

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Mon.	11/6	7:30 AM	+ Fr. Rob Bernotas by Knights of Columbus Council 4391
Tue.	11/7	NO MASS	
Wed.	11/8	7:30 AM	+ Helen Bruens by the David & Pam Harvey Family
Thur.	11/9	7:30 AM	+ Joe Fordyce by Jim & Mary Jane LaFond
Fri.	11/10	7:30 AM	+ Ray Pollice by His Parish Family
Morning Mass....what a way to start the day!!			
Sat.	11/11	5:00 PM	+ Randy Roth by Paula Hodak
Sun.	11/12	8:00 AM	+ Ryan Rippe by Larry & Diane Buswell
		9:30 AM	Our Parish Families
		4:30 PM	Mass at St. Mary's

Weekly Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, October 28/29:	\$ 2,256.00
Online Giving:	\$ 409.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (535.00)
St. Joseph's Offering, October 29:	\$ 420.00

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Meeting Canceled**

The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus, which was scheduled for November 9th, has been canceled due to the ongoing work in the Church basement. Unfortunately, it's left a bigger mess than we had anticipated!

OCTOBER 2023 PEW COUNT (2022 PEW COUNT)

DATE	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	4:30 PM
9/30-10/1	72 (66)	80 (72)	45 (44)	79 (67)
7/8	79 (63)	94 (71)	53 (45)	84 (95)
14/15	81 (69)	82 (72)	56 (45)	84 (73)
21/22	70 (72)	95 (69)	53 (43)	84 (94)
28/29	94 (80)	78 (73)	55 (49)	84 (66)
TOTALS:	396	429	263	415
AVGS:	79	85	52	83

LAY MINISTERS for November 11/12, 2023

SATURDAY, November 11, 5:00 PM

Lector: Doug Duffy

Usher: Dick Arie

SUNDAY, November 12, 8:00 AM

Lector: Sara McTaggart

Usher: Gene Ochs

Money Counters: Bill Janssen & Kendra Martin

Please remember in prayer those called to eternal life. We extend our prayers and heartfelt sympathy to the friends and family of:

Kelly Jarvis, niece of Jan Dillman
and

Barbara Bohlmann, mother of Kevin (Kim) Bohlmann

My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.
Exodus 33:14

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
32nd Sunday Ordinary Time "A"
Matthew 25:1—13
"Stay awake, for you do not know the hour!"

- Do I live today as if it might be the final day of my life?
- Do I live today as if Christ will return in glory now?
- What do I need to better prepare spiritually in my life?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to live in a manner that readies me to welcome you when you return in glory. May I use whatever time you give me.... hours, days, weeks, years, decades.... to make sure your reception is splendidly ready for you. Amen!

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That God may grace those who lead his Church with unfailing wisdom and bless all those who seek the truth of Christ,
- That the people of God may faithfully wait for his coming, prepared to meet him at his arrival,
- That those who have rejected the Church or have drifted away from her, may return to their true home,
- That teachers of the faith may, by their words and actions, prudently pass on the wisdom of God to their students,
- That all in need, physical or spiritual, may know the concern of the Lord through the outreach of his holy people,
- That the concerns of our Parish brought forth in prayer may find love in the heart of Jesus,
- That those who have fallen asleep may be raised by the Lord and remain with him in eternity,
We pray to the Lord

EUCHRE PARTY

Our next Euchre Party will be on Thursday, November 9th from 1-3 p.m. at the Parish Center. Parishioners, as well as non-parishioners, are welcome! We gladly accept donations to our local Food Pantry, but are not a requirement in order to play. Dessert follows card play.

FOOD FROM THE HEART, INC.
Special Collection ~ November 4/5, 2023

This weekend we will take up a Special Collection for Iroquois County's Food Basket Program, *Food From the Heart, Inc.*

**I WILL GIVE YOU SHEPHERDS
Special Collection
November 11/12, 2024**

Support our future priests through the *I Will Give You Shepherds* campaign.

Priests are essential to our Catholic faith, as only these holy men can transform bread and wine into the life-giving Body and Blood of Christ. Although the number of priests has been on the decline for decades, the Diocese of Joliet has been blessed with an abundance of vocations to the priesthood.

Currently, our diocese has 21 men in seminary formation, which costs \$52,250 a year per seminarian. To ensure we are always able to support our seminarians both prayerfully and financially, the Diocese of Joliet has launched the *I Will Give You Shepherds* campaign.

At Masses next weekend, our parishes will take up a second collection for this campaign. Gifts will be invested in an endowment designated specifically for seminarian education.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this special collection. To learn more about this campaign, or to make a gift online, please go online to:
[Homepage - Giving - Diocese of Joliet \(dijoliet.org\)](http://Homepage - Giving - Diocese of Joliet (dijoliet.org))

ST. EDMUND CCW

St. Edmund's CCW will hold their next meeting on Monday, November 6th, at 6:30 p.m.

We will be having our meeting at the *Watseka Area Food Pantry* at the Methodist Church where we will hear about all that the Food Pantry does. **Please enter their Church basement through the door on the south side of the Church where the ramp is.**

We will enjoy our refreshments there and they will be provided by Mary Ann Kiefer and Mary Jane LaFond.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

St. Edmund Parish Center

- Every TUESDAY at 1:00 p.m.
- Every THURSDAY at 6:00 p.m.

Newcomers are always welcome!

ST. JOSEPH'S

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA PROJECT 2023

Crescent City's Committee for the *Wreaths Across America* Project is once again raising money to buy wreaths to place on all veteran's gravesites for Christmas at the following cemeteries: St. Peters, Flesher, Pierce, and Wilson. This year each wreath will cost \$17, but any amount of donation is greatly appreciated! The wreaths will be placed on the gravesites on Saturday, December 16th, after a brief ceremony by the Cissna Park American Legion, at the park in Cissna Park.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Wreaths must be PRE-PAID by NOVEMBER 15, 2023.
- Checks are made payable to: *Cissna Park American Legion*
- Forms and payments can be mailed to Richard Gocken; PO Box 111; Crescent City, IL, 60928 or Glen Mennenga; PO Box 247; Crescent City, IL, 60928.
- *Forms can be picked up from the bulletin board at the entrance of St. Joseph's Church.*

We thank everyone who donated last year....every gravesite got a wreath! For more information on this project go to wreathsassamerica.org or call Glen Mennenga at 309-660-6500.

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- MCSN (USN) **Justin McTaggart**, son of Kirk & Christine McTaggart

Please pray for . . .

- Tina Gooding
- Gary Cahoe

In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.

Job 12:10

YEAR-END GIFTING

If you are over 73, 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, St. Joseph's, or St. Mary'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.

A little pre-Halloween fun at class on October 25th!



All Souls' Day at Catholic Charities

All Souls' Day is a time to send special prayers for those who are no longer with us. At Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, we dedicate the month of November to remembering those we have lost.

Please consider honoring the spirit of a loved one (or the memory of a Catholic Charities client who has passed) by making a gift to Catholic Charities in their memory this month.

Your donation will help individuals and families who are living in poverty or those who are homeless, hungry, in despair or lonely, build a future of self-sufficiency and dignity.

To donate, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org, call 815-724-1140 or send a check to Catholic Charities at 16555 Weber Road; Crest Hill, IL, 60403 (please note "All Souls' " in the memo). Thank you!

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

219 EAST LOCUST STREET
WATSEKA IL 60970

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

Rectory: 815-432-3274 ~ Office Hours: 8 a.m.—12 p.m. M-F

Religious Education Office: 815-432-5569

St. Edmund/St. Joseph Website: www.stedstjoe.org

St. Mary Website: www.stmaryschurchbeaverville.com

MASSSES:	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.