



St John's Catholic Church of Galva & Woodhull

Catholic Diocese of Peoria

Fr Ghislain Inai, SMA, Pastor
Fr Chris Haake, Parochial Vicar
THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT
December 17, 2023

St John, the Apostle

Mass: Sunday 5:00 PM
Tues & Thurs 8:00 AM

Reconciliation: Sundays -4:30-4:50 PM

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Deacon Joe O'Tool
Secretary: Tena Anseeuw

St John, the Evangelist

Mass: Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM
Wednesday 8:00 AM

Saturdays -3:00-3:45 PM

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Deacon John Holevoet
Secretary: Linda Simmons

St John Vianney

Mass: Sunday 8:00 AM
Wednesday 5:30 PM

Sundays -7:30-7:50 AM

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Secretary: Rita Taylor

On Facebook—St John, The Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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Woodhull—ZOOM Rosary
10:15 AM—M-W-F

Call office if interested in joining

www.threestjohns.com

Adoration—Thursdays after 8AM Mass
Prayer Chain—Call Joy @ 309-629-8841
(All requests are confidential)

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for —December 16—December 24, 2023

Saturday 12/16	4:00 PM	Galva — For James & Lizzie Rashid by <i>Greg & Debra Rashid</i>
Sunday 12/17 Third Sunday of Advent	8:00 AM	Cambridge —For Rhea Dwyer by <i>Michelle LaBelle</i> For Jim Dobbels by <i>Marv & Mary Kay Newman</i> Galva —For Lorraine Clucas by <i>The Clucas Family</i>
	8:00 AM Note Time 5:00 PM	Woodhull —For Jeff Whitehead by <i>Mike & Melanie DeSutter</i>
Monday 12/18		
Tuesday 12/19	8:00 AM	Woodhull —For Mary Killion Conrad by <i>Dean & Joy Morland</i>
Wednesday 12/20	8:00 AM	Galva — For Dwaine Warner by <i>Deacon John & Cheryl Holevoet</i>
	5:30 PM	Cambridge —For Orville Ossian by <i>The Family</i>
Thursday 12/21	8:00 AM	Woodhull —For Jim Laird by <i>Deacon Joe & Jolene O’Tool</i>
Friday 12/22		
Saturday 12/23	4:00 PM	Galva —For Lisa Bass by <i>Peggy England (Sun Obligation)</i>
	5:30 PM	Woodhull —For Mary Keitel by <i>Tena Anseeuw (Sun Obligation)</i>
Sunday 12/24 Christmas Eve	10:00 AM	Galva —For Lorraine Clucas by <i>The Clucas Family (Sun Oblig)</i>
	4:00 PM	Cambridge —For Vincent Carroll by <i>Dwaine & Janice VanMeenen (For Holy Day)</i>
	5:00 PM	Woodhull —For Joann Nelson by <i>The Family (For Holy Day)</i>
	6:00 PM	Galva — For Orville & Carolyn Ossian by <i>The Galva Parish</i>

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE—	WOODHULL (For Holy Day)	GALVA
Saturday Dec 23, 2023		
LECTOR	Sue Paul	David North
GREETERS	No Mass	
SERVERS	No Mass	Josh & Jacob Gravitt
<u>Sunday Dec 24, 2023</u>		
LECTOR	Chad Wood	(AM) AJ Bresnahan (PM) Pete VanDeVelde
GREETERS		
SERVERS	Ellie Goble, Annalyn Lee, Jameson Wood	Charley Chamberlain & Greta Wigant
\$ COUNTERS	Chuck-Deb McLaughlin/Jim DeSutter	Pete VanDeVelde & John VanDeVelde

ANOINTING OF THE SICK—Please call 309-852-4549 & follow prompts if you are in need of Anointing of the Sick. If you are admitted to the hospital or nursing home prior to Fr G Inai anointing you, please tell admittance that you are Catholic & they will arrange for that hospital's assigned Chaplain to anoint you & notify Fr G Inai.

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, Alphonse Meirhaeghe, Donna Johnson, Mary Jo Murphy, Mark Johnson, Joy Morland, Dick Nelson

From Galva Parish: Melanie Rupp, Bea Clark, Don England, Terry Raley, Jim Bennison, Jim H., Paul Craig, Alma Loncka, Cynthia Kennedy, Shelley Collis, Jim Robinson, Chuck Entas, Edward Pokay, Warren Werkheiser, Tobias Tingleaf, Monsignor Ernie Pizzamiglio, Gerald Rupp, Leandra Duran-Parish, Chris Woods, Anita Sherman, Bill Owens

DATES TO REMEMBER:

SUN Dec 17—Woodhull Christmas Program & Potluck following Mass—*Bring a dish to share.*

SUN Dec 17—Galva Mass at 8:00 AM instead of 10:00 AM !!!

TUE Dec 19—Remember to order your Christmas Flowers in Memory of loved ones by this date so they can be added to the list for the bulletin.

WED Dec 20—Reconciliation Service—**Cambridge**—6 PM

THUR Dec 21—Reconciliation Service—**Kewanee**—6 PM

Christmas Weekend Mass Schedule

Sat Dec 23 (for Sunday Obligation) -
Galva—4:00 PM Woodhull—5:30 PM
Sun Dec 24—Galva—10:00 AM (for Sun Obligation)
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**~Christmas Eve—Sun Dec 24 (for Holy Day)**  
**Cambridge—4:00 PM**  
**Woodhull—5:00 PM**  
**Galva—6:00 PM**  
**Christmas Day—Mon Dec 25 (Holy Day)**  
**Cambridge—8:00 AM**  
**Woodhull—10:00 AM**  
 No Galva Mass on Christmas Day

**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 G and Fr Haake for Christmas, please address your gift directly to them.



**Joy**

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee

Isaiah 35:10

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*Gaudete Sunday—3rd Sunday of Advent*

**2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal**

| As of 12-05-23  | Galva              | Woodhull           |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Goal</b>     | <b>\$19,128.00</b> | <b>\$15,595.00</b> |
| <b>Pledged</b>  | <b>\$19,485.00</b> | <b>\$17,354.89</b> |
| <b>Received</b> | <b>\$16,330.00</b> | <b>\$14,288.21</b> |
| <b>Families</b> | <b>39</b>          | <b>25</b>          |

**SUNDAY COLLECTION — 12/10/23**

| GALVA                        | WOODHULL   |
|------------------------------|------------|
| \$ 1836.00 Collection        | \$ 1131.00 |
| \$ 10.00 Building Fund       |            |
| \$ 160.00 Visitation         |            |
| \$ 160.00 Visitation f/Month |            |

As we look back, the Abortion Clinic in Bettendorf, IA has closed. The abortion Clinic we prayed in front of in Peoria has closed. Then we moved to praying before the Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic in Peoria. At this point in time, that clinic has also been closed. There have been successes achieved by the 40 Days for Life Campaign.

—Barb Brody, Knox County Right to Life

**Annual Presents for the Christ Child for the Galesburg Pregnancy Center—***Needed: Size 5 & 6 diapers, baby wipes, baby bath towels, neutral crib sheets.* They have plenty of blankets & outfits. Place gifts under the tree in narthex in Woodhull until after New Years. *Thanks so much .!!*



Please pray for the safety & well-being our **Military & First Responders: LT David Alepra, Emma Bjorling, Nathan Lewis-Bresnahan, Tyler Lewis-Bresnahan, CPL Keanen Dean, TSgt Travis Jefko**

**AIWood Food Pantry** needs **Cherry Jello** & boxes of **Scalloped Potatoes** for the Christmas Baskets by **Dec 19....***Leave items in north door vestibule-Woodhull*

### Woodhull Eucharistic Ministers—

*It has been decided to eliminate the sign-up sheet and a list of dates and EMHC's for those dates will be coming soon. Please seek a replacement from the list if you cannot make your date.*

"One of the deep secrets in life is that all that is really worth doing is what we do for others."  
—Lewis Carroll

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" is a Latin word, meaning "rejoice." The Christian steward should be characterized by a spirit of rejoicing.

Our First Reading, from Isaiah, expresses a fitting motto for us. "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul." It is God Who is the source of our joy and contentment — not things or achievements or comfort, but our relationship with God.

This is why stewards can share so freely of their time, talents and material possessions — because ultimately, we are not attached to these things. We recognize them as good gifts from our loving Father, but we are attached to the Giver of the gifts, not the gifts themselves. This allows for great freedom in life and the capacity for great joy in the Lord.

In fact, we can become like John the Baptist, in today's Gospel passage from the Book of John. We read this description of the prophet: "He came for testimony, to testify to the light... He was not the light but came to testify to the light." This is our calling too — to testify to the Light, our wonderful Savior — by the way we make use of the time, talent and treasure He has entrusted to our care.

When God Himself is the source of our joy, it cannot be taken away from us. There is still time, this Advent season, to clear away any "clutter" in our lives that may take our focus away from Him. Let us strive to detach from any of these things so that we can be free to truly rejoice in God on Christmas Day.

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