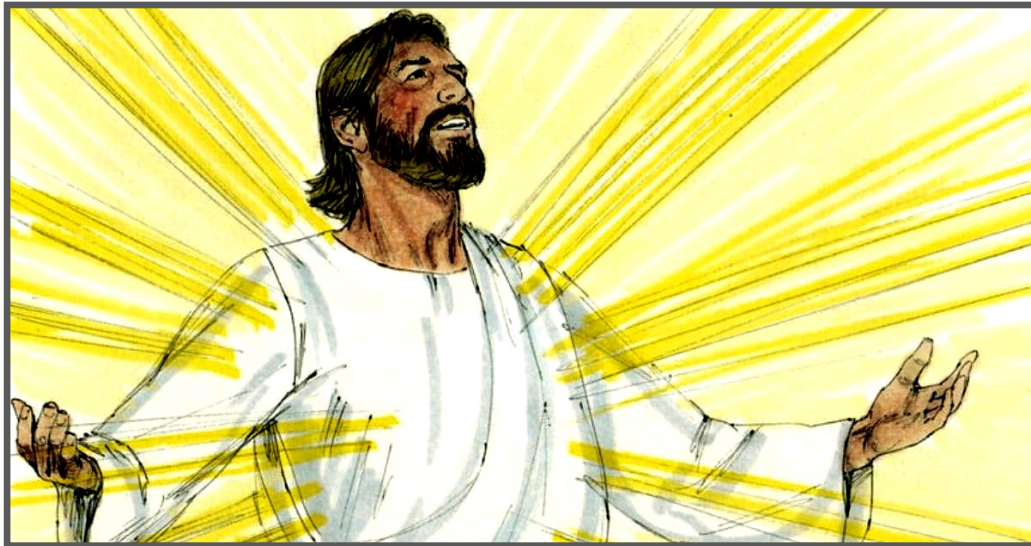


# St. John Vianney Church

March 5, 2023  
*Second Sunday of Lent*



*“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him.”*

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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

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>Given By</b>
Mar 05 8:00 AM	For: Les & Helen Causemaker For: Jeff Nichols	By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman By: Richard Nichols
Mar 12 8:00 AM	For: Leslie Hunt Family For: Rhea Dwyer	By: Carolyn Ossian By: Bill & Rita Taylor
Mar 19 8:00 AM	For: Carolyn Ossian For:	By: Leonard & Judy Boelens By:
Mar 26 8:00 AM	For: Maxine Swanson For:	By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman By:

## *Serving at Our Lord's Altar*

<b>Lay Ministry Schedule for March 5 - March 26, 2023</b>	
Mar 05 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Leonard Boelens & Larry Lavin Lector: Chris DeKezel
Mar 12 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Bill Taylor Lector: Don Hulin
Mar 19 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Chris DeKezel & Mary Kay Newman Lector: Dave Dobbels
Mar 26 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Don & Sharon Hulin Lector: Ron Koenigs
<b>USHERS</b>	
Mar: Brian Boberg & Dale Stiles	
<b>COUNTERS</b>	
Mar: Joe Borkgren & Ron Koenigs	
<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:

Mar 12: Daylight Savings Time begins  
Mar 12: Coffee Hour after Mass  
Mar 23: Red Cross Blood Drive 2-6 PM  
Apr 02: Ladies Luncheon

### 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

## Stations of the Cross

### Wednesdays in Cambridge

at 5:30 PM with a meal afterwards.  
Please join us for prayer, food, and fellowship.



## Coffee Hour Next Sunday

March 12th after 8 AM Mass



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Xander Carlson, Donna Dobbels, Jim Dobbels, Rose Mary Franck, Mary Lou Robinson, Tom Montgomery Ryan Thrasher & 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. 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.

*Many Thanks* to the February A & R Committee for hosting the Men's Breakfast. A special thank you goes to Trent Taber for presenting the interesting program. The food and entertainment was enjoyed by all.



### Trivia Question (answer on last page)

Which two Old Testament prophets appeared with Jesus at the Transfiguration: a) Elijah & Elisha  
b) Moses & Isaiah c) Moses & Elijah



## Last Week's Gifts to God

**\$3,116.00 Sunday Total**  
*\$630.00 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".

### Blessings to Our Confirmands

Jack Gibson and Karter Hays will be confirmed by Bishop Tylka on Thurs, March 9th at St. John Paul II Church.

Please remember them in your prayers as they receive the most holy sacrament of Confirmation.



## 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 26th.** Additional envelopes are at the entrances of the church.



## FOOD PANTRY MONTH

March is our church's month to host the Food Pantry distribution on Sun, March 19th. Please place your donations in the tote at the back of the church. Cash donations are always welcome.



## Lenten Rice Bowls

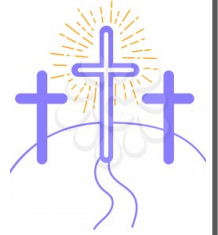
are available at the doors. Please take one home for almsgiving during Lent.



## LENTEN PRAYER

Compassionate God, Teach me to rely upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we enter this Lenten season of prayer, fasting & giving. Fill me with your grace, that I might be strengthened to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Amen

# *A Path to Holiness*



Our readings for this second Sunday of Lent offer us, as Christian stewards, the motivation to continue our 40-day journey toward deeper holiness.

The first reading from the book of Genesis describes God's call to Abram (who would later be called Abraham). God instructs Abram to leave his home and set out to a land that God had chosen for him. Abram's response is an ancient example of good stewardship. Instead of clinging to his comfortable way of life, to the only home he has ever known, he recognizes that all he has is a gift from God, puts his trust in God, and obeys. And God rewards him saying, "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing." To "be a blessing" is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent. The sacrifices we take on, the spiritual disciplines we practice, and the extra acts of service we perform during this season — all give glory to God and transform our lives into a blessing for others.

St. Paul encourages us on this path in our second reading taken from his letter to Timothy. "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel..." adding this critical phrase, "with the strength that comes from God." On our own, we are weak and inclined towards selfishness and comfort-seeking. Relying on God's strength, however, we can persevere in the fight to attain holiness. Paul reminds us that we were made for this! "[God] saved us and called us to a holy life." To be "holy" means to be set apart for God. This means that our lives as Christian stewards will look different from those around us who do not know the Lord — but different in a way that is attractive, that draws them to the Lord as well. It is a way of life that is counter-cultural in our individualistic, "me first" day and age. The generous offering to God of our time, talent, and treasure at times can feel like the "hardship" Paul mentions in our second reading. But this way of life is a path to holiness.

Lest we grow weary on this path, our Gospel passage today, from Matthew, offers us a powerful image of the great God we serve. It is the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus when our Lord takes His key apostles up to a high mountain and reveals Himself in His true glory. "He was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." And not only that but the voice of the Father was revealed to them with the words, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." This revelation of the glory of God was so overwhelming to the apostles that they fell to the ground in fear when they saw Him this way. But our loving Savior is quick to reassure them to "Rise, and do not be afraid."

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us take these two verses to heart:

"Listen to Him"

"Rise, and do not be afraid"

Let us rely on God's strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others — and as better stewards of all God's gifts to us. [www.TheCatholicSteward.com](http://www.TheCatholicSteward.com)

