



**CCD and Confirmation Schedule**  
**St Mary of the Woods, Princeville**

Sept 29th - Class  
Oct 6th — ProLife Sunday  
(10:30am Rosary in Church)  
Oct 13th — No Class—Columbus Day weekend  
Oct 20th — Class

**On this Priesthood  
Sunday  
Please pray for all our Priests  
and for those that are called  
to be priests.  
Happy Fathers Day to all the  
Priests**

**Have you given to the ADA?**

The 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal is now underway in our parish. Thank you to all who have already pledged to the appeal. Your gift supports ministries that help form our young people into disciples eager to share their faith with others. No gift is too small, and our parish is trying to reach 100% participation. If you have not given yet, please consider filling out a pledge card today and mail it to the Diocese or drop it in the collection basket. Addition pledge cards are in the pews. Every dollar raised over our goal will be returned to our parish to help us. .



**The goal for St. Joseph parish is \$25,391.08**  
**The goal for St. James parish is \$9,383.33**

Contributions can be made by check payable to the Catholic Diocese of Peoria, by a credit or debit card, by direct debit from checking or savings account or online at [www.cdop.org/ada](http://www.cdop.org/ada). Gifts of appreciated stock, grain, qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) or donor advised funds have special considerations and requirements. Contact 309-671-1550 for more information.

**Area Weekend Mass Times and Confessions  
Times**

**St. Mary of the Woods,  
Princeville**

Mass: Saturday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am  
Confessions: Sat 3-3:45pm Sun 8-8:45am

**St Dominic Wyoming**

Mass: Saturday 4:30pm Sunday 8:00am  
Confessions: 3:30pm

**If you attend Mass at another area church, you can  
drop your Sunday Collection envelope or check  
into their collection basket and it will be send to St  
Joseph/St. James Parish.**



**Now is a good time to pick up  
items for our next  
Box of Joy.**

This a good time to grab those sales to add to the boxes. The time to put our boxes together will be here before we know it. Thank you again for all that you did last year to make our Box of Joy a success.

**November 9th-10th**  
Included is the new updated list of suggested gift.  
Please note that there is changes in the "Do Not Pack" section.

**Save the Date**

**Clothing Exchange is sched-  
uled for  
Nov 15-16th at the  
Brimfield American Legion.**

**Drop off November 14th and  
the morning of the 15th.**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT from Bishop Louis Tylka**

We live in a challenging time for our nation and our world. As we have been preparing for the next election, heated rhetoric, partisan and divisive posturing, and even political violence have jolted our communities. The media has largely become an echo chamber for those who read, watch, or listen to them . And to a great extent, they do little more than insulate people in bubbles that harden the political divide and poison our relationships .

Families have difficulty coming together to share a meal out of fear of it devolving into political rancor instead of being an occasion of unity and grace amongst brothers and sisters. All of this is quite disturbing as we move toward an uncertain and unsettling future.

It is easy to push responsibility for the numerous difficulties we face today onto the current political climate. But I wonder if there is a more fundamental root cause of the breakdown of our ability to communicate with each other . A great deal of our communication now occurs through digital means - so much so that many people have great difficulty in setting down their devices when they sit around a table together. How often do we see teenagers sitting at a table looking at their cell phones without saying a word to one another; and it is not only teens! Furthermore, I would venture to say that we have all had experiences where a text or email was misinterpreted from what we really intended to communicate. Have we lost the ability to have a conversation? Take time to have a real conversation with someone— a dialogue, not a monologue: to create a space of openness where different views can be shared without jumping to a place of judgement or a dismissive attitude towards another .

I am sure that in the coming months, we all will feel pressures to get dragged into the hyper-partisan political discourse. Our nation and our communities need examples of people who elevate the conversation above that to which we have grown accustomed. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us in our individual efforts to maintain discourse that is marked by both civility and charity , and to engage one another in sincere dialogue. And let us pray for our nation in this perilous time.

Thank you for all the letters with nominations for the transitional council.

The transitional teams consist of 3 parishioners and their priest from each of the 4 parishes. We have met once with the teams from St. Dominic, Wyoming, St. John the Baptist, Bradford and St Mary of the woods, Princeville.

This entire transition is a two year process.  
The nominated transition team for St Joseph, Brimfield is  
Fr. Deo  
Dick Heinz  
Pauline Starling  
Heather Sutton

They have been reading the book From Christendom to Apostolic Mission from the University of Mary.

"Let the children come to me; ..." Are you being called to bring others to Christ and His Kingdom as a priest, sister or brother? Call Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck at (309) 671-1550, or e-mail: [fr\\_hilgenbrinck@cdop.org](mailto:fr_hilgenbrinck@cdop.org).