

St. John Vianney Church

March 12, 2023
Third Sunday of Lent



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the water I shall
give will become
in him a spring of
water welling up
to eternal life.”*

John 4:14

Lord, give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Catholic Diocese of Peoria

Fr. Johndamaseni Zilimu, Pastor

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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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St John, The Evangelist

Mass Saturday 4 PM | Sunday 10:00 AM

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Date	Mass Intentions	Given By
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:
Apr 02 8:00 AM Palm Sunday	For: For:	By: By:

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Lay Ministry Schedule for March 12 - April 2, 2023	
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
Apr 02 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Joe Borkgren & Barb Montgomery Lector: Trent Taber
USHERS	
Mar: Brian Boberg & Dale Stiles Apr: Bob Olson & Dwaine VanMeenen	
COUNTERS	
Mar: Joe Borkgren & Ron Koenigs Apr: Brian Boberg & Carol Dobbels	
<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:

Mar 23: Red Cross Blood Drive 2-6 PM
Mar 26: Deadline/Memorial flower order
Mar 30: Lenten Penance Service-Kewanee
Apr 02: Ladies Luncheon 11:30 AM

Coffee Hour Today!

in Church Hall after 8 AM Mass
Come join us for food & fellowship



Stations of the Cross Wednesdays in Cambridge

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



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.



Mark Your Calendar!

Ladies Luncheon

Sunday, April 2nd
Program at 11:30 AM with
lunch to follow. Sign up
sheet on back table.

St. Anthony's Annual Breakfast- Atkinson

Sun, March 19, 2023 8:30-11:30 AM
See bulletin boards for details



Trivia Question (answer on last page)

At which Station of the Cross is Jesus made to carry
His cross? a) the first station b) the final station
c) the second station d) the third station



Last Week's Gifts to God

\$1,534.25 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".

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.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, March 23, 2023
2 to 6 PM

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



The new Living Faith booklets for
April—June are available at each
door. Everyone is invited to take
one home.



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

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat—March 24-26, 2023 Register by calling 309-264-1489 or emailing rvrpeoria@gmail.com. This retreat is for anyone impacted by an abortion experience—singles, married couples, mothers, fathers, grandparents, siblings. For more info visit www.cdop.org/rachels-vineyard or www.rachelsvineyard.org



Our Spiritual Thirst

Today's readings on this third Sunday of Lent present us with the theme of "thirst" and show us that a stewardship way of life can both satisfy our spiritual thirst for Christ and help us to satisfy Christ's thirst for souls.

Our first reading, from the book of Exodus, begins with the words, "In their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses." What little faith and lack of trust they show after all God has done to free them from slavery. But Moses cried out to God for help, and sure enough, God provided abundantly to quench their thirst, instructing Moses to strike a rock "and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." God continued to provide generously for them. And He continues to provide generously for us these many centuries later.

Our second reading, from Paul's letter to the Romans, is a further reminder of God's graciousness to us: "The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." And not because we are deserving, but because God is so very good: "God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." If we spent the rest of our Lent truly contemplating that latter verse, we would surely be inspired to become more passionate stewards in response to such overwhelming love.

Our Gospel passage from John recounts the life-changing encounter that Christ has with the Samaritan woman at the well beginning with His words to her, "Give me a drink." She is puzzled by this request so our Lord adds, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." Christ is speaking these same words to us today: "Give me a drink" and "If only you knew..." These two verses encapsulate the call to stewardship. Christ asks us to "give him a drink" by sharing what we have with Him and with others for His sake. Yet, it is Christ Himself who provides the water — the living water that is His grace: "Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

For some mysterious reason, God has chosen to include us in His plan for bringing all people to salvation through Him. We live out our part in His plan through a stewardship way of life. It is an indescribable privilege to live this way. Yet, our Lord does not wish us to be concerned about our unworthiness for such a high calling. He demonstrates this throughout the Scriptures by calling the "unworthy." In today's passage, He chooses the Samaritan woman. She is a woman with a "past" and even a current living situation that is scandalous. But He calls her to conversion, and she responds to His call, becoming a disciple for her whole village. He is calling to us too, to live as His modern-day disciples. This Lent, let us resolve to respond to His call with passion and commitment. Let us do our part to quench His thirst for the salvation of all. www.TheCatholicSteward.com

