

John the Baptist Prepares the Way



St John's Catholic Church of Galva & Woodhull

Catholic Diocese of Peoria

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Fr Christopher Lwigi Magesa, Parochial Vicar

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

December 4, 2022

St John, The Apostle

Roman Catholic Church

Mass: Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday 5:30 PM

Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 AM

Reconciliation: Sundays -5:00-5:20 PM

St John, The Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church

Mass: Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM

Wednesday 8:00 AM

Saturdays -3:30-3:50 PM

St John Vianney

Roman Catholic Church

Mass: Sunday 8:00 AM

Sundays—7:30-7:50 AM

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Woodhull—ZOOM Rosary

10:15 AM—M-W-F

Call office if interested in joining

Adoration—Thursdays after 8AM Mass

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for –December 3–December 11, 2022

Saturday 12/03	4:00 PM	Galva —For The Jacobs Family by <i>Ron & Dawn Cervantez</i>
	5:30 PM	Woodhull —For Norma Johnson by <i>Julie Lopez</i>
Sunday 12/04 Second Sunday of Advent	8:00 AM	Cambridge —For Fr John Burns by <i>William & Rita Taylor</i> For Orville Ossian by <i>Carolyn Ossian</i>
	10:00 AM	Galva —For Fr John Burns by <i>Kate Cromien</i>
	5:30 PM	Woodhull —For Joyce Falline by <i>Dean & Joy Morland</i> For Larry DeSutter by <i>Maurice & Darlene DeSutter</i>
Monday 12/05		
Tuesday 12/06	8:00 AM	Woodhull —For Tom Holt by <i>Jim & Bernice Haake</i>
Wednesday 12/07	8:00 AM	Galva — For John J McHale by <i>Denny & Justine Nelson</i>
	5:30 PM	Cambridge — For Maxine Swanson by <i>Randy VanMeenen</i> For Fred & Shirley Floming by <i>Connie Collier</i>
Thursday 12/08 Immaculate Conception	8:00 AM	Woodhull —For Living & Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary Society
	5:30 PM	Galva —For Pat Lee by <i>Linda Simmons</i>
Friday 12/09		NO MASS
Saturday 12/10	4:00 PM	Galva —For Deceased Members of the Thrasher & Cromien Families by <i>Gary & Carolyn Cromien</i>
	5:30 PM	Woodhull —For Anna Padavich by <i>Sue Paul</i>
Sunday 12/11 Third Sunday of Advent <i>Gaudete Sun-</i>	8:00 AM	Cambridge —For Alvin Dobbels by <i>Joan Dobbels Morris</i> For Betty Lou Doubler by <i>Marv & MaryKay Newman</i>
	10:00 AM	Galva —For Charles Bresnahan by <i>AJ Bresnahan</i>
LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE	5:30 PM	WOODHULL —For Fr John Burns by <i>Phil & Paula Steele</i>
<u>Saturday Dec 10, 2022</u>		GALVA
LECTOR		Betty Minter
		David North
GREETERS		Paul & Mary Alepra
<u>Sunday Dec 11, 2022</u>		
LECTOR		Mary Link
		AJ Bresnahan
GREETERS		Jean Mileham
\$ COUNTERS		Bill & Linda Owens
		Pat Raley & Stella Gilbreth

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK—Please call Fr John before going into the hospital 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 that hospital's assigned Chaplain to anoint you & notify Fr John.

Please pray for the sick, their loved ones and caregivers. May they never lose sight of the love of our God.

From Woodhull Parish: Mary Robbins, Frances Cooper, Donna Hanson, Mike Driscoll-brother of Joy Morland, David Bugos, Alphonse Meirhaeghe, Donna Johnson, Amy Petrovich, Dan Carlson, Heather Poppy, Mary Jo Murphy, Doak Davis-brother of Suzie DeSutter, Mark Johnson, Joy Morland

From Galva Parish: Joe & Joan Nosal, Melanie Rupp, Bea & Dick Clark, Don England, Terry Raley, Jim Bennison, Jim H., Paul Craig, Ruth Weber Cromien, Victor Interial, Alma Loncka, Cynthia Kennedy, Shelley Collis, Jim Robinson, Chuck Entas, Maggie Green, Edward Pokay

DATES TO REMEMBER:

SAT Dec 10—Altar & Rosary Christmas Brunch & Bingo @ St John's in Woodhull—11:00 AM.
Please sign up to attend by DEC 4TH

SUN Dec 18—Woodhull - Christmas Program after Mass in Hall with a meal

Mark your calendar! Christmas Mass Times—

Sat Christmas Eve—Galva—4PM ~ Kewanee—9PM

No Christmas Eve Mass in Cambridge or Woodhull

Sun Christmas Day—

Cambridge-8AM ~ Galva-10AM ~ Woodhull-10AM

Altar & Rosary Society Christmas Brunch & Bingo Party!!

Sat Dec 10th—11:00 AM @ St John's in Woodhull. **SIGN UP BY Dec 4TH**

Ladies of all 3 Parishes are invited to attend this yearly gathering hosted this year by Woodhull. The cost is \$15.00 —please see the sign up sheet in your parish.



Please join us for good food, fun and prizes!!!

Christmas Flowers in Memory of Loved Ones

Use the envelope provided in your box of offering envelopes or a plain one with names written clearly and payment enclosed. Drop in collection basket.



Woodhull—"Gifts for the Christ Child"

Baby & Layette items can be left unwrapped under the tree in the narthex in support of the Women's Pregnancy Center in Galesburg. See list of items needed by the tree. Thank you so very much!!



"There is nothing the devil fears so much, or so much tries to hinder, as prayer."

—St Philip Neri

SUNDAY COLLECTION — 11/27/22

GALVA		WOODHULL
\$ 1956.00	Collection	\$ 1167.00
\$.00	Building Fund	
\$ 30.00	Visitation	
\$ 145.00	Visitation f/Month	

2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal

	Galva	Woodhull
Goal	\$18,492	\$17,355
Pledged	\$18,785	\$ 9,175
Received	\$14,460	\$ 9,025
Families	43	23

The Christmas Collection

Quite some time ago the diocese changed the procedure for the Christmas Collection offering envelopes to go to our parish and not the parish priests. If you would like to give something to Fr John and Fr Christopher for Christmas, please address your gift directly to them.

St John's, Woodhull would like to welcome our new Pro-Life Representative, Paula Steele. Paula replaces Joy Morland, who has held that position for 60 years. Congratulations to you both!!

WOODHULL— Music is such an important part of our worship service and an area that we would like to give more time and energy to....

If there is anyone who would be interested in helping cantor or help with singing in a choir, please see the sign up sheet in the narthex.



Prepare the way
of the Lord.

Isaiah 40:3

Hospitality & Repentance

As we begin the second week of Advent, let us recall our motto for this season: we are climbing God's holy mountain. Our readings inspire us and help us focus for this journey toward holiness.

Our first reading from the prophet Isaiah continues the theme of a journey towards the holy mountain, the Kingdom of God. The prophet gives us a beautiful glimpse of this mountain, where Christ will reign forever. It will be a place of peace, justice, and harmony among all God's creatures. "There shall be no harm or ruin in all my holy mountain... [This] dwelling shall be glorious."

Our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans encourages us to focus our Advent preparations in this way: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." And how does Christ welcome us? With unconditional love. This is the essence of Christian hospitality, a vital aspect of stewardship living. Fully embraced, it has the power to transform our lives and the lives of those who experience it through us.

The practice of Christian hospitality is also a way for us stewards to answer the call of John the Baptist, in our Gospel passage from Matthew. His words apply just as much to us today as they did to the people awaiting the Savior's arrival. John says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" And he recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." There is a definite connection between repentance and effective hospitality.

So how can we make repentance a regular part of our everyday lives? We can make an "examination of conscience" a daily part of our prayers, thanking God for the times we said "yes" to Him, and asking forgiveness for the times we chose our own will. We can (and should!) go to Confession this Advent. We can reach out to a family member or friend where there is distance or discord and make peace.

As we "straighten the paths" of our own hearts and minds, we become more hospitable people, better stewards of God's grace and mercy, and far more open and ready to invite others into our lives, homes, and parish. This is preparation fitting for our merciful Savior.

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