readings call us to roll up our sleeves and persevere through the remainder of Lent by committing to a more faithful life with Christ.

In our First Reading from the Book of Exodus, God delivers the Ten Commandments. He commands to not worship any gods besides Him, “For I, the Lord, your God, am a jealous God.” He states that those who do not follow His commands will receive punishment — yet, to those who love the Lord and follow His commands, He will show “mercy down to the thousandth generation.”

These commandments, when faithfully followed, help us remain close to God. They are vitally important to our faith. They call us to love God with all our heart, mind and strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves. God presents these commandments to us with the freedom to follow them or reject them. If we reject them, we will have to accept the consequences. If we follow them, we begin to understand that these commands are not burdensome but rather liberating. It is because of God’s deep love for us that He gifted us with them. They will keep us free from sin and death and help us enter into eternal life with Him. And we are called to follow them fully as God says, “For I, the Lord, your God, am a jealous God.” He does not want a half-hearted devotion or a lukewarm disciple. As Christian stewards, we are called to follow these commandments wholeheartedly and to seek His mercy when we fail.

In our Gospel today, Jesus purifies the temple area because it is being misused as a marketplace. He becomes angry at their lack of reverence for God. He spills the coins of the money changers and overturns tables, saying, “Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.” Those who were with Him asked for a sign for doing this and He said, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” No one understood that He was referring to the death and resurrection of His Body.

Jesus witnessed the way people mistreated the temple — the place to worship God and God alone. He drives out the evil and works to purify all that is sinful in that place. This is what Jesus wants to do for us this Lenten season. He wants to remove all impurity and evil in our lives and within our hearts so that we may have a proper dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. So, let us ask ourselves, what areas of our life need cleansing? Let us name those areas and invite Jesus to purify us. He became man to take to carry our burdens and wipe away our sins. He has given us boundless mercy, but we must do our part to seek it and commit to living a more faithful life as a disciple of Christ.

This season of Lent is only halfway done — there is still time to work through our shortcomings and purify our hearts for the glorious Easter morning. Let us not waste another moment. Let us commit to living more faithfully God’s commandments, let us seek God’s mercy and let us invite God to transform our hearts.

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