

# St. John Vianney Church

May 14, 2023  
Sixth Sunday of Easter



*“And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth . . .*

*This week's Gospel is taken from the book of John 14:15-21*

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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<b>Date</b>	<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>Given By</b>
May 14 8:00 AM	For: Leslie Hunt Family For: Bernice Dietz	By: Carolyn Ossian By: William & Rita Taylor
May 21 8:00 AM	For: Richard Nichols For: Jeff Nichols	By: Connie Collier By: Ruthann Nichols
May 28 8:00 AM	For: Frank & Minnie Doubler For: Carolyn Ossian	By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman By: Dave & Diane Nesbitt
Jun 04 8:00 AM	For: Richard Nichols For: Linda Boberg	By: Randy & Terri Borkgren By: George & Mary Bowman

## *Serving at Our Lord's Altar*

<b>Lay Ministry Schedule for May 14- June 4, 2023</b>	
May 14 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Leonard Boelens & Larry Lavin Lector: Lorrie Stiles
May 21 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Bill Taylor Lector: Trent Taber
May 28 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Chris DeKezel & Mary Kay Newman Lector: Bill Taylor
Jun 04 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Don & Sharon Hulin Lector: Larry Lavin
<b>USHERS</b>	
May: Dave DeKezel & Joe Borkgren Jun: Christian Jackson & Bill Taylor	
<b>COUNTERS</b>	
May: George & Mary Bowman Jun: Theresa DeSplinter & Mary Kay Newman	
<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:

Today: Happy Mother's Day!

May 25: Red Cross Blood Drive 2-6 PM

May 28: Farewell reception for Fr. John & Fr. Christopher 2:00 to 3:30 PM



## Last Week's Gifts to God

**\$1,876.00 Sunday Total**  
*\$465.00 Building Fund is included in the above amount.*

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Xander Carlson, Donna Dobbels, Rose Mary Franck, Tom Montgomery, Mary Lou Robinson, and Judy Brockway Skelton. Please pray for the sick, their loved ones, and caregivers. May they never lose sight of the love of God.



**BUILDING FUND:** To make a donation towards the upcoming project to repair or replace the parking lot, please mark your weekly envelope "Building Fund".

### Save the Date! Farewell Reception

for Fr. John and Fr. Christopher, Sunday, May 28th from 2:00 to 3:30 PM in the church hall. Come join us in showing our gratitude and wishing them well in their new assignments. Fr. John has been assigned to St. Matthew Parish in Champaign and St. Boniface Parish in Seymour. Fr. Christopher will be going to St. Hyacinth Parish, St. Patrick Parish & Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine in LaSalle.



### 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.



### American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, May 25, 2023  
2 to 6 PM

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

### May the Month of the Rosary

Please join us in praying the rosary 20 minutes before Mass during May.

#### Date

May 14  
May 21  
May 28

#### Rosary Leaders

Chris DeKezel  
Larry Lavin  
Don Hulin



### Holy Spirit Prayer

Holy Spirit, sweet guest of my soul, abide in me and grant that I may ever abide in Thee. Amen

### In Memoriam

*Loving Father, welcome home those whom You have called from this world, and grant peace and consolation to their families.*

**James Dobbels**

*We extend our prayers and sympathy to Carol Dobbels & Dave & Deb Dobbels and their families.*



### A Blessing for Mothers

Blessed is the Mother . . .  
Who lets the Lord be her guiding hand.  
Where faith brings her family courage.  
Whose wisdom comes from God.  
And whose children honor her.  
Blessed be all Mothers who have come into our lives, whose kindness, care and love remain with us to guide. All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old and for those who live forever in our memory. Amen

### Trivia Question (answer on last page)

It is recorded that Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection how many times?

a) 3      b) 7      c) 10      d) 13

# *The Lord of Our Lives*

On this sixth Sunday of Easter, our readings remind us Christian stewards of the importance and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. They also teach us that love of God shows itself in concrete actions — this is precisely why the stewardship way of life is so necessary.

Throughout the Easter season, our first readings, taken from the Act of the Apostles, have recounted the growth (and growing pains) of the early days of the Church. Today we read that the Samaritans had accepted the word of God, and while there was great rejoicing over this, they were still in need of more before they were fully empowered disciples. So, Peter and John “went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.” Peter and John “laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.” The “more” that these new Christians needed, was, of course, the Holy Spirit. We, too, need and have received the Holy Spirit in our lives, initially at our Baptism, and in full measure at the moment of our Confirmation. The gifts and guidance of the Holy Spirit are essential to the Christian steward and the stewardship way of life.

Today is a great opportunity, especially as we draw nearer to Pentecost, to begin to examine our relationship with the Holy Spirit. Do we make full use of all of the grace and power the Holy Spirit has for us in meeting the challenges of life?

Our second reading, from St. Peter, is certainly filled with challenges for us, beginning with the first verse, “Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts.” In other words, we must put Christ first above all else in our lives. His role is not merely as Savior of our lives, as significant as that role is; He is to be “Lord” of our lives as well. As His disciples, we are called to make Him ruler of all aspects of our lives — our time, talent, and treasure.

The beauty of the stewardship way of life is that it offers us a concrete means to show that Christ truly is Lord in our lives, to “prove” our love, in a manner of speaking, because true love is not merely sentiment. “Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me,” Jesus tells us in our Gospel passage from John. True love is an act of the will. It requires obedience to all of God’s commandments. This requires courage, humility, and deep trust in Him. It requires that we lean on the Holy Spirit for the strength and wisdom to continuously make Jesus the Lord of our lives. But the rewards are indescribably wonderful. Christ tells us Himself, “Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

Could there be anything more satisfying to live in such a way that the God of the universe is pleased to reveal more and more of Himself to us? Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us fully embrace the stewardship way of life to truly sanctify Christ as Lord in our hearts.

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