

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

Mon.	10/21	7:30 AM	* Lloyd Eastburn by Our Parish Family
Tue.	10/22	NO MASS	
Wed.	10/23	7:30 AM 4:00 PM	* Russell Patnaude by Knights of Columbus Council 4391 * Deceased Members of our RE Staff by RE Staff
Thur.	10/24	7:30 AM	* Carole & Marshall Zepp by Christina Daszko
Fri.	10/25	7:30 AM	* Ed Sullivan by Knights of Columbus Council 4391
<b>Morning Mass...what a way to start the day!!</b>			
Sat.	10/26	5:00 PM	* Dorothy Rivecco by the Marsala Family
Sun.	10/27	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 4:30 PM	* Dave Harvey by Our Parish Family Our Parish Families Mass at St. Mary's

Weekly Target for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, October 12/13:	\$ 1,891.09
Online Giving:	\$ 210.00
<b>DEFICIT For the Week:</b>	<b>\$ (1,098.91)</b>
St. Joseph's Offering, Oct. 13:	\$ 2,245.00

## LAY MINISTERS for October 26/27, 2024

**SATURDAY, October 26, 5:00 PM**

Lector: Bill Jansen

Ushers: Doug & Patti Duffy

**SUNDAY, October 27, 8:00 AM**

Lector: RaDonna Hasselbring

Usher: Carol Houmes

Money Counters: Dick Arie & John Tonner

## PLEASE NOTE:

Deacon Lloyd Eastburn's Funeral Mass will be on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to the Mass.

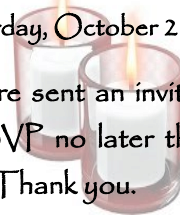
## Please pray for . . .

- Morgan Shoemaker
- Gary Cahoe

## MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Saturday, October 26, 2024

Those who were sent an invitation, please remember to **RSVP** no later than **Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Thank you.



## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Special Collection

**This Weekend - October 19/20, 2024**

*"We join Catholics worldwide in supporting the missionary work of the Church."*

## For Your Information....

- The sign-up sheets to provide Flowers for Mary's Altar in 2025 are now up in the vestibule.
- You can now get your 2025 Mass Intentions in to Colette at the Rectory.

## OCTOBER PEW COUNT

Let's **PACK THE PEWS** for our October count!

*Fr. Mike*

## Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time B

Mark 10:49—52

"Master, I want to see!"

- How am I blind, in my life, in my faith?
- For what do I cry out to Jesus?
- After Jesus shows me his love do I, like the cured blind man, "follow him on the way?"

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, you came that I may truly see things of this world and things of the next. Please send people into my life to let me know when you are passing by in my neighborhood and give me the courage to call out "Son of David, have pity on me!" Amen!

## Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- For those who, through water and the invocation of the Triune God, share in the Baptismal Priesthood,
- For those who, through the laying on of hands and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, share in the Apostolic Priesthood of Christ,
- For all who are blind in body, mind or spirit,
- For those who care for the blind and who research the causes and cures of eye disease,
- For the vision of faith that Bartimaeus brought to Jesus,
- For our parishioners who, like Bartimaeus, come before Jesus in prayer, may know his healing,
- For those who have died in Christ, that Jesus, the Son of David, may have pity on them,

*Let us pray to the Lord.*

## RE CONFIRMATION CLASS THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

In order to earn service hours as part of their requirements for Confirmation, our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be conducting a **Thanksgiving Food Drive** of non-perishable items that can be served as part of a Thanksgiving meal, from now until November 20<sup>th</sup>, when they will take the items collected to the Food Pantry and also tour the facility.

Please put your items in the box in the vestibule marked **Food Pantry** and they will be collected each Wednesday. Thank you!

## FOOD FROM THE HEART, INC.

Special Collection ~ November 2/3, 2024

The weekend of November 2/3 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. Fourth St.; Watseka, IL, 60970. THEY ASK THAT YOU AVOID SENDING CASH. Thank you!

Any donations we collect at Church will be sent directly to them, so these donations will NOT show up on year-end statements sent to parishioners.

## BOXES OF JOY

**PLEASE NOTE: All Filled Boxes of Joy must be returned no later than WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>.** They can be placed in the bin in the vestibule of the Church or dropped off at the Rectory during normal hours of operation (8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., M—F). Thank you!

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

If you are over 70 1/2, you can make contributions (up to \$100,000) 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!*

**Bishop Hicks' Column**  
**October 2024**  
*A prayer answered: Our New Auxiliary Bishop*

Sometimes I get the impression that many people view the Diocese of Joliet as a "small" diocese. Perhaps this is because we border the mammoth Archdiocese of Chicago. However, to refer to us as "small" is rather misleading and inaccurate.

The Joliet Diocese serves over half a million Catholics in a geographic area of 4,218 square miles throughout DuPage, Kane, Will, Grundy, Ford, Iroquois and Kendall counties. We are blessed with 117 parishes, 7 missions, 43 grade schools, 8 high schools, and 3 universities within our diocesan boundaries. To put the geographical size and scope into perspective, when I worked as Vicar General in the Archdiocese of Chicago, I put about 6,000 miles per year on my car visiting parishes, attending meetings, presiding at Masses and celebrating sacraments. Now, I average over 20,000 miles per year attending to the same essential ministries.

In a diocese as large as ours, there has been an unwritten understanding that we would always have an auxiliary bishop. An auxiliary bishop is a bishop who assists the diocesan bishop in the administration and pastoral care of the diocese. Over the years, we have been blessed with six auxiliary bishops, including Daniel W. Kucera, Daniel L. Ryan, Raymond J. Vonesh, Roger L. Kaffer, James E. Fitzgerald, and Joseph M. Siegal. Bishop Siegal departed from our diocese and was installed in the diocese of Evansville, Indiana, on December 15, 2017. Since that time, we here in the Diocese of Joliet have been patiently waiting, petitioning, and praying for a new auxiliary bishop.

On Friday, September 27, 2024, at 5:00 a.m. Central time, the Vatican announced that Pope Francis had appointed Rev. Dennis E. Spies as our new Auxiliary Bishop. Since that announcement, many people have asked me, "Who is Fr. Spies, and what is he like?"

Let me share some information. Bishop-elect Spies is 56 years old and is a native son of the Diocese of Joliet. He was raised on a farm in the small town of Ashkum, Illinois, and attended Assumption of the BVM Parish. He was ordained a priest in 2002 and has both a Master of Divinity degree and a Sacred Theology degree from the University of St. Mary of the Lake. Following ordination, he ministered in a variety of assignments including as parochial vicar at St. Walter's in Roselle and St. Mary Immaculate in Plainfield. He was pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes in Gibson City, St. George in Melvin, and Immaculate Conception in Roberts, as well as St. Liborius in Steger, Mother Teresa Catholic Academy in Crete, and St. Mary Parish in Park Forest. He also served on the faculty at Mundelein Seminary and is currently the Vicar for Clergy for the Diocese of Joliet.

Besides his impressive education and wide variety of assignments, there is a consistent narrative shared by most who know him: he is hardworking, prayerful, and "down to earth" with a very relatable manner. He loves God and has a true friendship with Jesus. He wants the best for the Church and for God's people and works toward these goals in a sincere and humble way.

The evening before the big announcement of his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop, Fr. Dennis told his mom, Rose Mary, that the next day she was going to hear some big news about him. Not knowing what this big news was all about, Rose Mary talked with the wife of her son's best friend. With the keen instincts only a mother has, she said, "I think my son is going to be named a bishop!" The friend disagreed. So, they made a friendly wager as they anticipated the news. Later, when it was revealed that Fr. Dennis was indeed being named a bishop, the friend handed \$20 to Rose Mary. Mom was right! However, when they both gleefully realized Fr. Dennis was actually staying within the Diocese of Joliet and not being relocated to another diocese, Rose Mary handed that same \$20 right back to her friend!

Many of us find ourselves appealing to God for something specific: a definite decision in a definite time frame with a definite outcome. Here within our Diocese, besides our fervent asks of God, we tried to guess and predict who, when, and where a new bishop might be named. Why, I found myself doing the same, as much as I entrusted God with the decision. Despite our prayers and good intentions, we all eventually come to realize we are not in control of any process, even within the Church. Like all junctures in life, we have to rely on God's providence and timing. Even a bishop needs to be reminded once in a while that God's wisdom and timetable will always prevail and will be eminently right.

I thank God for the appointment of a new auxiliary bishop. Not only will he be a tremendous support for me with Confirmations, Masses, events, and the multitude of pastoral and administrative responsibilities, but he will also be a great gift to the Diocese of Joliet.

Please join me in congratulating Bishop-elect Dennis Spies and thanking the Holy Father for this appointment as our new Auxiliary Bishop. With gratitude and anticipation of his ordination on November 6, 2024, in unison we ask God to bless our soon-to-be-Auxiliary Bishop, as we pray, "Come Holy Spirit."

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**St. Mary Website: [www.stmaryschurchbeaverville.com](http://www.stmaryschurchbeaverville.com)**

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

**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  
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**MASS: Sunday at 4:30 p.m.**

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

307 UNION STREET  
CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

**MASS: Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**