

*A Message
of Love*

**4TH SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**



St John's Catholic Church of Galva & Woodhull

Catholic Diocese of Peoria

Fr Johndamaseni Zilimu, Pastor

Fr Christopher Lwigi Magesa, Parochial Vicar

FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

December 18, 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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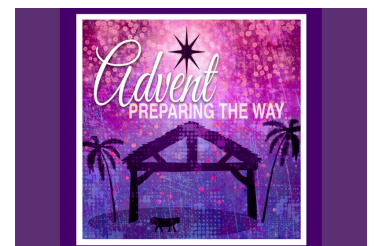
Woodhull—ZOOM Rosary

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 17–December 25, 2022

Saturday 12/17	4:00 PM	Galva —For Lorraine Clucas by <i>The Clucas Family</i>
	5:30 PM	Woodhull —For Tom Holt by <i>The Krause Family</i>
Sunday 12/18 Fourth Sunday of Advent	8:00 AM	Cambridge —For Fred DeSplinter by <i>Theresa DeSplinter & Fam</i> For Maurice Franck by <i>Rose Mary Franck</i>
	10:00 AM	Galva —For Fr John Burns by <i>Leandra Duran-Parish</i> For Deceased Members of the <i>VanDeVelde Family</i>
	5:30 PM	Woodhull —For Maria Mungo by <i>Tena Anseeuw</i>
Monday 12/19		
Tuesday 12/20	8:00 AM	Woodhull —For Fr John Burns by <i>Jeff & Cathy Welch</i>
Wednesday 12/21	8:00 AM	Galva — For Jeanie Rose by <i>Pete & Linda VanDeVelde</i>
Thursday 12/22	8:00 AM	Woodhull —For Norma Johnson by <i>Lucille Newman</i>
Friday 12/23		NO MASS
Saturday 12/24	4:00 PM	Galva —For Lorraine Clucas by <i>The Clucas Family</i>
		Woodhull —No Mass
Sunday 12/25 Christmas Day	8:00 AM	Cambridge —For Maxine Swanson by <i>Dave & Dee DeBrock</i> For Dan Collier by <i>Connie Collier</i>
	10:00 AM	Galva —For Rick Gaffney by <i>Helen Nelson</i>
	10:00 AM	Woodhull—For Mary Keitel by <i>Dean & Joy Morland</i>
LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE—		WOODHULL GALVA
<u>Saturday Dec 24, 2022</u>		
LECTOR	No Mass	Jackie Clucas
GREETERS	No Mass	Leandra Duran-Parish/Mary Kay North
<u>Sunday Dec 25, 2022</u>		
LECTOR	Susan Goble	Julie Strandberg
GREETERS	Sue Paul	Frank & Rita Smith
\$ COUNTERS	Jim DeSutter/Ted Lee	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, Victor Interrial, Alma Loncka, Cynthia Kennedy, Shelley Collis, Jim Robinson, Chuck Entas, Maggie Green, Edward Pokay

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS !! Thank You!

SUN Dec 18—GALVA—CCD Christmas Program after Mass with Refreshments & Pastries following. **THEN everyone is invited to go caroling with the students around town.**

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

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!!



Don't forget your Christmas flowers !

COMING JANUARY 1ST, 2023

Woodhull will be having only ONE weekend Mass which will be on Sundays at 5:00 PM (note time change). We will be dropping the Saturday Vigil Mass.

The last Sat Mass will be on New Year's Eve at 5:30 PM.

Words to ponder from Fulton Sheen-

"We begin to act differently when we recognize the immensity of our possibilities."

Woodhull—Many thanks to all those who donated food or helped in any way with the funeral luncheon following Joann Nelson's services last Saturday. Your thoughtfulness and support are especially comforting at this time.

SUNDAY COLLECTION — 12/11/22

GALVA		WOODHULL
\$ 1959.00	Collection	\$ 1280.00
\$ 80.00	Building Fund	
\$ 130.00	Visitation	
\$ 160.00	Visitation f/Month	

2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal

As of 11/30	Galva	Woodhull
Goal	\$18,492	\$17,355
Pledged	\$18,885	\$ 14,840
Received	\$14,871	\$ 13,720
Families	44	30



Gift Giving



As our Advent preparations draw to a close and Christmas fast approaches, it is fitting that today's readings demonstrate the intensity of the Father's perfect and passionate love for each of us, culminating in the gift of His own Son, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day.

In our first reading, from Isaiah, the Lord invites King Ahaz to "ask for a sign from the Lord, your God." And not just any sign. The Lord says, "let it be deep as the nether-world, or high as the sky!" Ahaz, though, cannot arouse himself from his bleak and limited outlook, and actually refuses this invitation. Undeterred by his negativity, the Lord says through the prophet Isaiah, that he himself will provide the sign: "the virgin shall conceive and bear a son" and his name will be Emmanuel which means, "God with us." What great love and patience our heavenly Father has shown his people throughout all ages!

In the second reading, from Paul's letter to the Romans, St. Paul sends a blessing of "Grace...and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. This — grace and peace — is precisely the gift we celebrate on Christmas Day. Through his incarnation, Jesus brings the intimate love of God right into our midst; and through His death and resurrection, He saves us from our sins and restores us to right relationship with the Father. This is the peace that the world cannot offer. In response to such an overwhelming gift, what can we do except offer our lives as gift in return, embracing a stewardship way of life with all the love and strength we have to give?

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we find an unparalleled example of one who embraced this way of life in St. Joseph, as he responds to God's call to him through the message of an angel. St. Joseph immediately and humbly obeys the instruction from the angel: "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Open to this extraordinary role, he did as the angel commanded and "takes Mary into his home." We never hear St. Joseph speak, but the Scriptures tell us he was always listening, attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit for his family. It was Joseph who found the stable where the baby Jesus would be born. No doubt it was Joseph who cleaned it up and prepared it for Mary and Jesus since we know that Mary was about to give birth. Joseph protected the family, guarded them, and tended to their safety, their comfort, and their well-being at the expense of his own plans and preferences. Though we do not hear any words from St. Joseph his actions clearly show that he offered himself, his whole life, as a gift to his family through his strong guidance, protection, and service.

Let us imitate St. Joseph, then, as good stewards, giving our very lives to those around us in love and gratitude to God who has given us everything we have, especially His own Son, Jesus Christ. We will no doubt find that the more we give ourselves away, the more our generous Father will fill us with His grace and peace — these are truly the best Christmas gifts we could receive.