

St. John Vianney Church

March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Lent



Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." John 11:25-26

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead in today's Gospel in John 11:1-45

Catholic Diocese of Peoria

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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 26 8:00 AM	For: Maxine Swanson For:	By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman By:
Apr 02 8:00 AM Palm Sunday	For: Lila Borkgren For: Orville Ossian	By: Randy & Terri Borkgren By: Carolyn Ossian
Apr 09 7:30 AM Easter	For: Richard Nichols For: Jeff Nichols	By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman By: Ruthann Nichols
Apr 16 8:00 AM	For: Fred DeSplinter For: Lucille Doubler	By: Theresa DeSplinter & Family By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Lay Ministry Schedule for March 26 - April 16, 2023	
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 09 7:30 AM Easter Sunday	Extra Min: Bill Taylor Lector: Larry Lavin
Apr 16 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Chris DeKezel & Mary Kay Newman Lectors: Dave Dobbels
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 26: Deadline/Memorial flower order
Mar 29: Stations 5:30 with meal after
Mar 30: Lenten Penance Service-Kewanee
Apr 02: Ladies Luncheon 11:30 AM
Apr 09: Easter Sunday

Lenten Penance Service

for all four churches

Thursday, March 30th at 6 PM

St John Paul II Church

406 W Central Blvd, Kewanee



Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday Mass

7:00 PM Woodhull & Kewanee

Good Friday

3:00 PM Woodhull & Kewanee

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass

8:00 PM Kewanee only

Easter Sunday Mass

7:30 AM Cambridge & Kewanee

9:30 AM Galva & Kewanee

11:30 AM Woodhull & Kewanee (Spanish)



Last Week's Gifts to God

\$1,255.00 Sunday Total
\$440.00 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".

Easter Memorial Flowers



Please turn in your order today.
Price \$12. Additional envelopes are at the entrances of the church.



Mark Your Calendar!

Ladies Luncheon

Sunday, April 2nd

Program at 11:30 AM with lunch to follow. Sign up sheet on back table.

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.

Trivia Question (answer on last page)

From which book of the Bible is a reading taken at almost every Mass: a) Luke b) Romans c) Psalms d) Letters of Paul

A Big Thank You to the ladies of the church for all the food and help for the funeral meal for Dick Nichols. And a special thanks to Chris DeKezel for organizing it. The family greatly appreciated everything. Bless you all.

With Sympathy Please pray for the repose of the soul of Linda Boberg, daughter-in-law of Darlene Boberg. May God grant peace and consolation to Darlene and her family.

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.

Making Room for God



At this point in our Lenten journey, it is tempting to grow weary of the spiritual disciplines we have taken on. Today's readings inspire us to remain faithful, in grateful response to a God who loves us so much. What's more, these readings give us wonderful guidance on just how to make this grateful response.

In our first reading, from Ezekiel, the prophet speaks God's own words to us. "I will put my spirit in you that you may live... I have promised, and I will do it, says the Lord." Our God wants only good for us. He wants to be so closely united to us that we are one with Him. And He has promised He will do it. But only if we allow Him. He will not force His way into our lives. That would not be loving and God is Love itself. We must invite Him in. We must make room for Him by making Him THE priority of our lives. Putting God first is a grateful response that is very pleasing to Him.

How can we please God by putting Him first? Our second reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, gives us good instruction. "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh... you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you." To be "in the flesh" means that we allow our own selves — our whims, our pleasure, our comfort-seeking — to determine our daily decisions. To be "in the flesh" is to spend our time, talent, and material gifts primarily on ourselves. When we are in the flesh, we leave no room for the Spirit of God to fill our thoughts, our hearts, and our souls. The disciplines of Lent and the disciplines of a stewardship way of life are wonderful gifts that free us from too great an attachment to "the flesh." The sacrifices we make in a particular way during this holy season, and every day when we truly embrace a stewardship way of life, are not meant to restrict our freedom and joy. Quite the contrary — they are tools to help us find the real freedom and joy that only come when we make room in our lives for God. In fact, the more we allow God to take over every aspect of our lives, the freer and more joyful we become.

And our loving God is always ready to renew His Spirit within us whenever we find ourselves led astray by the temptation to selfishness. Today's Gospel passage from John recounts Jesus' raising of His friend, Lazarus, from the dead. In Jesus' poignant reaction to the death of Lazarus and the grief of his sisters, we see once again how closely our God identifies with us and all of our sufferings and burdens. His tenderness and compassion teach us that we can safely surrender our lives to Him knowing that He will care for us. His raising of Lazarus from the dead demonstrates His power over all things, even death itself, reminding us that it would be foolish not to surrender to such an awesome God!

As we journey ever closer to the powerful days of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord, let us intensify our Lenten resolutions and our stewardship way of life. Let us invite the Holy Spirit to take over more and more of our lives. By Easter, we will be freer to rejoice in Him and truly pleasing to God.

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