



St John's Catholic Church of Galva & Woodhull

Catholic Diocese of Peoria

Fr Johndamaseni Zilimu, Pastor

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SOLEMNITY of MARY, The HOLY MOTHER of GOD

January 1, 2023

St John, The Apostle

Roman Catholic Church

Mass: Sunday 5:00 PM

Tues & Thurs 8:00 AM

Reconciliation: Sundays -4:30-4:50 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

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

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for —December 31, 2022—January 8, 2023

<p>Saturday 12/31 New Years Eve</p>	<p>4:00 PM 5:30 PM</p>	<p>Galva—For Jean Hadsall by <i>Richard & Mary Jo Rouse</i></p> <p>Woodhull— For Fr John Burns by <i>Tim & Melissa Ott</i></p>
<p>Sunday 10/01 New Years Day</p>	<p>8:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Cambridge—For Frank Maertens by <i>Clyde & Kaye Maertens</i> For Glenn DeSmith by <i>Mark & Karen DeDecker</i></p> <p>Galva—For Jerry Meyer by <i>The Dan Meyer Family</i></p> <p>Woodhull—For Jeane VanGetson by <i>Rick & Mandy Johnson</i></p>
<p>Monday 01/02</p>		
<p>Tuesday 01/03</p>	<p>8:00 AM</p>	<p>Woodhull—For The Steve Doyle Family in Memory of Daughter Holly Doyle by <i>Dean & Joy Morland</i></p>
<p>Wednesday 01/04</p>	<p>8:00 AM</p>	<p>Galva— For Betty Reeg by <i>Deacon John & Cheryl Holevoet</i> For Pat Lee by <i>Julie Strandberg</i></p>
<p>Thursday 01/05</p>	<p>8:00 AM</p>	<p>Woodhull—For Norma Johnson by <i>Kevin & Karen Farrell</i> For Al Kelley by <i>George & Jackie Bloomberg</i></p>
<p>Friday 01/06</p>		<p>NO MASS</p>
<p>Saturday 01/07</p>	<p>4:00 PM</p>	<p>Galva—For the Living & Deceased Members of the Golby Family by <i>David & Mary Kay North</i></p>
<p>Sunday 01/08 The Epiphany of the Lord</p>	<p>8:00 AM 10:00 AM</p>	<p>Cambridge—For The Leslie Hunt Family by <i>Carolyn Ossian</i> For Albert Doubler by <i>Marv & Mary Kay Newman</i></p> <p>Galva—For Carl Bates by <i>AJ Bresnahan</i> For the Special Intentions of Keith & Paula Patty</p>
<p>LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE— <u>Saturday Jan 07, 2023</u></p>	<p>5:00 PM</p>	<p>Woodhull—For Mary Keitel by <i>Mark & Vicky Johnson</i> WOODHULL GALVA</p>
<p>LECTOR</p>		<p>No Mass David North</p>
<p>GREETERS</p>		<p>No Mass Richard & Mary Jo Rouse</p>
<p><u>Sunday Jan 08, 2023</u></p>		
<p>LECTOR</p>		<p>Melanie DeSutter Cheryl Holevoet</p>
<p>GREETERS</p>		<p>Susan & Ellie Goble Larry & Michelle Cheline</p>
<p>\$ COUNTERS</p>		<p>Bernice Haake/Melissa Brown Pat Raley/Stella Gilbreth</p>

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

WED Jan 11—Galva A&R Meeting at 6:30 PM

The latest *Living Faith* devotionals can be found at the entrances of the church in Galva & narthex in Woodhull

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!!

< < SOME THOUGHTS FOR THE NEW YEAR >>

A BIRD SITTING ON A TREE IS NEVER AFRAID OF THE BRANCH BREAKING BECAUSE HER TRUST IS NOT ON THE BRANCH BUT ON IT'S OWN WINGS. ALWAYS BELIEVE IN YOURSELF.

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The Gate of the Year

"And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: Give me a light, that I may tread safely into the unknown. And he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way." Minnie Louise Haskins



SUNDAY COLLECTION — 12/25/22		
GALVA		WOODHULL
\$ 2242.00	Collection	\$ 495.00
\$.00	Building Fund	
\$ 240.00	Visitation	
\$ 400.00	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



A Double Feast

Today is a double feast so to speak, but the two feasts are closely associated. This is the Octave Day of Christmas, or the eighth day of Christmas. It always falls exactly one week after Christmas Day; Christmas Day is of course the first day, and then when we count to eight, we have today. "Octaves" have been celebrated in the Church in relation to Holy days and feasts almost from the very beginnings of the Church. However, today is also the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. In Jewish tradition a male child was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth. On that same day the child was officially given his name. Thus, it was on this day that the Lord received the name Jesus. The third connection of these two liturgical celebrations is the addition of calling our Blessed Mother the Mother of God. Among Vatican II documents it is clearly stated, "Clearly from earliest times the Blessed Virgin is honored under the title of Mother of God." This feast is naturally a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. It stems from the Greek word *theotokos* that translates as "She who gave birth to God."

Our First Reading from the Book of Numbers is familiar to most of us because of its inclusion of the prayer of Aaron that we may have experienced often within our lives as Catholics and Christians. Stewardship helps us understand and appreciate that we are gifted by God. What greater gift can we have beyond "The Lord let His face shine upon you"? To be aware that God may look upon us and be pleased, not because of who we are or what we may have done, but because we are in Jesus Christ, might be the largest source of peace and power in our lives. However, we need to realize that, and we need to live our lives as that is the reality. Three times within this blessing we hear "The Lord." In the first it is God the Father who blesses His children; then it is God the Son whose face shines upon us and brings us grace; finally, it is God the Holy Spirit who communicates to us the feelings of God, and Who gives us peace as a result. There are no accidents in Scripture, and this threefold blessing from our three Gods in One is no accident either.

In St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, our Second Reading, Paul states "God sent His Son, born of a woman." That simple statement ties together with today's feasts as well as to the initial reading and the Gospel message. Jesus came not just as God's Son, but also as one born to a woman. Being "born of a woman" is a somewhat veiled confirmation of our belief in a virgin birth represented by the Immaculate Conception. Although Jesus called Himself consistently the Son of Man, Paul never states that Christ was born of a man and a woman. He was born of a woman with God as the Father. Paul, too, seems to confirm that Mary is truly the Mother of God.

Everything we celebrate today is brought to completion and to coordination by the Gospel Reading from St. Luke. As is often the case in these reflections, this reading is so rich in content and meaning there is no way we can truly do it justice in this short space. However, focusing on a specific statement within it often helps us explain it. It is the last few verses that put it all together: "When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by an angel before he was conceived in the womb." There we find the Octave of Christmas (eight days) and the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother of God.

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Reminder—With the Mass time in Woodhull changing on Sundays to 5:00 PM, the time for confessions will be from 4:30-4:50 PM before Mass.



A New Year Blessing

*The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord let his face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you kindly and give
you peace. ~Numbers 6:24-26*