

"He is not the God of the dead,  
but of the living,  
for to him all are alive."  
Luke 20:38

# St John's Catholic Church of Galva & Woodhull

Catholic Diocese of Peoria

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

November 6, 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**

## 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**

## St John Vianney

Roman Catholic Church

**Mass:** Sunday 8:00 AM

**Sundays—7:30-7:50 AM**

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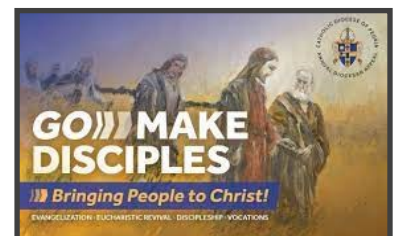
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Woodhull—ZOOM Rosary

10:15 AM—M-W-F

Call office if interested in joining

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





**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, Ruth Weber Cromien, Victor Interrial, Alma Loncka, Cynthia Kennedy, Shelley Collis, Jim Robinson, Chuck Entas, Maggie Green, Edward Pokay

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**TUE Nov 8**—Knox Co Right to Life-7:00 PM @ New Life Baptist Church, 1232 W Fremont ST in Galesburg

**THUR Nov 10**—Woodhull A & R Mtg—6:00 PM

**THUR Nov 17**—Woodhull Church Council Mtg—6:30 PM in Church Hall

**TUE Dec 20**—*A&R Christmas Party at PL Johnson's in Bishop Hill—more details coming soon!*

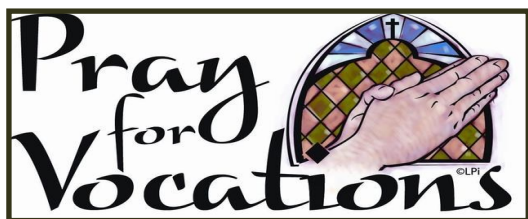


**BLOOD DRIVE**

*Thurs, Nov 17*

*2—6 PM*

*St John Vianney  
- Contact Don @  
309-937-2648*



***The Book of Life***

You are invited to write in the Book of Life the names of your loved ones who have passed. The book is located on the podium at the back of the church. They will be remembered in prayer during the month of November.



Forgive anyone who caused you pain or harm.

Keep in mind that forgiving is not for others. It is for you. Forgiving is not forgetting. It is remembering without anger. It frees up your power, heals your body, mind and spirit. Forgiveness opens up a pathway to a new place of peace where you can persist despite what has happened to you.

*Les Brown.*



**SUNDAY COLLECTION — 10/30/2022**

GALVA		WOODHULL
\$ 2011.00	Collection	\$ 740.00
\$ .00	Building Fund	
\$ 25.00	Visitation	
\$ 275.00	Visitation f/Month	

**2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal**

	<i>Galva</i>	<i>Woodhull</i>
<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$18,492</b>	<b>\$17,355</b>
<b>Pledged</b>	<b>\$14,135</b>	<b>\$ 8,800</b>
<b>Received</b>	<b>\$10,490</b>	<b>\$ 8,650</b>
<b>Families</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>19</b>



**AlWood Food Pantry** says a Huge **THANK YOU** to the parish of **St John's in Woodhull** for all of our contributions during the year and recently, especially the **Jello** and **mandarin oranges** for the **Thanksgiving Baskets!!**



## *We Were Made For More*

Today's readings challenge us to focus on the "why" of stewardship. Why embrace this challenging way of life when it seems hard enough just to pay the bills, take care of our loved ones, meet the demands of our jobs, and fall into bed at the end of each full day? Because this life is not all there is. We were made for more — for eternal happiness in union with God. While we cannot earn our way into Heaven, what we do now with the life God has given us has eternal consequences. Stewardship living helps us to keep focused on our hoped-for destination in the choices we make each day.

Our first reading, from the Second Book of Maccabees, gives an inspiring example of people committed to living for God and striving for eternal happiness with Him. This passage revolves around seven brothers and their mother who were being tortured for refusing to eat pork in violation of God's law. They accepted the torture even to the point of death. This courage was, of course, not about the pork!

It was about love. It was about their awareness that their lives were a gift from God and their grateful response in choosing to live for Him above all else, even if obedience to His laws meant suffering and death. In fact, as one brother was told to put out his tongue (no doubt for some cruel purpose), he offered not only his tongue but his hands as well, saying, "It was from Heaven that I received these; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again." That is a commitment to one's convictions.

Stewardship is not ultimately about the particular amount or kind of time, talent, and treasure that we offer. It is about the conviction that everything we have is a gift from our loving God whom we can never truly repay and with whom we want to live forever. Revisiting these three aspects of our lives regularly, prayerfully discerning the best use of our gifts, and putting this down in writing clarifies and strengthens our conviction to put God first. It is a clear guide and a powerful aid in living out this conviction in concrete ways day by day. To borrow the words from St. Paul to the Thessalonians in our second reading, our stewardship commitments help us "direct [our] heart to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ."

In our Gospel passage from Luke, Christ reminds us very clearly that we were made for more than just this life and that our choices in this life have eternal consequences. In this passage, our Lord corrects some Sadducees for their mistaken notion that there is no resurrection. He instructs that "those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead...can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise.

Why should we embrace the stewardship way of life? So that we will use this life to thank God for all His gifts to us and so that we may attain the gift of eternal life and everlasting happiness of Heaven with Him.