

St. Mary & St. Charles St. Mary & St. John Parishes

We Welcome You

We welcome you to our parishes. If you would like to become a member of one of our parishes, please contact the parish office (994-2526) Bloomington or (725-5595) Cassville to register. For those who are interested in becoming Catholic or returning to the Catholic faith, please contact the parish office.

Sacraments:

Pastorate Daily Mass Times

8:15 a.m.-St. Clement Church (Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri)

8:15 a.m.-St. Andrew Church (Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri)

8:15 a.m.-St. Charles Church (Tues, Wed)

8:15 a.m.-St. Mary Church, Bloomington (Thurs, Fri)

Reconciliation

Saturdays-

8:00-9:00 a.m. at St. Mary Church, Bloomington

8:00-9:00 a.m. at St. Clement Church, Lancaster

3:45-4:15p.m. at St. Charles Church, Cassville

4:00-4:45 p.m. at St. Clement Church, Lancaster

7:15-7:45 p.m. at St. Mary Church, Glen Haven

Baptism

May God bless our new parents! Please contact the parish office to schedule the baptism of your child and to attend a baptismal preparation session.

Marriage

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage! Please call the parish office at least six months before the wedding. One of the parties must be a practicing Catholic.

Anointing of the Sick

If someone is seriously ill, hospitalized, or is dying, please contact the Bloomington parish office immediately. Please call the parish office if there is someone who would like to be included in the Mass prayers.

Vocations

Please contact a parish office if you or someone you know would like to learn more about becoming a priest, brother, sister, deacon, or lay church minister.

Please pray for more vocations to the priesthood and all religious ministries!

Our Catholic School-Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

To register your child, please call Mrs. Kelly Copey at 608-994-2435 for St. Mary School or Mrs. Cheryl Junk at 608-725-5173 for St. Charles Montessori Education Program. St. Mary and St. Charles admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin.

Bulletin Notices - Please submit bulletin notices to the parish office (sunday7@tds.net) by Monday.

St. Charles Parish Office Hours (608) 725-5595

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.-noon
stchas@tds.net (Cheryl Junk)

St. Mary's Parish Office Hours (608) 994-2526

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

November 19, 2023



Catechism of the Catholic Church

2637 Thanksgiving characterizes the prayer of the Church which, in celebrating the Eucharist, reveals and becomes more fully what she is. Indeed, in the work of salvation, Christ sets creation free from sin and death to consecrate it anew and make it return to the Father, for his glory. The thanksgiving of the members of the Body participates in that of their Head.

Rev. Stephen Brunner

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Rev. Mark Miller

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Rev. Sudhakar Reddy Devarapu

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Our parish website: swwicatholicparishes.com

Liturgy Schedule

Sat.	11/18	8:00-9:00 AM Adoration (Bloomington)
	4:30 PM	LeRoy & Patricia Schauff, and Jacob, Frances, and Brian Adrian (Cassville)
	8:00 PM	Ed O'Connell (Glen Haven)
Sun.	11/19	8:00 AM Pro Populo (Patch Grove)
	10:00 AM	Living and deceased members of the Clarence & Margaret Gotto family (Bloomington)
Mon.	11/20	8:15 AM No Mass
Tues.	11/21	8:15 AM Joyce Adrian (Cassville)
Wed.	11/22	8:15 AM Fr. Roger Nilles (Cassville)
	8:45 AM	Adoration (Cassville)
Thurs.	11/23	8:15 AM No Mass (Bloomington)
Fri.	11/24	8:15 AM No Mass (Bloomington)
Sat.	11/25	8:00-9:00 AM Adoration (Bloomington)
	4:30 PM	Deceased members of the Bink & Edith Bausch family (Cassville)
	8:00 PM	Pro Populo (Glen Haven)
Sun.	11/26	8:00 AM James & Mildred Sprosty (Patch Grove)
	10:00 AM	Oscar & Coletta Wegmann (Bloomington)



Happy Thanksgiving

Each Thanksgiving, we are called to reflect with gratitude on the many blessings we have received as a people of God. We are called to live lives of gratitude and thanksgiving. We give thanks to God foremost and always because everything that we have ultimately comes from God.

We thank God for the good harvest and the other blessings we have received this year. We absolutely thank God for our lives, for our family members and friends, and for all the new people who were born into this world.

We are thankful to God for Fr. Steve, Fr. Mark and Fr. Sudhakar. We are grateful for their vocation to the Holy Priesthood of Christ. We especially thank everyone who helps to keep our parishes running smoothly so we can provide spiritual places to gather and share God's word and love.

We thank our staff for their work so our parishes can operate and we can care for our parish members. We thank the staff and teachers at our schools for their dedicated service and commitment to our students and Catholic education. We are grateful to our religious education teachers for selflessly sharing the Catholic faith with the next generation. We thank our wonderful musicians who lead us in song every weekend and all of the volunteers who help with Mass and numerous things in our parishes. There are many who work hard for little or no financial compensation and do the work of Christ in our parishes. Finally, a HUGE thank all of you who join us to celebrate the sacraments and who support our parishes.

May God bless you and keep you always.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Scripture for the week of November 20, 2023

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44
 Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40
 Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service

The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service with our neighbors in the United Methodist Church is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 21, at 7:00p.m. at the Bloomington Methodist Church.**



No Thanksgiving Day Masses

There are no Masses for Thanksgiving Day, November 23 or for November 24 in the Pastorate.

November 25 & 26 Weekend Mass Schedule

Fr. Steve - Saturday 4:30 p.m. at Cassville and Sunday 8:00 a.m. at Potosi & 10:00 a.m. at Tennyson
Fr. Mark - Saturday 5:00 p.m. at Lancaster and Sunday 9:00 a.m. at Lancaster
Fr. Sudhakar - Sat. 8:00 p.m. at Glen Haven and Sunday 8:00 a.m. at Patch Grove & 10:00 a.m. at Bloomington

Enjoy Two Great Breakfasts

St. Mary's Breakfast with Santa is next Sunday, Nov. 26 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. The breakfast will feature French toast, scrambled eggs, whole hog sausage, cinnamon roll, and beverage. Carry-outs will also be available. There will also be a cookie and candy sale, crafters, children's raffle and Adopt-a Family.

Then on Sunday, December 3, you can attend a special 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Charles Church and then enjoy the Advent Breakfast at St. Charles School from 9:00-11:00 a.m. There will also be a raffle.

Where Are We in the Process of Into the Deep?

Dear Parishioners of Pastorate #1:

I want to take this time to thank all of our church finance councils for meeting with me in the month of October. As a result of our meetings, I have been able to gain a better understanding of the financial position of our 7 churches at this time. Canon Law says that the parochial administrator/pastor should issue a report at least once a year to provide a financial summary to the parish. This allows parishioners to see how money is being taken in and spent. This weekend, I have published a financial report for each of our 7 churches – technically, I have issued 6 financial reports since Ss. Andrew-Thomas shares their resources already. This brochure is at the back of the church and is meant to provide you with a summary of your church's financial performance from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

In this month of November, I am going to focus on our pastoral councils and meet with them before the month is over. In our meetings, I will ask them to nominate a person to participate in the Transition Team that is being assembled. The Transition Team will be a team of parishioners selected from the 7 churches whom I will consult with in order to better answer questions related to the merging our 7 churches. For example, the Transition Team will assist me in answering the question: How shall we determine a new name for our parish?

The Transition Team will ensure that every church has a voice as we become more organized as a pastorate, and that my leadership can be properly informed by your advice. Pastoral council meetings will be posted in the bulletin in the next few weeks as we find the best dates and times to meet.

I look forward to this next step in the process, and I continue to pray for your faithfulness to Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,
 Fr. Steve Brunner



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

The 5th - 8th graders are learning about the "Communion of Saints" - how we are all connected with Jesus and each other - whether we have died or are still alive. They have talked about the Church Triumphant - souls in heaven, Church Suffering - souls in Purgatory, and Church Militant - souls and bodies on earth. We will be talking about how the good we do affects all levels; how the saints and angels help us and how we can help the Holy Souls with our prayers and good works.

We will have a prayer service on Tuesday, November 21 at the church at 8:15 a.m. Mrs. Drew is fixing a special Thanksgiving meal for the students that day.

The staff and students pray that everyone has an enjoyable and relaxing Thanksgiving with family and friends.

SCRIP: SCRIP has many cards in stock to complete your fall projects. Many local businesses provide SCRIP gift certificates for this fundraiser for our school. Scrip is available at school and also at Economy Feed Mill or if you have a special order you may call Molly Breuer, the Scrip Coordinator, at 563-608-5734.



Breakfast with Santa

St. Mary's Breakfast with Santa will take place on Sunday, November 26. Please share the date with your family and friends so they can attend this fun family events and enjoy the yummy breakfast, craft show and lots of delicious Christmas cookies. Please call St. Mary's School 994-2435 for more information.

All St. Mary's fabulous bakers are very welcome to donate cookies and candy for Breakfast with Santa. Monetary donations would also be appreciate.

Please drop your cookies or candy by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 25.



Help Needed With Snow Removal

Unfortunately, winter is just around the corner and with it snow. **We are in need of someone(s) to keep St. Mary's Church steps and sidewalks clear of snow and ice this winter. Please contact the parish office at 994-2526 for more information about this paid position.**



2023 HARVEST FUND

It's harvest time again which means St. Mary's Harvest Fund has started. We are very gratefully to the families who have given donations totaling \$14,930.00 so far. We hope all of our parish members will be able to share their bounty and blessings to help with fall and winter expenses for the parish. We appreciate all contributions large or small and thank the many generous parishioners for their continued support.

Goal:	
\$50,000	
\$45,000	
\$40,000	
\$35,000	
\$30,000	
\$25,000	
\$20,000	
\$15,000	
\$10,000	
\$5,000	
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St. Mary Parish Council

President: Melanie Mergen
 Members: Rose Bierman, Janet Patterson, RJ Osterhaus, Len Pritchett, Bill Mezera, Gary Mumm, Paul Wegmann

St. John Parish Council

Members: Cindy Morgan, Leo Breuer, Ray Breuer, McKenzie Stagman, Kayla Needham



Family Faith Formation

The next class will be held at St. Mary School, Bloomington on Wed., December 13 at 6:45 p.m.

St. John's CCW News

Ladies, please remember to take home your pans and dishes that are in the church basement.

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's & St. John's

Masses intentions for loved ones to be said during 2024 may be scheduled during November and December. The stipend is \$10.00 per Mass, and we ask each registered family to scheduled **two Masses** (only one on a weekend). We are hoping by doing this we will be able to allow families to request Masses for newly deceased loved ones.

To schedule Masses, you may send a note listing possible Mass dates and the name of the person(s) the Masses are being requested for. You may also call (608-994-2526) the Bloomington Parish Office from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Monday-Friday to schedule Mass intentions.

Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, the head of the household repeatedly invites others to share in his joy. Similarly, we are repeatedly invited to share in God's joy. God created the world and us and proclaimed it all good. Let us share in God's joy. God raised the Son to new life, bringing salvation to the many. Let us share in God's joy. God invites us all to eternal life. Let us share in God's joy. As we share this Eucharistic feast. Let us share God's joy.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Mary's Collections for the period ending November 10, 2023

Church Support.....	\$2,825.00
Offertory.....	\$256.00
Harvest Fund.....	\$1,810.00
Proceeds from Ladies Night Out.....	\$1,729.00
St. John's Reimbursement for Expenses.....	\$2,207.47
3K Program Fees.....	\$288.00

St. Mary's families are asked to generously contribute toward the support of parish expenses. Single members are asked to contribute \$500.00 and family are asked to contribute 1,000.00. Families are also asked to contribute \$300.00 for the Harvest Funds and single members are asked to donate \$150.00.

St. John's Collections for the week ending on November 10, 2023

Church Support.....	\$715.00
Offertory.....	\$159.00
Votive Candles.....	\$36.00

St. John's families are asked to generously contribution toward the support of parish expenses.

St. John's Ministry Schedule for November 26, 2023

	8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
Lector:	Barb Stagman
Communion:	Mike McCabe
Ushers:	Tom Breuer, Charlie Martin
Servers:	Katie Tolle, Avery Needham

St. Mary Ministry Schedule for November 26, 2023

	10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
Lector:	Pat Casey
Communion:	Sue Gotto
Sacristans:	Pat Casey
Gifts:	Dave & Ione Meoska
Ushers:	Jeff Myhre, Ken Kluesner
Server:	Alan Hernandez, Jovie Kruger



Special Mass & Advent Breakfast on December 3

Mark your calendars! There will be a special 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Charles Church on Sunday, December 3. After Mass you will be able to enjoy the delicious Advent Breakfast from 9-11:00 a.m.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the breakfast, in the kitchen and dining room as well as selling tickets. If you are interested, please contact Angela Adams at 608-794-2107.

The Advent Breakfast is looking for Donations for the Raffle. Anyone who has a donation, please contact Angela at 794-2107.

Family Faith Formation Classes

The next class will be held at St. Mary School, Bloomington on Wed., December 13 at 6:45 p.m.

Mass Intentions

Please contact Cheryl at the St. Charles Parish office at 608-725-5595 to schedule a Mass at St. Charles or St. Mary Help of Christians Church the rest of 2023 and for 2024.

St. Charles Catholic Montessori Early Education Program

If you have questions or if you would like to register your child, please contact Cassie Okey at cassie.okey@stcharlescassville.org.

Catholic Question & Answer

Question: When should someone receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick? Is it for when someone is near death?
Answer: One of the unfortunate realities in the Church today is that so few people understand the meaning and value of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, largely because so many people still mistakenly think of this sacrament as “Last Rites” or “Extreme Unction.”

In his life and ministry, Jesus healed the sick. In this sacrament, the Church continues the healing mission of Jesus and, in hope, prays that God will grant healing to the person who is suffering. But even if there is no physical healing, the sacrament offers spiritual healing through the Holy Spirit’s gifts of peace and courage. And so, anyone who is living with serious illness (including emotional or psychological illness) and the elderly are encouraged to celebrate this sacrament when it is needed.

The ritual for Anointing of the Sick does also include special prayers and blessings for those who are facing death, including viaticum (communion given to the dying, trusting that the Lord Jesus will be their companion along the way, as they make their final journey).

St. Charles Parish Council

President: Denny Uppena
 Members: Judy Adrian, Suzanne Brinkman, Agnes Hughes, Isaac Okey, Gina Kartman, Cliff Tennesen, Joe Uppena

St. Mary Help of Christians Parish Council

President: Joe Breuer
 Members: Ed Breuer, Sue Kuenster, Tracy Walz, John Smith, Doug White



Reflection

“Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.” - MATTHEW 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us. He doesn’t want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.



St. Hubert, Patron Saint of Hunters

Born around 705 A.D to a noble family, Hubert had the freedom and wealth do as he pleased, and what pleased him most was hunting. But after his wife died, hunting became an obsession for him. Hubert devoted nearly all his time to the sport. What he didn’t know, however, was that God was pursuing him.

One Good Friday as the faithful venture to church, Hubert was not among them. He had no time for pious devotions. He was in the woods hunting a magnificent stag. Hubert was closing in when, without warning, the stag turned and looked directly at him. Suspended between its majestic antlers was a glowing crucifix. Hubert was dumbfounded. A voice from heaven boomed, *“Hubert, unless thou turnest to the Lord, and leadest an holy life, thou shalt quickly go down into hell.”* Deeply moved, Hubert asked what he must do. He was instructed to go seek Lambert, the holy bishop of his diocese, to learn what God required of him.

The vision was the beginning of a profound conversion that led Hubert to renounce his wealth and titles, study for the priesthood, and ultimately to be consecrated a bishop. As a bishop, Hubert was known for his great holiness, and especially for his daring evangelization of the rather dangerous pagans who lived in the Ardennes forest. His zealous missionary efforts earned him the reputation of being a skillful “hunter of souls.”

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Charles, Cassville for November 4, 2023

Church Support.....\$ 1,773.00
 Offertory.....\$155.00
 International Combined Collection.....\$5.00
 Flowers.....\$40.00

St. Charles suggested giving is \$1,400.00 a year for a married couple and \$700.00 a year for a single household.

St. Mary’s, Glen Haven for November 11, 2023

Church Support.....\$NA
 Offertory.....\$NA

The bulletin had to be sent to the printer before the weekend Masses.

St. Charles’ Ministry Schedule

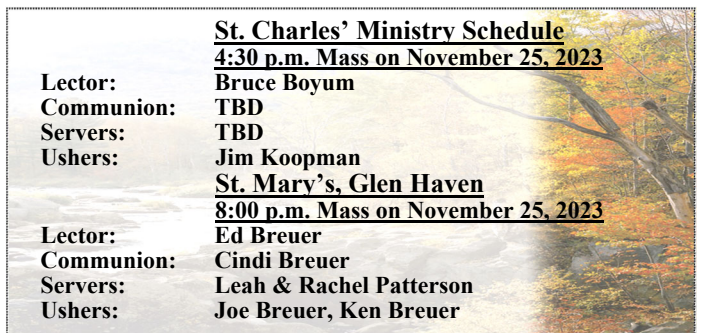
4:30 p.m. Mass on November 25, 2023

Lector: Bruce Boyum
 Communion: TBD
 Servers: TBD
 Ushers: Jim Koopman

St. Mary’s, Glen Haven

8:00 p.m. Mass on November 25, 2023

Lector: Ed Breuer
 Communion: Cindi Breuer
 Servers: Leah & Rachel Patterson
 Ushers: Joe Breuer, Ken Breuer





Celebrate Life

-Once that living love is destroyed by contraception, abortion follows easily... And abortion, which often follows from contraception, brings a people to be spiritually poor, and that is the worst poverty and the most difficult to overcome. -St. Teresa of Calcutta

Life Begins at Conception!

At 18 days a baby's heart begins to beat and by the 43rd day after conception a baby's brain is coordinating movements. All of a baby's organs are functioning at 8 weeks and a baby can smile, suck his/her thumb and make a fist by 12 weeks.

Help is Available

If you need support for an unplanned pregnancy, please contact the Clarity Clinic of SW Wisconsin at 608-348-5787 or email at clientservices@claritywi.com or the Women's Care Center in Madison, WI at 608-241-8100. For more information on pro-life issues, visit www.WisconsinRightToLife.org.



Clarity Clinic Baby Bottles & Diapers

If anyone still has a Baby Bottle from the Clarity Clinic fundraiser, please return it to a parish office. They would like to have all of the bottles back before the end of the year.

Also, they are in need of size 4 baby diapers for families with little ones. Diapers may be placed in the box at the back of St. Mary's Church or dropped off at the parish office in Bloomington.

St. Catherine Ministry: We are here to support families through miscarriage

St. Catherine Ministry is here to accompany anyone who has received the sad news of a miscarriage. From providing miscarriage kits to referring for burial sites to crying with you, we want to help because we have been there, too. It's as simple as contacting St. Catherine Ministry director Laura Karlen at ljkarlen@hotmail.com or 608-445-2064.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Let us appreciate our spouses by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Dec. 2-3 in Madison, WI; Feb. 9-11, 2024 in Geneva, IL or April 27-28, 2024 in Mundelein, IL. For more info go to: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

Cassville AA and Al-Anon Meetings

The AA meetings are every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building in Cassville.

The National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline-

Call, text or chat 988 to reach a trained counselor. These trained counselors will listen, understand how problems are affecting a person, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary. **There is help specifically for farmers.**



MEETINGS

- *Nov. 21-St. Charles Parish Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- *Nov. 28-Ss. Andrew-Thomas Parish Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- *Nov. 29-St. Clement Parish Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- *Nov. 30-St. Mary Help of Christians Parish Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- *January 16, 2024-Knights of Columbus #4416 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary Church, Bloomington

EVENTS

- *November 26-Breakfast with Santa at St. Mary School
- *December 3- St. Charles Advent Breakfast
- *December 3- Solemn Choral Vespers and Benediction at 4:00 p.m. at Holy Name Oratory, Madison
- *December 10-Bishop Donald Hying at St. Mary Church, Bloomington for an evening program
- *December 12- St. John's Food Pantry 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- *December 17-Diocesan Choir and Chamber Orchestra performance *A Service of Lessons and Carols*, Madison
- *December 18-St. Mary's Christmas Program



Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross will be holding a **Blood Drive at St. Mary School on Monday, November 20 from 11:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.** Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to schedule your time to donate blood.



Holiday Grief Gathering

We would like to invite all who have lost loved ones this last year to a **Holiday Grief Gathering that will be held at St. Clement Church, Lancaster on Thursday, November 30, from 6:00-8:00p.m.** For more information, please contact Bill Manthe at St. Clement Parish, or Marcia Hampton.



Planning Continues for Operation Santa Claus in the River Ridge Area

Members of the West Grant Lions Club, which sponsors Operation Santa Claus in the River Ridge area, are continuing to work on planning which includes the ordering of food items and arranging for delivering people in the communities and surrounding areas served by the club. This includes the Bagley, Bloomington, Glen Haven, Mount Hope, and Patch Grove areas.

If you have any nonperishable food items (especially canned goods) please bring them to one of the collection places in Bloomington. Items can be left at Bloomington Monuments on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and at the lobby entrance to the Bloomington Public Library (which is also the entrance to the Village office) on any week day and also any Saturday morning. The Lions Club cannot distribute home canned foods or home baked items.

Money donations for Operation Santa Claus are still needed and may be mailed to the West Grant Lions Club Treasurer, Joe Gates, P. O. Box 142, Bloomington, WI 53804. Be sure to make checks out to the West Grant Lions Club. The deadline for making money donations is December 1.

Some of the members of the River Ridge Leos Club will be helping with the loading of food boxes and some will accompany Lions members and volunteers who are making food deliveries.