

# St. John Vianney Church

May 28, 2023  
Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday



Peace  
be with  
you

*“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” John 20:21*

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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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<b>Date</b>	<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>Given By</b>
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: Kelly Holevoet	By: Randy & Terri Borkgren By: Dwaine & Janice VanMeenen
Jun 11 8:00 AM	For: Orville Ossian For: Bob Dobbels	By: Carolyn Ossian By: Maurice & Darlene DeSutter
Jun 18 8:00 AM	For: Carolyn Ossian For: Linda Boberg	By: Mark & Karen DeDecker By: George & Mary Bowman

## *Serving at Our Lord's Altar*

<b>Lay Ministry Schedule for May 28–June 18, 2023</b>	
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
Jun 18 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Brian & Julie Dwyer Lector: Don Hulin
<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:** Farewell reception for Fr. John & Fr. Christopher 2:00 to 3:30 PM  
**Jun 10:** Knights of Columbus Trivia Night

## 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 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)

Where did the first Pentecostal celebration take place? a) Jerusalem b) Canaan c) Galilee d) Nazareth



## Last Week's Gifts to God

**\$1,682.00 Sunday Total**  
**\$845.00 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".

## Memorial Day Prayer



On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace. Please protect all those who wear the uniform today. Amen

## Did You Know?

Pentecost is the birthday of the Catholic Church. It marks the beginning of Christianity as a purposeful movement and a new community. Pentecost means 50th day. Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, & the beginning of their earthly ministry to make disciples of all the nation.

*"The Holy Spirit forms thoughts and suggests words in the hearts of the just. The Holy Spirit is like a gardener cultivating our souls." St. John Vianney*

## Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, O Spirit of God and make within us your dwelling place and home. May our darkness be dispelled by your light, and our troubles calmed by your peace.



May all evils be redeemed by your love; all pain transformed through the suffering of Christ, and all dying glorified by his risen life. Amen



# *The Power of the Holy Spirit*

Today we reach the finale of the Easter season with the celebration of the great Feast of Pentecost. Reflecting on today's readings inspires a sense of awe as we consider the mighty power of the Holy Spirit at work giving birth to and sustaining our Church. Just as awesome — the same Spirit is calling to us this day to take up our part in the Church's saving work.

In the first reading, from Acts, we see the creative genius of the Holy Spirit moving through the newly confirmed Apostles "who began to speak in different tongues as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." The large crowd, gathered from all over the world were "amazed" and "astounded" that each one could understand the Apostles speaking in their own language. Each one of us, young and old alike, is personally called today by the Holy Spirit into the same mission as that of the first Apostles — to advance the Kingdom of God in our corner of the world. Just as He did on that Pentecost day, the Holy Spirit speaks to us in our "own language" to give us the Good News of the Gospel and urge us to share it.

We can think of our own language as the particular gifts, talents, and passions we possess. We truly serve a personal God who sees each of us as unique and individual creations. Therefore, each one of us has a personal mission to fulfill through the use of our personal gifts and talents in grateful service of the Kingdom of God. We see this described in our Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians where he explains: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God...To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." When we consider the stewardship way of life we are called to live, we often focus on the challenges it poses. And living as a modern-day steward is indeed challenging. But on this feast of Pentecost, when we reflect on the unleashing of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the Apostles, and through them the crowd, let's remember that we Christian stewards have much to celebrate.

When we surrender ourselves to God, putting Him first in all aspects of life — our time, talents, and finances — we can count on a life that is challenging, yes, but even more so a life that is exciting, creative, and deeply rewarding. In other words, we can experience life as a great adventure because it is a life guided and directed by the very source of power and creativity— the Holy Spirit. What's more, when we live in grateful dependence on the Holy Spirit, we can count on not only adventure, but peace — the peace that cannot be found in a "worldly" way of life where one tries to find security in wealth or prestige or self-indulgence. Rather, it is the peace that Jesus brings to us as we commit ourselves to Him. As He said to the Apostles in today's Gospel reading from John, He says to us today, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

As we celebrate the birthday of the Church today let's give thanks to God for calling us, His stewards, to the adventure of a lifetime!

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