

Whoever does not take up their cross  
and follow me is not worthy of me.  
**Matthew 10:38**



# St John's Catholic Church of Galva & Woodhull

Catholic Diocese of Peoria

Fr Ghislain Inai, SMA, Pastor

Fr Chris Haake, Parochial Vicar

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

July 2, 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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Deacon Joe O'Tool

Secretary: Tena Anseeuw

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### 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**

PO Box 18

212 NE 1st ST

Galva IL 61434

Phone: 309-932-2409

[stjohngalva2@gmail.com](mailto:stjohngalva2@gmail.com)

Deacon John Holevoet

Secretary: Linda Simmons

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### St John Vianney

Roman Catholic Church

**Mass:** Sunday 8:00 AM

**Sundays—7:30-7:50 AM**

PO Box 183

313 S West ST

Cambridge IL 61238

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Secretary: Rita Taylor

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Woodhull—ZOOM Rosary

10:15 AM—M-W-F

*Call office if interested in joining*

**[www.threestjohns.com](http://www.threestjohns.com)**

Adoration—Thursdays after 8AM Mass

Prayer Chain—Call Joy @ 309-629-8841

( All requests are confidential)





**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK**—Please call Fr G Inai before going into the hospital at 309-334-2180. 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, Dan Carlson, Mary Jo Murphy, Mark Johnson, Joy Morland

**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, Maggie Green, Edward Pokay, Warren Werkheiser, Tobias Tingleaf, Monsignor Ernie Pizzamiglio

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**SAT Jul 15—GALVA**—Parish Picnic & Pool Party- Held at Galva Park District—5-8 PM

**FRI Jul 28— St John's Woodhull** Blood Drive 12-6PM  
Contact Mary Link for appt or info 217-280-0175

2023 Peter's Pence Collection  
*This weekend July 1 & 2. Envelopes will be in the pews. Any checks should be payable to St John's. Thank You!*



**Woodhull FunFest 2023—Sat July 15, 2023**

The Community Church Ice Cream Social needs your help with Serving / Baked Goods or Pies

There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for Baked Donations/Serving Times.

This popular FunFest event is possible because of your generosity!! The Committee Thanks You!!

**St John's Galva Parish Picnic & Pool Party !!**

**Saturday, July 15th—5-8 PM**

Held at the Galva Park District

All food, drinks, and table service will be furnished.

*Bring your family for an evening of fun in the pool, food and fellowship!*

*Come Meet & Greet Fr G and Fr Chris !!*



**Diocesan 25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration**



If you are celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage in 2023, please let Tena or Linda in the office know by July 23rd. Each couple will receive a personal invitation this summer from the Bishop to attend a Mass on September 10th at 3:30 PM in your honor.

**Just so you know....**

**Fr Ghislain** was born October 8, 1973 & ordained June 26, 2004.  
**Fr Chris** was born February 8, 1968 & ordained May 24, 1997.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION — 06/25/23**

GALVA		WOODHULL
\$ 1213.00	Collection	\$987.00
\$ 35.00	Building Fund	
\$ 100.00	Visitation	
\$ 300.00	Visitation f/Month	

**2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal**

	Galva	Woodhull
<b>As of 05/31</b>		
<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$18,492</b>	<b>\$17,355</b>
<b>Pledged</b>	<b>\$19,785</b>	<b>\$ 21,323.03</b>
<b>Received</b>	<b>\$19,421.69</b>	<b>\$ 20,983.03</b>
<b>Families</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>32</b>

**LIFE, FAITH, FREEDOM**

Because ROE vs WASE was struck down a year ago, 24,000 to 26,000 children are alive today. Fifty years of merciless federal abortions with 63 million children killed was a result of the ROE vs WADE decision. We must celebrate the lives saved and remember those lives lost to abortion. Every year we must celebrate the date of July 24. It is the birthday of post –ROE America. But the godless abortion forces are angry; they do ne that so many states are protecting children. The fight is not over. We must continue to work until every human life is protected from conception to natural death. We must continue to love and support new parents, especially those who are in need of our support. Liberals in Congress are fighting for an end to religious freedom. The 24th of June is also the birthday of John the Baptist. Jesus called him the greatest man born of woman. What an amazing sign that these days coincide!

— Catholic Vote

**JESUS** said, if you **HOLD** to my **TEACHINGS**, you are *really my disciples*. Then you will know the **TRUTH**, and the **TRUTH** will set you **FREE**.



## *Losing Our Lives*

Today's readings take us back to some basics of stewardship living. The First Reading shows us the necessity and power of hospitality. The Second Reading reminds us what it is that makes us disciples and Christian stewards in the first place (hint: it's our Baptism). Finally, in today's Gospel, Christ teaches us how to live daily life as His stewards.

Our Lord Himself proclaims this same instruction in a rather shocking way in our Gospel passage from Matthew: "Whoever loves father or mother... son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." And, "Whoever finds his life [by living for oneself] will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." How can an all-loving Lord say such things? Precisely because He is the source of all love — He is love incarnate. We can only love others, and even ourselves truly, if we allow ourselves to be emptied of self-love and filled with God's love.

This is why our Lord tells us we must "lose our lives." Putting ourselves or others — even those dearest to us — above God simply cannot give us the ultimate fulfillment and peace of soul that we all want. Only God can do that. Only loving God first and living for Christ — "losing our life" — can do that. But how do we know if we love God more than "father or mother or son or daughter"? Jesus tells us in the next verses. And the fascinating genius of it all is that it is precisely through loving actions towards others, loving them as if they were Christ, that we demonstrate our love for Christ! "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple... he will surely not lose his reward."

So, we have come full circle to the importance of hospitality, and to putting God first in our lives because we have become disciples of Christ through our Baptism. We put God first by serving others as if we were serving Christ Himself, thus losing a self-centered life and finding our true fulfillment.