



"Let us
adore Him"



Merry
Christmas !!

St John's Catholic Church of Galva & Woodhull

Catholic Diocese of Peoria

Fr Johndamaseni Zilimu, Pastor

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THE NATIVITY of the LORD-CHRISTMAS

December 25, 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

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Mass: Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM

Wednesday 8:00 AM

Saturdays -3:30-3:50 PM

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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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Joy
to
the
World

Mass Schedule & Intentions for —December 24, 2022—January 1, 2023

Saturday 12/24 Christmas Eve	4:00 PM 5:30 PM	Galva —For Lorraine Clucas by <i>The Clucas Family</i>
Sunday 12/25 Christmas Day	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM	Cambridge —For Maxine Swanson by <i>Dave & Dee DeBrock</i> For Dan Collier by <i>Connie Collier</i> Galva —For Rick Gaffney by <i>Helen Nelson</i> Woodhull —For Mary Keitel by <i>Dean & Joy Morland</i>
Monday 12/26		
Tuesday 12/27	8:00 AM	Woodhull —For Dennis Hoch by <i>Dean & Joy Morland</i>
Wednesday 12/28	8:00 AM	Galva — For Ricardo Duran & Cruz Duran and in celebration of Cynthia Kennedy’s birthday by <i>Leandra Duran-Parish</i>
Thursday 12/29	8:00 AM	Woodhull —For Tom Holt by <i>Jean Briggs-Roberts</i>
Friday 12/30		NO MASS
Saturday 12/31 New Year’s Eve	4:00 PM 5:30 PM	Galva —For Jean Hadsell by <i>Richard & Mary Jo Rouse</i> Woodhull —For Fr John Burns by <i>Tim & Melissa Ott</i>
Sunday 01/01 New Year’s Day—2023	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Cambridge —For Frank Maertens by <i>Clyde & Kaye Maertens</i> For Glenn DeSmith by <i>Mark & Karen DeDecker</i> Galva —For Jerry Meyer by <i>The Dan Meyer Family</i>
LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE Saturday Dec 31, 2022	10:00 AM 10:00 AM	WOODHULL —For Jeane VanGetson by <i>Rick & Galva Johnson</i>
LECTOR	No Mass	Jackie Clucas
GREETERS	No Mass	Leandra Duran-Parish/Mary Kay North
<u>Sunday Jan 01, 2023</u>		
LECTOR	Mary Link	Pete VanDeVelde
GREETERS \$ COUNTERS	Jean Mileham Bernice Haake/Melissa Brown	Larry & Michelle Cheline Pete VanDeVelde/John VanDeVelde

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, Warren Werkheiser, Carolyn Cromien, Tobias Tingleaf

DATES TO REMEMBER:

SUN Jan 01—Woodhull - Sunday Mass time changes to 5:00 PM

TUE Jan 10—Knox Co Right to Life Mtg @ 7PM at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Galesburg

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.



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!!

GALVA—The flowers before the Blessed Mother this week are in memory of **Ricardo Duran, on his birthday** by Leandra Duran-Parish



Blessed Christmas!

May the Light of the World find a home in your heart, and bring you and yours hope, joy, and health this Christmas.



With love & appreciation from Heartlight.org and VerseoftheDay.com

SUNDAY COLLECTION — 12/18/22

GALVA		WOODHULL
\$ 1900.00	Collection	\$ 2286.00
\$.00	Building Fund	
\$.00	Visitation	
\$ 60.00	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



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.

The Second Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews complements and affirms the feelings expressed in Isaiah. The writer makes it clear that Jesus is God and that today marks the beginning of salvation for us. This passage from Hebrews parallels our Gospel today in that it is the opening words of the letter to the Hebrews. The first word is “God” as that is where it all begins. God speaks to us in the birth of Jesus, and the author of the letter uses a word to describe Jesus that may be foreign to us: the author speaks of the “refulgence of his glory.” Refulgence means brightness or radiance. The original Greek word from which this is translated is *apaugasma*. That means brightness beyond our understanding. It is as if we cannot see or look upon the Lord — only through the light of Jesus His Son.

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 day of life and light. It is truly a day on which we must proclaim “Glory to God in the highest.”

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Blessings to You and Your Family this Christmas

Peace ~~ Love ~~ Joy to you all !!!

Merry Christmas !!