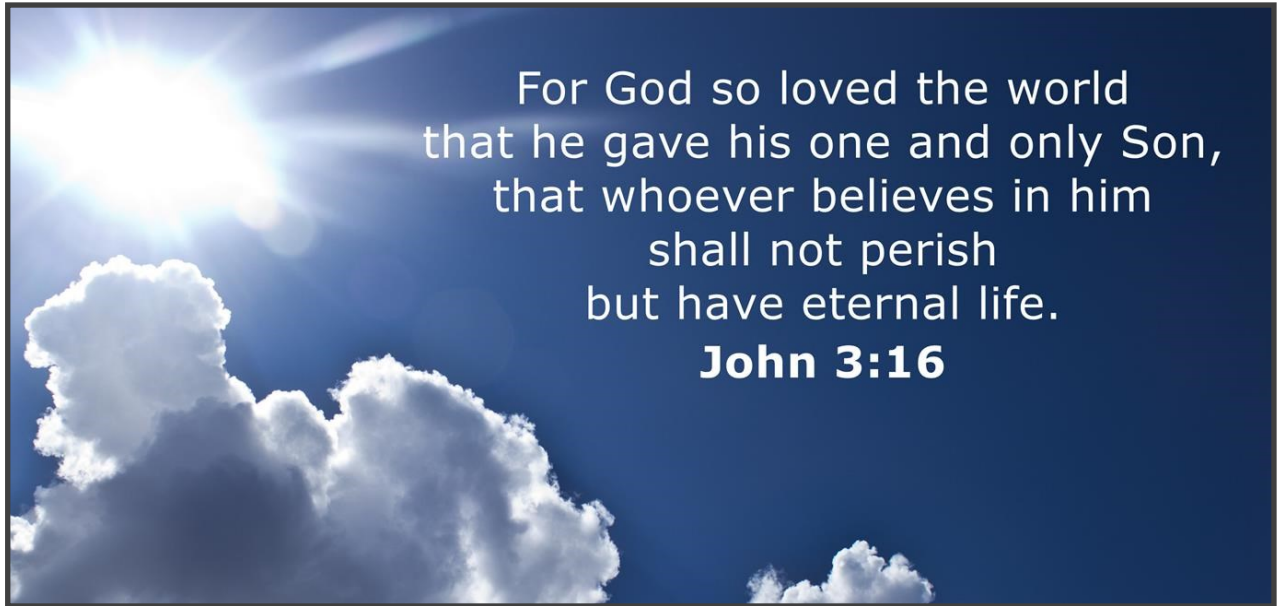


# St. John Vianney Church

March 10, 2024  
Fourth Sunday of Lent



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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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St John, The Evangelist

Mass Saturday 4 PM | Sunday 10:00 AM

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>Given By</b>
Mar 10 8:00 AM Sunday	For: Les & Helen Causemaker	By: Marv & Mary Kaye Newman
Mar 13 5:00 PM Note time change	For: Carolyn Ossian	By: The Parish
Mar 17 8:00 AM Sunday	For: Jim Dobbels	By: Bruce Beuseling Family
Mar 20 5:00 PM Note time change	For: Richard Nichols	By: Dwaine & Janice VanMeenen

## *Serving at Our Lord's Altar*

### **Lay Ministry Schedule for March 10- March 20, 2024**

Sunday, March 10 8:00 AM  
 Extra Min: Bill Taylor & Christian Jackson  
 Lector: Lorrie Stiles  
 Servers: Sully Jackson & Cameron Stiles

Wednesday, March 13 5:00 PM **Note time change during Lent**  
 Lector & Server Volunteers

Sunday, March 17 8:00 AM  
 Extra Min: Chris DeKezel & Mary Kay Newman  
 Lector: Trent Taber  
 Servers: John & Nora Gibson

Wednesday, March 20 5:00 PM **Note time change during Lent**  
 Lector & Server Volunteers

#### USHERS

March: Randy Borkgren & Christian Jackson  
 April: George Bowman & Mark Skelton

#### COUNTERS

March: Joe Borkgren & Ron Koenigs  
 April: Brian Boberg & Carol Dobbels

#### ***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:

**Today: Coffee hour after Mass**

Mar 12: Councils (both) meeting 7 PM

Mar 17: Deadline for Memorial flower order

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.

## Lenten Penance Services

Thurs, March 21st in Kewanee 6-7:30 PM

Friday, March 22nd in Woodhull 6-7 PM



## 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.



## 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.



**Only 9 Days until Spring!**

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

St. Patrick's Day commemorates this patron saint's

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a) coronation   b) birth   c) death   d) marriage

## Last Week's Gifts to God

**March 3, 2024**

Collection: \$ 103200

Building Fund: 430.00

Sunday Total: \$1462.00

## Finance & Parish Councils' Meeting

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

## Coffee Hour today!

Please join us in the church hall after Mass for food and fellowship.



## 60th Anniversary! MAY 5th

will be the 60th Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated as our St. John Vianney parish. Bishop Tylka will be joining us on that day for our 8 AM Mass and the breakfast afterwards. More details to follow.



## American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, March 21, 2024  
2 to 6 PM

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



## Lenten Rice Bowls

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



## Encounter the Lord Each Day

Find time to be with the Lord each day, whether it be for an hour or ten minutes. Have a conversation with the Lord. Give your joys and worries to Him as well. Allow God's love to transform them. Our encounters will keep our eyes and ears open to the presence of Christ in our midst.

# *A Reason to Rejoice*

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is what is called Laetare Sunday. Most of us are quite accustomed to the Mass being conducted in our native tongue, and we may have lost track of the fact that Latin is still the official language of the Church. On occasion Latin reasserts itself. This Sunday is one of those times as Laetare means “Rejoice” in Latin. In the Introit to the Mass (the entrance antiphon) it begins Laetare, Jerusalem (“Rejoice, Jerusalem!”) The actual midpoint of Lent occurred this past Thursday, and this day has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, when we sort of lessen the soberness normally attached to Lent. You may notice some changes in the church itself in terms of environment, and priests and deacons have the option of wearing pink or rose vestments rather than purple or violet. This Sunday has a corresponding day during Advent called Gaudete Sunday. The point of both these days is providing us with encouragement in the midst of our penitential seasons.

St. Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, our Second Reading, reminds us “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God.” What a reason to rejoice. God loves us even when we are not lovable. He loves us even when we do not give Him a reason to do so. We are also reminded that God created each of us. In this same reading St. Paul declares, “for we are his (God’s) handiwork.” In the original Greek the word translated as “handiwork” is *poiema* (ποίημα). Another meaning of the word is considered by some scholars to be “masterpiece.” The word *poiema* is also the root word for “poem” and “poetry.” What a joyous thought for us to consider and appreciate! We, each and every one of us, are God’s masterpiece, His poem. That is a reason to celebrate, but it is also a reason for us to be doing things during Lent to make us more that way.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish, but might have eternal life.” (John 3:16) There are well more than 30,000 verses in the Bible as we know it, but this particular verse has been held forward as the most succinct declaration of the entire Gospel message. Yet, we may dissect all the meanings too much, but because of its brevity and its power it is worthy of a close look. “God so loved the world...” This includes all of us, the entire world; it does not limit this love to a particular group or location. “He gave...” That is what God does; He gives. We are the recipients. Stewardship is understanding that is the case, and striving to share some of those gifts “...so that everyone believes.”

This is much more than an intellectual conviction. It means to trust in God, to rely on God, and to cling to God in many ways. That is also at the basis of a stewardship way of life. We respond to God by becoming disciples and placing our total trust in Him. “... that we might have eternal life.” The concept of eternity is beyond our ability to comprehend as humans. This is much more than living forever; it means living with God, in His glory forever. That is what we all strive for; that is why we do what we do always, not just during this Lent. That also is a reason to “rejoice.”

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