

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Mon.	11/27	7:30 AM	+ Lee Ryan by Chris & Amy Curry and Family
Tue.	11/28	NO MASS	
Wed.	11/29	7:30 AM	+ Ray Pollice Birthday Remembrance by His Family
Thur.	11/30	7:30 AM	+ Jerome Manos by Knights of Columbus Council 4391
Fri.	12/1	7:30 AM	Grace Hardesty by Christine Ryan
Morning Mass....what a way to start the day!!			
Sat.	12/2	5:00 PM	+ Bill Dirks by Knights of Columbus Council 4391
Sun.	12/3	8:00 AM	+ Roger Cooke by Christina Daszko
		9:30 AM	Our Parish Families
		4:30 PM	Mass at St. Mary's

Weekly Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, Nov. 18/19:	\$ 2,259.00
Online Giving:	\$ 140.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (801.00)
St. Joseph's Offering, Nov. 19:	\$ 730.00

DATES TO REMEMBER IN DECEMBER...

1	First Friday: Benediction w/Adoration Following AM Mass
2/3	1st Sunday of Advent CCW Bake-Less Bake Sale Food Pantry
7	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Mass : 7 p.m. at St. Mary's
8	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Masses: 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at St. Edmund's
9/10	2nd Sunday of Advent Retirement Fund for Religious Special Collection
14	Euchre Party: 1-3 p.m. @ Parish Center Knights of Columbus Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
16/17	3rd Sunday Of Advent
20	Last RE Class for 2023
21	Individual Confessions: 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Individual Confessions: 7:00 p.m. First Day of Winter
24	4th Sunday of Advent
31	New Year's Eve

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS
Special Collection
DECEMBER 9/10, 2023

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
First Sunday of Lent "B"
Mark 13:33—37
"Be watchful and alert!"

- Am I ready for the return of the Lord?
- What am I called to do during this coming year?
- How can I "watch" for Jesus in my everyday life?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you have brought me to the start of a new year of Grace. Bless these coming holy seasons and make them a cause of spiritual growth and joy in my life. Amen!

The best way to keep CHRIST in Christmas is to keep MASS in Christmas!

The Year of the Gospel According to Mark

This liturgical year highlights the Gospel according to Mark in our Sunday readings. This Advent offers a timely opportunity to read through this shortest and probably oldest version of the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus.

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ may enrich us in every way,
- That despite our sinfulness, the Lord may rend the heavens and come to us,
- That the Lord may call more people to his service, and that they may be found awake and at work when he returns,
- That God may give us the strength and courage to remain steadfast in faith watching for his return in glory,
- That those who have left the Church of Christ may return with gladness to joyful service,
- That our parishioners, confident in faith, may bring their concerns to the Lord and receive divine hearing,
- That those who remained firm in faith in this life may be found irreproachable on the day of our Lord, Jesus Christ,

We pray to the Lord.

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR

There are still plenty of dates available for which to provide flowers for Mary's altar. Sign up soon if there is a special date you would like to commemorate in this way.

Notes From St. Joseph's....

- St. Joseph's 2024 Church Envelope Packets are available for pick-up in the entrance of the Church. Those who do not have envelopes, but would like to have a box, may sign up for one in entrance of the Church.
- St. Joseph's CCW would like to thank everyone who helped make last week's Bake Sale a success!
- A new baby changing station has been installed at St. Joseph's Church across from the restroom. A big THANK YOU to Ang and Aaron Taylor for making this possible.
- This past weekend at St. Joseph's, Soren Paul Riem was baptized. His proud parents are Jenna and Tyler Riem. Grandparents are Ang and Aaron Taylor and Great-Grandparents are Sharon and Bob Taylor.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 23—25

DATE	TIME	CHURCH
Sat. 12/23	5:00 PM	St. Edmund
Sun. 12/24	8:00 AM	St. Edmund
Sun. 12/24	9:30 AM	St. Joseph
Sun. 12/24	4:00 PM	St. Edmund
Sun. 12/24	7:00 PM	St. Mary
Mon. 12/25	8:00 AM	St. Edmund
Mon. 12/25	9:30 AM	St. Joseph

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—DECEMBER

3	The Martin Family
10	The Martin Family
17	St. Edmund
24	St. Edmund
31	St. Edmund



LAY MINISTERS for December 2/3, 2023

SATURDAY, December 2, 5:00 PM
Lector: Gene Ochs
Ushers: Mike & Jodi Schuler

SUNDAY, December 3, 8:00 AM
Lector: RaDonna Hasselbring
Ushers: Kyle & Brittany Cluver Family

Money Counters: Pat McTaggart & John Tonner

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

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

Please pray for . . .

- Tina Gooding
- Gary Cahoe

**St. Edmund CCW
BAKE-LESS BAKE SALE
December 2/3, 2023**

\$ Your generosity helps us to fund our annual scholarship, make a donation to the local, annual *Food From the Heart, Inc.* campaign, make a donation towards the local *Thanksgiving Bags*, provided by the Watseka Area Food Pantry, purchase our Christmas poinsettias, put on our Spring Banquet, pay expenses incurred for our funeral dinners, and various other small expenses throughout the year.

Please put your donations in an envelope marked *Bake Sale* and place it in the basket that will be at the entrance of the Church that weekend. **Checks are made payable to St. Edmund CCW.** Any amount of donation is greatly appreciated! **\$**

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

**St. Edmund Parish Center
Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.**

Are you searching for something more meaningful this Advent Season? Please consider joining our weekly Bible Study Group. Our new book starts with the First Sunday of Advent. Stop by the Parish Center this Tuesday at 1:00 and check it out. Newcomers are always welcome!

FREE FOR THE TAKING

St. Edmund's has the following 2 items to give away.

- One-half Bench (from Church pew) with the center piece on it
- One-half Bench (from Church pew) plain (no end piece and no center piece on it)

They can be picked up from the Church basement. Interested parties may contact Colette next week to check them out or pick them up.

"When challenges arise, trust in the Lord. He loves you more than you can imagine."

Patrick Madrid

150 Bible Verses Every Catholic Should Know

**SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY
2023 PROGRAMS**

- **Advent Retreat (Online Series):** Held via ZOOM the 4 Saturdays of Advent (**December 2, 9, 16 & 23**) from **9:30—11:30 a.m.** Cost for the series is \$10/session or \$35 for all 4 sessions.
- **Advent 1-Day Retreat:** Led by Sr. Linda Hatton, sscm and Frank Modica. Will be held at One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center on **Sunday, December 3rd**, from **8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.** The day begins with Mass; coffee and rolls will be served after Mass and lunch will be provided. Cost for the Retreat is \$35. **Registration deadline is Monday, November 27th.**
- **Advent Gospel Film Series (Online):** Facilitated by Sr. Myra Lambert, sscm, this series will be held on **December 3, 10, and 17** from **3:00—6:00 p.m.** Cost for the series is \$5/session.
- **Stations of the Cross—Evening of Reflection (Online):** Presented by Sr. Linda Hatton, sscm, this event will take place on **Wednesday, December 6th**, from **6:30—8:00 p.m.** There is no cost for this event, but free-will offerings will gladly be accepted.

Payments can be made by check, or credit card. Registrations cannot be confirmed until payment is received in full.

Checks may be mailed to:

Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary
Attn: Susan Amann
2041 W. State Route 113
Kankakee IL 60901

Please make checks payable to *Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary.*

For further information or to register, you can go to their website, www.sscm-usa.org, call Susan Amann at 708-790-8141, or online readers can click on the link below :

[Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary \(sscm-usa.org\)](http://www.sscm-usa.org)

EVENING BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Our Evening Bible Study Group, facilitated by Tracy Kelch and held on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. at the Parish Center, didn't seem to be working, so Tracy was wondering if those interested in an evening Bible Study would be more amenable to meeting on **Mondays at 6:00 p.m.** at the Parish Center. You can contact Tracy to let her know or you can call Colette at the Rectory and she can get your message to Tracy. Please let us know as soon as possible. Thank you!

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
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MASS: Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

**307 UNION STREET
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MASS: Sunday at 9:30 a.m.