SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

Mon.	10/12	7:30 AM	* Jenny Langner by Dave & Eileen Rogers
Tue.	10/13	NO MASS	
Wed.	10/14	7:30 AM	* Mary Claire by Dean Peterson
Thur.	10/15	7:30 AM	* Clifford Ducat Birthday Remembrance by M/M Ron Bowers & Sheila Harman
Fri.	10/16	7:30 AM	* Kelsey McGill by Nick & Roxanne Adsit and Family
			Morning Mass….what a way to start the day!!
			NOTE: Daily Morning Mass is held at the Parish Center. Holy Day, First Friday and Ash Wednesday Masses are held at the Church.
Sat.	10/17	5:00 PM	* Sylvia Curry by Chris & Amy Curry and Family
Sun.	10/18	8:00 AM	* Dick Mayotte Anniversary Remembrance by His Family
		9:30 AM	Our Parish Families
		4:30 PM	Mass at St. Mary's

LAY MINISTERS for October 17/18, 2026

SATURDAY, October 17, 5:00 PM
Lector: Dick Arie
Ushers: Kevin & Pam Verkler

SUNDAY, October 18, 8:00 AM
Lector: Sara McTaggart
Usher: Chuck & Marie Garfield

Money Counters: Bill Janssen & Laura Stepp

Weekly Target for Operation:	**$ 3,200.00**
Sunday Offering, Oct. 3/4:	**$ 2,275.00**
Online Giving:	**$ 305.00**
DEFICIT For the Week:	**$ (620.00)**
St. Joseph's Offering, Oct. 4:	**$ 2,370.00**

CHURCH BOWLING ACTIVITY

Sunday, October 18, 2026
1:00—4:00 p.m.
Rapid Lanes Bowling Alley
Iroquois, IL

Come anytime between the hours above. Cost is $10/ person. Fun for the whole family!!

SPECIAL COLLECTION
Next Weekend, October 17/18, 2026

Next weekend we will have the diocese's ***World Mission Sunday Special Collection***.

This collection grants funds to mission dioceses, which help to underwrite the basic physical footprint that keep missionary life going: where priests live, where sisters live, where children are catechized, where formation and pastoral work can happen, and where Holy Mass can be celebrated, often for the first time.

Part of the funds are used to help missionary dioceses run and survive, while the rest of the funds are used to build churches, seminaries, convents, and pastoral centers. In an average year, WMS help to fund over 900 infrastructure-related projects for the Church.

BOXES OF JOY

PLEASE NOTE: ***All Boxes of Joy must be back to St. Edmund's by Tuesday, October 27th as they will be picked up on Wednesday, October 28th. Thank you! You may set them in the vestibule of the Church or drop them off at the Rectory during regular office hours. Thank you!***

Please pray for . . ..

- Gary Cahoe

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
29th Sunday Ordinary Time *A*
Matthew 22:15—21
"Render to God, what is God's!"

- Do I render to the government its due?
- Even more importantly, do I render God his due?
- How can I determine both challenges?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, give me the wisdom to keep one eye on the needs of this world and at the same time keep an even keener eye on the needs of eternity. Help me never even attempt to put you to the test. Amen!

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That the Church of Christ, through works of faith and labors of love, may be strengthened by the Father in the hope of Christ,
- That peoples of all nations may come to serve the Lord, knowing that there is none beside Him,
- That governments may be led to use their resources for only that which is right and just,
- That God may give us the wisdom to always render Him His due,
- That the concern of the Lord for the unborn, the weak and the helpless, may be made manifest through His disciples,
- That our parishioners, who come before God with their needs, may be comforted by the Holy Spirit,
- That the dead, whom God has called by name, may come to the fullness of the hope of our Lord, Jesus Christ,

We pray to the Lord.

MEMORIAL CEREMONY
Saturday, October 31, 2026

If you have lost a loved one since November of last year and did not receive an invitation to participate in our Memorial Ceremony on Saturday, October 31st, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass and would like to participate, please call Colette at the Rectory by Wednesday, October 28th to let her know.

Those who were sent an invitation, please remember to RSVP no later than Wednesday, October 28th. Thank you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLLS SALES
October 24/25, 2026

Prior to October 24/25, Tootsie Rolls may be purchased by contacting Dick Arie at 471-5569 or stopping by his Compass office at 111 W. Cherry St. in Watseka to pick some up. Make sure to get stocked up in time for **Halloween!**

Bag of 50:	**$10**
Case (6 Bags of 50):	**$50**
Bank Tubes (Chocolate or Fruit Flavor):	**4/$12**
Case of 24 Banks (Chocolate or Fruit Flavors):	**$60**

FOOD FROM THE HEART, INC.
Special Collection ~ November 7/8, 2026

The weekend of November 7/8 we will take up a Special Collection for Iroquois County's Food Basket Program, *Food from the Heart, Inc.*, which is planning on distributing 400 food baskets in time for Christmas.

The cost of the basket is approximately $50, but any amount of donation is appreciated. **Checks are made payable to *Food From the Heart, Inc.*** (NOT the Church) and **can be sent directly to them at 301 S. 4th Street, Watseka, IL, 60970**. Whatever cash we collect, St. Edmund's will write a check to them. Thank you!

Any donations by check that we collect at the Church WILL be sent directly to them, so these donations will NOT show up on year-end statement sent to parishioners.

REFERRAL FORMS: Referral forms, along with an envelope, will be on the table on the left side as you enter the Church for those in need who would like to be considered to receive a basket. Please place your filled out form in the envelope and place it in the basket that's provided on the table. **Forms must be returned to St. Edmund's by MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2026.** We will make sure that all forms get to where they belong.

Families already signed up for TOYS for TOTS do NOT have to fill out another application.

"For it is in giving that we receive."
St. Francis of Assisi

Iroquois Memorial Hospice

30th Annual Brunch & Silent Auction

Sunday, November 1, 2026
8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Watseka Community High School

Special Music at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Featuring Southern Gospel Singing Group
A Natural High

BUFFET MENU:
Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage, Egg & Potato Casserole, Bacon, Egg & Potato Casserole, Fruit, Donuts & Cinnamon Rolls

FREE-WILL DONATION TO BENEFIT THE IROQUOIS MEMORIAL HOSPICE MEMORIAL FUND

Silent Basket Auction
Features a variety of items donated by local businesses and community members.

Ford-Iroquois Deanery

FALL COFFEE

Saturday, November 7, 2026
St. Edmund Church
219 E. Locust St. ~ Watseka

Mass: 9:00 AM
Light Breakfast to Follow

Theme: Women in Faith
Guest Speaker: Fr. Mike Powell
Topic: Hannah and Her Sisters

RSVP by Oct. 30 to Colette Elliott
Phone: 815-471-5624
Email: cmelliott@stedwatseka.org

YEAR-END GIFT GIVING TO
ST. EDMUND'S or ST. JOSEPH'S

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can make contributions (up to $105,000) from your IRA to qualified charities tax-free. IRA distributions are typically federally taxed at your ordinary income tax rate. However, distributions are TAX-FREE if made payable directly to a qualified charity.

Please consider donating to St Edmund's or St. Joseph's directly from your IRA. It is a great way to support our parishes and provide tax savings for you! Consult your tax or investment advisor to determine the tax advantages for you and to authorize the distribution.

It is our hope that you prayerfully reflect on this and find St. Edmund's or St. Joseph's worthy of your gift. A gift to St. Edmund's or St. Joseph's is an investment in our future. Thank you!

"As I go about my daily routine, Lord, please open my eyes and my heart to see your glory. Remind me that you are in every detail of our lives, not matter how small or ordinary."

Teresa Tomeo
Walk Softly and Carry a Great Bag

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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St. Mary Website: www.stmaryschurchbeaverville.com

MASSES:	M-W-TH-F	7:30 AM
	SATURDAY	5:00 PM
	SUNDAY	8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS: Saturday, 4:30—4:50 PM or By Appointment

"Transforming the world in which we live by bringing the teachings of Jesus Christ to every living person."

ST. MARY CHURCH

308 ST. CHARLES STREET
BEAVERVILLE IL 60912
PHONE: 815-435-2432

MASS: Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

307 UNION STREET
CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

MASS: Sunday at 9:30 a.m.