

The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. **He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High,** and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, **and of his kingdom there will be no end.**

Luke 1:26-38.

St John's Catholic Church of Galva & Woodhull

Catholic Diocese of Peoria

Fr Ghislain Inai, SMA, Pastor
Fr Chris Haake, Parochial Vicar
FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT
December 24, 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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On Facebook—St John, The Apostle Roman Catholic Church

Woodhull—ZOOM Rosary
10:15 AM—M-W-F

Call office if interested in joining

Adoration—Thursdays after 8AM Mass

Prayer Chain—Call Joy @ 309-629-8841

(All requests are confidential)

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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Mass Schedule & Intentions for —December 23—December 31, 2023

Saturday 12/23 (Sun Oblig)	4:00 PM 5:30 PM	Galva — For Lisa Bass by <i>Peggy England</i> Woodhull —For Mary Keitel by <i>Tena Anseeuw</i>
Sunday 12/24 Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve	10:00 AM (Sun Oblig) 4:00 PM 5:30 PM Note Time 6:00 PM	Galva -For Orville & Carolyn Ossian by <i>The Parish</i> Cambridge —For Vincent Carroll by <i>Dwaine & Janice VanMeenen</i> Woodhull —For Joann Nelson by <i>Deacon Joe & Jolene O'Tool</i> Galva —For Lorraine Clucas by <i>The Clucas Family</i>
Monday 12/25 Christmas Day	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Cambridge —For Joan Dobbels by <i>Kathy Johnson</i> Woodhull —For Dan Carlson by <i>Deacon Joe & Jolene O'Tool</i>
Tuesday 12/26	8:00 AM	Woodhull—NO MASS TODAY !!
Wednesday 12/27	8:00 AM 5:30 PM	Galva — For Norma Johnson by <i>Don & Sharon Milliken</i> Cambridge —For Carolyn Ossian
Thursday 12/28	8:00 AM	Woodhull —For Lloyd Schillinger by <i>Jim & Bernice Haake</i>
Friday 12/29		
Saturday 12/30	4:00 PM	Galva —For Living & Deceased Members of the Golby Family by <i>David & Mary Kay North</i>
Sunday 12/31 New Years Eve Feast of the Holy Family	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Cambridge —For Richard Nichols by <i>Phil & Paula Steele</i> For Jeff Nichols by <i>Ruthann Nichols</i> Galva —For Joe & Joan Nosal by <i>Chris Nosal Doll & Family</i> Woodhull — For Fr John Burns by <i>Jim & Kim DeSutter</i>

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE—	WOODHULL	GALVA
Saturday Dec 30, 2023	No Mass	Paula Patty
LECTOR	No Mass	Scott & Barb Caravello
GREETERS	No Mass	Cooper & Bella Dennis
SERVERS		
Sunday Dec 31, 2023	Jolene O'Tool	Megan Sloan
LECTOR		Mitch & Margie Junis
GREETERS		Jordan & Elise Nelson
SERVERS		Pat Raley & Stella Gillbreth
\$ COUNTERS	Chuck-Deb McLaughlin/Jim DeSutter	

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 24—Mass time in Woodhull is 5:30 PM—Not 5:00 PM as previously printed !!

TUES Dec 26—NO MASS TODAY IN WOODHULL- Day off

THUR Dec 28—4th Thursday-Anointing of the Sick at Mass

MON Jan 1 & TUE Jan 2—NO MASS-Priests' day off.

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—5:30 PM -Note Time...Not 5 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 Wish of Pope Francis.....**

“In turning on the light of the Christmas tree, we wish for the light of Christ to be in us. A Christmas without light is not Christmas. Let there be light in the soul, in the heart, let there be forgiveness to others; let there be no hostilities or darkness. Let there be the beautiful light of Jesus. This is my wish for all of you, when you turn on the light of the Christmas tree.” Let there be light !!

**May GOD's blessings come to you a Thousand fold; May the Love in your Heart never get old; and may you find treasures more precious than gold.**



**Have a and a Blessed Christmas Happy New Year to You and Your Family.**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION — 12/17/23**

| <b>GALVA</b> |                    | <b>WOODHULL</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| \$ 1678.00   | Collection         | \$ 2280.00      |
| \$ .00       | Building Fund      |                 |
| \$ 75.00     | Visitation         |                 |
| \$ 235.00    | Visitation f/Month |                 |

**2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal**

| As of 12-05-23  | <i>Galva</i>       | <i>Woodhull</i>    |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <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>          |

Christmas Eve is a special time to remember that we will be preparing to celebrate our Savior's birth. We are so thankful that his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, said yes to God and bore His son. We pray that all mothers will say yes to God and carry their children to full term in the womb. May all of you have a blessed Christmas and come back full of energy to begin 2024 determined to Save the Babies.

*Merry Christmas, Paula Steele*

### ***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.

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**

Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year !!



## *Glory to God in the Highest*

For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is the Messiah and Lord, and this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger, and suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest'." We are all very familiar with the report of Jesus' birth. We know about the multitude singing, and we are aware of how the shepherds came from the fields to see and worship the child. On this glorious day we are the

heavenly host singing and we in a sense are the shepherds who kneel in admiration of this child. This child is like none other. We know that every child changes the world in his or her own way. But the birth of Jesus, the Son of God and the son of Mary does more than change the world. He changes our lives completely. He comes to save us. He comes to embrace us. And He invites each of us to embrace Him.

Today's Gospel Reading, which is the opening statement of John's Gospel, describes

Jesus' birth: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through Him. And without Him nothing came to be. What came to be through Him was life; and this life was the light of the human race: the light shines in the darkness." On this magnificent Christmas Day we receive the life, and we receive His light. It is no wonder that all our readings reflect that life and that light and the joy that results. Just listen to the words and phrases we find in the First Reading from Isaiah. These are perfect descriptions of what we should feel on this day: "beautiful; glad tidings; peace; good news; salvation; shout for joy; break out in song." What a summary of this day!

The Gospel, as explained previously, speaks of the Christ child in a way that is not found in the other Gospels. Jesus is the Word incarnate. If we review what we know about Jesus, we might say He was from Nazareth or He was born in Bethlehem, or He is descended from Abraham through David. However, John wants us to understand that Jesus has come to us directly from God as He is One with God. He is the Word. Toward the end of His Gospel John states of his Gospel: "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." Today is a day of life and light. It is truly a day on which we must proclaim "Glory to God in the highest."