



# St John's Catholic Church of Galva & Woodhull

Catholic Diocese of Peoria

Fr Johndamaseni Zilimu, Pastor  
 Fr Christopher Lwigi Magesa, Parochial Vicar  
**THE ASCENSION of the LORD**  
**May 21, 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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**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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**St John Vianney**

Roman Catholic Church  
**Mass:** Sunday 8:00 AM

**Sundays—7:30-7:50 AM**

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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

Adoration—Thursdays after 8AM Mass  
 Prayer Chain—Call Joy @ 309-629-8841  
 ( All requests are confidential)

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





**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, 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, Marty Golby, Monsignor Ernie Pizzamiglio

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**SUN May 21—Woodhull—**Farewell Reception for Fr John & Fr Christopher after Mass. Potluck Meal with Grilled Pork Chop Sandwiches & Hot Dogs. Please bring dish to share.

**THUR May 25—**Blood Drive at St John Vianney— 2-6 PM—Call Don Hulin @309-937-2648 w/questions

**FRI Jun 2—Galva—**Farewell Reception for Fr John & Fr Christopher—5:30-7:00 PM. Enjoy fellowship, Food, and Adult & Kid beverages!

**SAT Jun 10—K of C Trivia Night @ AALTER FARMS—**7089 IL HWY 17-Woodhull—Doors open @ 6:15—Starts @ 7:00 PM ~~ See flyer on bulletin board f/details!

Coming up in Woodhull—  
"Summer Faith Days"

Scheduled for Tuesdays (for now) - Updates on CCD Facebook page as time approaches. Some mornings & some evenings... stay tuned for more info!!



**Galva Farewell Reception**

**Friday, June 2 ~ 5:30-7:00 PM**

*Join us in wishing Fr John & Fr Christopher well in their new assignments !!*

**We will have food as well as Adult & Kid beverages!!**



**Knights of Columbus TRIVIA NIGHT\_\_ Saturday, June 10—7:00 PM-Open @ 6:15**

**AALTER FARMS-7089 IL HWY 17-Woodhull**

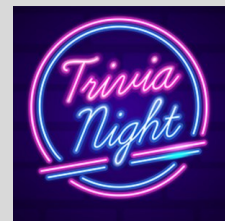
Early Registration-\$80 per table  
At the Door-\$100 per table

10 persons Max/table—register with email to: donrogersfarm@hotmail.com

Concession stand on site with drinks—You CAN bring your own snacks.

NO alcoholic beverages allowed.

**PRIZES & FUN—Come and join us!!**



**SUNDAY COLLECTION — 05/14/23**

GALVA		WOODHULL
\$ 1337.00	Collection	\$577.00
\$ .00	Building Fund	
\$ .00	Visitation	
\$ .00	Visitation f/Month	

**2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal**

As of 04/28	Galva	Woodhull
<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>\$19,310.02</b>	<b>\$ 20,883.03</b>
<b>Families</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>32</b>

As Pro-Lifers we must continue to dispel such **myths and lies as abortion is healthcare, pro-life is anti-woman, and unborn babies are globs of tissue. Pro-abortionists control the mainstream media, Big Tech, and Hollywood. We need to have conversations about what babies a and what abortions are and how abortions affect the mother and child and also we need to talk about what mothers with unplanned pregnancy really need.** Some will just need moral support from caring adults, many will need help with education in caring for their babies, supplies, car seats, clothes, and diapers. Much of these needs can be provided at the Pregnancy Centers in Peoria, Galesburg and Bettendorf. Also our churches help by having a diaper drive for new babies in our church family. (Susan B Anthony Pro-Life America)

Food for Thought.....

*"Life with God is not immunity from difficulties, but peace in difficulties."*

—C.S.Lewis

*"Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather what you have left."*

—Venerable Fulton Sheen

IT'S NOT THE  
LOAD THAT  
BREAKS YOU  
DOWN. IT'S  
THE WAY  
YOU CARRY  
IT.

C.S. LEWIS

## *Don't Just Stand There*

Today, we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of our Lord, that glorious moment when Jesus, 40 days after His resurrection, was lifted up — quite literally— into heaven, as the apostles watched in stunned amazement. It is recounted in both our first reading, from Acts, as well as the Gospel passage, from Matthew. It must have been an extraordinary thing to witness.

But the first reading tells us that the apostles were not permitted to simply bask in the moment for very long. "While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?' In other words, "Don't just stand there, do something!"

This verse is a call to each one of us Christian stewards this very day. We have been given every grace and blessing through the Mass and all of the sacraments, through the Word of God, the rich teachings of our faith, and even our talents and our material possessions.

And like those first apostles, we are not meant to just stand here but to do something with these gifts — in love and gratitude to the One Who gave them to us. We are called, just as much as the first apostles "to be [His] witnesses... to the ends of the earth," not with our own power, but through the power of the Holy Spirit in us.

On this feast of the Ascension, let us take a moment to "look up at the heavens" and ponder all the graces and blessings our loving God has given us. Then, let's do something! Let's put all those gifts to work as we serve as grateful witnesses to this amazing God.

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