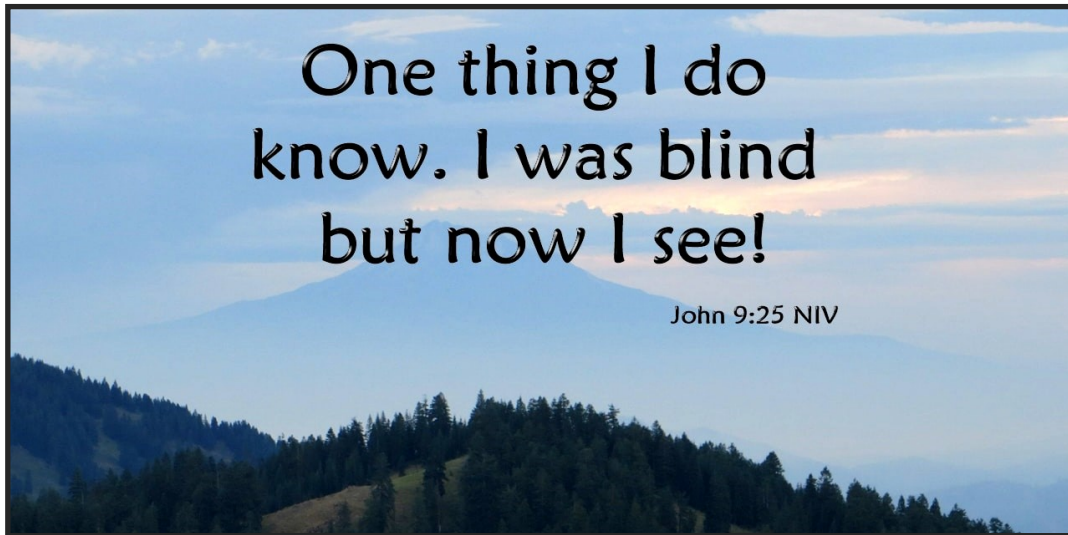


St. John Vianney Church

March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Lent



“I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will have the light of life.”

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

Mass Sunday 5:00 PM

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Woodhull IL 61490

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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 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:
Apr 06 Holy Thursday	For: Orville Ossian For:	By: Carolyn Ossian By:

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Lay Ministry Schedule for March 19 - April 6, 2023	
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 Palm Sunday	Extra Min: Joe Borkgren & Barb Montgomery Lector: Trent Taber
Apr 06 Holy Thursday	Extra Min: Brian & Julie Dwyer Lector: Don Hulin
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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 19: Mission Appeal Sunday
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

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays in Cambridge

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



Lenten Penance Service

for all four churches

Thursday, March 30th at 6 PM

St John Paul II Church

406 W Central Blvd, Kewanee



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.

Trivia Question (answer on last page)

At which Station of the Cross does Jesus fall for the
third time? a) the 8th station b) the 9th station
c) the 10th station d) the 13th station



Last Week's Gifts to God

\$1,920.00 Sunday Total
\$825.00 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".

Your Parish Needs Your Help!

As of February 28, 2023 we are \$1,238
in pledges short of our ADA goal. That
amount will need to be paid to the
Diocese out of our general fund if our
goal is not met. If you have not done so,
please remember to mail your pledges to
the Diocese of Peoria. Extra envelopes
are on the back table.

Thank You to the March
A & R Committee for providing
the delicious food at the
Coffee Hour last Sunday. The
food and fellowship was enjoyed by all.



In Memory of Richard Nichols

Loving Father, welcome home, Richard,
whom you have called from this world, and
grant peace and consolation to his family.
May his soul rest in the presence 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 26th. Additional envelopes
are at the entrances of the church.



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.

St. Anthony's Annual Breakfast- Atkinson
Sun, March 19, 2023 8:30-11:30 AM
See bulletin boards for details



Children of the Light

Today's readings on this fourth Sunday of Lent are filled with contrasting images — God's vision versus human vision, the light of Christ versus the darkness of sin, spiritual blindness versus spiritual sightedness. Embracing a stewardship way of life can free us from spiritual blindness, allow us to see as God sees, and help us to reflect the light of Christ's love in the way we live our daily lives.



The first reading, from the First Book of Samuel, recounts God's choice of a king for his people from among the sons of Jesse. Surprisingly, it was not the oldest or the strongest of the seven brothers that God chose to lead his people. It was the youngest, the least likely candidate by the world's standards, that God chose — "Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." Our Heavenly Father is not impressed by our job title or athletic achievements or the number of Twitter followers we have. He is pleased by the condition of our hearts when they are conformed to Christ and by the way we use the time and gifts He has given us to serve others.

Our Second Reading, from Ephesians, gives a further reminder of the aspect of our identity that truly matters to God and encourages us to live in a way that reflects this. "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light." Because of our Baptism, we have the "light" of the Blessed Trinity dwelling within us. In the difficulties and messiness of daily life, it's easy to forget this glorious truth about ourselves. It can also be difficult to determine whether we truly are living in a way that reflects Christ's light. The stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the rightly ordered use of the gifts of time, talent, and treasure, gives us a guide we can consult on a daily basis to help ensure that we really are living as "children of the light."

In our Gospel passage from John, Christ says of Himself, "I am the light of the world." This passage recounts a miracle our Lord performs, restoring sight to a man born blind. The man responds to the Pharisees who question him about his healing by declaring to them that Jesus "opened my eyes." These Lenten days are an excellent time for us to ask Jesus to open our eyes, too. Let us ask Him to show us where we may be suffering from spiritual blindness, perhaps even in subtle ways.

Are we truly reflecting His light in our use of time by giving priority to our prayer lives, regularly attending Mass and Confession, giving our full and consistent attention to our loved ones? Are we reflecting His light in the sharing of our talents by supporting the ministries in this parish, by community involvement, and by being good neighbors to those near us who may be in need? Are we reflecting His light by sharing our material blessings in a committed and intentional way as an act of gratitude to the God Who has given us all that we have? As we continue on our Lenten journey, let's intensify our efforts in any of these areas where we have become a little blinded so that by Easter, we are truly living as children of the light.

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Trivia Answer from pg. 3: **c) the ninth station**

First Day of Spring tomorrow!

