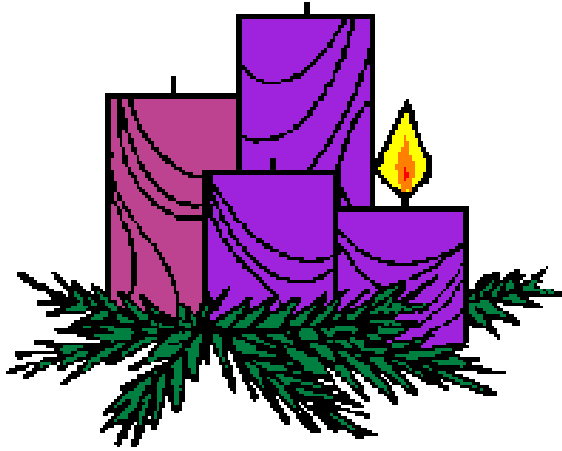


St. John Vianney Church

November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent



*Prepare
as we await the
blessed hope & the
coming of our
Savior, Jesus Christ.*

“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” Matthew 24:44

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
Nov 27 8:00 AM	For: Mark Wiese For: Maxine Swanson	By: Randy & Terri Borkgren By: Dave & Dee DeBrock
Dec 04 8:00 AM	For: Fr. John Burns For: Orville Ossian	By: William & Rita Taylor By: Carolyn Ossian
Dec 07 5:30 PM <i>Immaculate Conception Vigil</i>	For: Maxine Swanson For: Fred & Shirley Floming	By: Randy VanMeenen By: Connie Collier
Dec 11 8:-00 AM	For: Alvin Dobbels For: Betty Lou Doubler	By: Joan Dobbels Morris By: Marv & Mary Kay Newman

Serving at Our Lord's Altar

Lay Ministry Schedule for November 27—December 11, 2022	
Nov 27 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Don & Sharon Hulin Lector: Chris DeKezel
Dec 04 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Brian & Julie Dwyer Lector: Dave Dobbels
Dec 07 5:30 PM	<i>Immaculate Conception Vigil</i> Extra Min: Joe Borkgren & Barb Montgomery Lector: Bill Taylor
Dec 11 8:00 AM	Extra Min: Leonard Boelens & Larry Lavin Lector: Ron Koenigs
USHERS	
Nov: Joe Borkgren & Dave DeKezel Dec: Josh Gibson & Christian Jackson	
COUNTERS	
Nov: Bill Taylor & Richard Nichols Dec: 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:

Dec 03: Christmas on the Square
Dec 04: Deadline/Caring Hearts gifts
Dec 07: Immaculate Conception Mass 5:30
Dec:10: A&R Christmas Brunch-Woodhull
Dec 11: Deadline/Memorial flower order
Dec 15: Advent Penance Service-Kewanee

Our Mission Statement

St. John Vianney Parish's mission is to share the Word of God and to live His message of faith, love and forgiveness.

Our Vision Statement

We welcome all to share their time, talent and treasures to provide a deep and abiding understanding of God's Word.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation Mass Times

Vigil-Wed, Dec 07: 5:30 PM Cambridge

Thur, Dec 08: 8 AM Woodhull & Kewanee

Thur, Dec 08: 5:30 PM Galva

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Xander Carlson, Donna Dobbels, Jim Dobbels, Tom Montgomery, Ryan Thrasher & Mary Lou Robinson. 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.

Christmas on the Square

We will be giving out hot cocoa and cookies on Saturday, Dec 3rd from 5-7 PM at College Square Park. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Rita Taylor @ 309-714-8278. See bulletin boards for further information.



Trivia Question (answer on last page)

Advent comes from the Latin word "adventus" which means? a) adventure b) coming c) waiting



Last Week's Gifts to God

\$714.00 Sunday Total
\$145.00 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".

In Memory of Your Loved Ones

To order a Christmas flower in memory of your loved ones, please use the Christmas flower envelope in your envelope box or at the doors. Please **clearly print** your loved one's name on the envelope. Cost is \$10. Order deadline is Sunday, **Dec 11th**.



St. John's A&R Christmas Brunch

Ladies of the Altar & Rosary Society are cordially invited to attend the Christmas Brunch and Bingo Party at St. John's in Woodhull on Sat, Dec 10th at 11 AM. The cost is \$15 per person. Please sign the sign-up sheet on the back table if you are planning to attend.



Help Needed

Someone to plow snow from our parking lot. If interested, contact Dave Dobbels at 309-945-7757



Anyone Need a Ride?

If you know of anyone who needs a ride to church or who would like to provide transportation for them, please contact Lorna Brown at 309-945-7402



Prayer for the 1st Week of Advent



Heavenly Father, as we begin this Advent, give light to our eyes and peace to our hearts. May the Lord find us watching and waiting in joy when He comes. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Let's Go Climb the Lord's Mountain

Today we begin the beautiful season of Advent — a season of preparation. For what are we preparing? The celebration of the birth of our Savior, and the anticipation of His second coming. These are weighty tasks with eternal consequences.

So, let us Christian stewards make the words of the Prophet Isaiah our motto for the season: “Come, let us climb the Lord’s mountain to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways and we may walk in his paths.” In the weeks leading up to Christmas, it seems everywhere we turn we are pushed to spend more, do more, entertain more, and generally rush around at a frantic pace — all to create a “perfect” Christmas day. In contrast to this worldly pressure, the Church’s guidance to use these weeks as a time to focus on our spiritual lives can indeed seem like a mountain climb. But the intentional and wise use of the gift of time is exactly what the Christian steward is called to do, and with even greater intensity during Advent.

St. Paul makes this so clear in his letter to the Romans, our second reading today. He instructs, “It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep.” And what should we do once awake? We must become like Christ. St. Paul puts it this way: “Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.” Our Lord Himself gives us several powerful images to fix in our minds as we travel through the Advent season.

First, He calls to mind for us the image of Noah preparing the ark in the days before the flood. While Noah used his time (and talents) to follow God’s instructions in preparation for the coming flood, everyone else around him was “living it up.” This is exactly what it can feel like for us as we attempt to focus our time on spiritual matters in the days leading up to Christmas! But when the flood came, those unprepared were carried away by the water while Noah endured unharmed. Jesus warns that this is how it will be at His second coming.

To further illustrate the suddenness with which He will return, Jesus describes it as two men out in a field. One man gets taken while the other is spared; and as two women grinding at a mill, one taken, the other spared. Then he describes his return as a thief in the night, certainly the image of a sudden and unexpected event. “Therefore, stay awake!” He implores, adding, “So, too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, Son of Man will come.”

How can we Christian stewards prepare ourselves and our families for a holy celebration of Jesus’ birth and for his certain second coming at a date we do not know? We can push back against the world’s pressure to have the “perfect Christmas.” Scale back on the material kind of gift-giving, the complicated menus, and the unessential trappings of the season so that we have more time for spiritual preparation: Confession, weekday Mass, adoration, family prayer time, lighting the Advent wreath, performing acts of kindness. It may feel like a mountain climb, but in the end, we will be prepared to celebrate a truly meaningful Christmas, we will have become more like our Savior, and we will be ready for Him to come again. Let’s go climb the Lord’s mountain! www.TheCatholicSteward.com