

St. John Vianney Church

May 21, 2023
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord



This week's Gospel is taken from the book of Matthew 28: 16-20

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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Date	Mass Intentions	Given By
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
Jun 11 8:00 AM	For: Orville Ossian For: Bob Dobbels	By: Carolyn Ossian By: Maurice & Darlene DeSutter

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Lay Ministry Schedule for May 21- June 11, 2023	
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
Jun 11 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Joe Borkgren & Barb Montgomery Lector: Chris DeKezel
USHERS	
May: Dave DeKezel & Joe Borkgren Jun: Christian Jackson & Bill Taylor	
COUNTERS	
May: George & Mary Bowman Jun: Theresa DeSplinter & Mary Kay Newman	
<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:

May 25: Red Cross Blood Drive 2-6 PM
May 28: Farewell reception for Fr. John &
Fr. Christopher 2:00 to 3:30 PM

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.



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.

May the Month of the Rosary

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

Date	Rosary Leaders
May 21	Larry Lavin
May 28	Don Hulin



Rhubarb Pie Time Soon!

If you have rhubarb available,
please cut into small pieces,
place 4 cups in plastic bags and put in the
upright freezer in the storage room in hall.



St. John's Knights of Columbus Trivia Night

Saturday, June 10, 2023

Location: Aalter Farm

7089 IL Hwy 17- Woodhull, IL

7:00 PM Doors open at 6:15

Pre-registration \$80: at the door \$100

First prize \$150 Second prize \$75

Pre-register: donrogersfarm@hotmail.com



Trivia Question (answer on last page)

Who appeared beside the disciples as they were
watching Jesus taken up into the sky? a) an angel
b) Moses & Elijah c) 2 men dressed in white



Last Week's Gifts to God

\$1,300.00 Sunday Total
\$455.00 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".

ADA UPDATE as of April 28, 2023

Great News! We exceeded our goal!

Our goal: \$11,303 Pledged: \$11,805

of Pledges: 40 Received: \$11,805

Thank you to all those who have given so
generously. A rebate of \$502 was received
from the Diocese to be used by our parish.

SAVE THE DATE

For the 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.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, May 25, 2023

2 to 6 PM

St John Vianney Church Hall

Contact: Don Hulin 937-2648



An Ascension Prayer

Let us pray that the risen Christ
will lead us to eternal life. God
our Father, make us joyful in the
ascension of your Son Jesus Christ. May
we follow him into the new creation, for his
ascension is our glory and our hope. We
ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



Amen.

Go and Make Disciples



Today, we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of our Lord, that glorious moment when Jesus, 40 days after His resurrection, was lifted up — quite literally— into heaven, as the apostles watched in stunned amazement. It is recounted in both our first reading, from Acts, as well as the Gospel passage, from Matthew. It must have been an extraordinary thing to witness.

But the first reading tells us that the apostles were not permitted to simply bask in the moment for very long. “While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?’” In other words, “Don’t just stand there, do something!”

This verse is a call to each one of us Christian stewards this very day. We have been given every grace and blessing through the Mass and all of the sacraments, through the Word of God, the rich teachings of our faith, and even our talents and our material possessions — so many gifts and blessings that we should live in a kind of stunned amazement ourselves. And like those first apostles, we are not meant to just stand here but to do something with these gifts — in love and gratitude to the One Who gave them to us. We are called, just as much as the first apostles “to be [His] witnesses... to the ends of the earth,” not with our own power, but through the power of the Holy Spirit in us.

Our second reading, from the Letter to the Ephesians, reminds us of the might and power of God whose witnesses we are. In fact, St. Paul describes “the surpassing greatness of His power.” He reminds us that the Father raised Christ from the dead and has placed Him “far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion... not only in this age but also in the one to come.” This is the mighty God we serve, the One Who has blessed us with every good thing, and the One Who now gives us the privilege of serving as His witnesses to the ends of the earth.

This God knows us, His children, so well. He knows that we are prone to fear and weakness just as the first apostles were. In the Gospel passage, we read that they went to the mountain as the Lord instructed, and they saw Him there just as He promised. “When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.”

The Lord was not angered by their doubt. Instead, He encouraged them with a reminder that “all power in heaven and on earth” had been given to Him. With that, He sent them on their way. “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,” He told them and He tells us today. And because He is so loving, He gives us one more powerful, comforting reminder — “I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

On this feast of the Ascension, let us take a moment to “look up at the heavens” and ponder all the graces and blessings our loving God has given us. Then, let’s do something! Let’s put all those gifts to work as we serve as grateful witnesses to this amazing God.

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