

# NOVEMBER 29, 2015

Mon.	11/30	7:30 AM	Doris Duensing by Betty Volden
Tue.	12/1	NO MASS	
Wed.	12/2	NO MASS	
Thurs.	12/3	7:30 AM	Grace Hardesty Birthday by M/M Richard Ryan
Fri.	12/4	7:30 AM	Ryan Taylor by Phyllis Tonner
Sat.	12/5	5:00 PM	Landon Miller 1st Anniversary Remembrance by K of C Council #4391
Sun.	12/6	7:30 AM	Jim Butler by Ira & Mary Claire
		9:00 AM	Frank & Geraldine Langellier by Their Family
		10:30 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's



## DATES TO REMEMBER IN DECEMBER. . .

- 3 Finance Council Meeting: 6:30 p.m.  
Parish Council Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
- 4 First Friday: Adoration for 1/2 hour following 7:30 Mass w/ Benediction @ 8:00
- 5/6 Food Pantry  
CCW Bake Sale
- 6 Second Sunday of Advent
- 8 Immaculate Conception of Mary
- 9 First Reconciliation: 2nd Grade Class
- 10 Euchre Party: 1 p.m. @ Parish Center  
Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
- 12/13 Retirement Fund for Religious DOJ Collection
- 13 Third Sunday of Advent
- 16 Individual Confessions: 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.  
Penance Service: 7 p.m.
- 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Church Decorating after 10:30 Mass
- 24 CHRISTMAS EVE: Masses at 4 & 6 p.m.
- 25 CHRISTMAS: Masses at 9 a.m. (St. Joseph's) & 10:30 a.m. (St. Edmund's)
- 31 New Year's Eve: Mass at 5 p.m.
- Jan. 1 New Year's Day: Mass at 10:30 a.m.

## FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—DECEMBER

6	The Martin Family
13	The Martin Family
20	St. Edmund
27	St. Edmund



Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:  
2nd Sunday of Advent  
Luke 3:1-6  
*"Prepare the way of the Lord!"*

- How can I better "make straight" the path of the Lord into my life?
- I have received baptism for the forgiveness of sins, how have I been living out that baptism in my life of late?
- Is my preparation for Christmas fun and spiritual at the same time?

Prayer: God the Father of my Lord Jesus Christ, help me to prepare the way for your Son to enter more deeply into my home and family during this season of preparation for the feast of Christmas. Amen!

## LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

December 5/6	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Dick Arie	Julie Schippert	Ericka Clark
SERVERS	Kaitlyn & Conner Bell	Will Lyznicki	A. Haskins & K. Jaworski
COMMUNION	Patti Duffy	Ira Claire	Steve Westrick
HOSPITALITY	John Gooding Family	M/M Corey McTaggart M/M Nathan McTaggart	Sheila Harman; Linda Hunt Jami Harwood

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, Nov. 21/22, 2015:	\$ 2,272.00
<b>DEFICIT For the Week:</b>	<b>\$ (928.00)</b>
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Roof Fund Donations Nov. 21/22, 2015:	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Roof Fund Donations:</b>	<b>\$ 152,114.00</b>
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St. Joseph's Offering Sunday, November 22, 2015:	\$ 439.00

### FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

Our Finance Council will meet on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center.

Our Parish Council will meet on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center.

### ST. EDMUND CCW

- Our **BAKE SALE** is next weekend, December 5/6, **AFTER ALL MASSES**. Please bring your baked goods to the basement at whatever Mass you attend. If you are unable to bring a baked good or purchase a baked good, free-will donations will also be accepted. *Thank you.*
- You can still get your donation in to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one. Just put your donation in an envelope with the name of your loved one, mark the envelope **CCW Christmas Poinsettia** and place it in the collection basket. **Checks are to be made payable to St. Edmund CCW.** *Thank you.*

The new 2016 *Flowers for Mary* sign-up sheets are now up on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the Church. Please sign up early if you have a special date you would like to provide flowers for Mary's Altar.

You may also get your 2016 Mass requests in to Colette at the Rectory, 815-432-3274.

*How can we be merciful like the Father in this First Week of Advent?* The Collect (opening prayer at Mass) asks God to give us the resolve to run forth to meet Christ. So, we begin this new Church year running once more to be with Christ who is coming to us. At this meeting, let us be found doing works of mercy. The *Spiritual Works of Mercy* are: counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing the sinner, comforting the sorrowful, forgiving injuries, bearing wrongs patiently, and praying for the living and dead.

- Who needs mercy this week?
- What righteous deed of mercy will I do?

Our Christmas and New Year's Mass schedule is as follows:

Thursday	December 24	4:00 & 6:00 p.m.
Friday	December 25	9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Thursday	December 31	5:00 p.m.
Friday	January 1, 2016	10:30 a.m.

On Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, Individual Confessions will be heard from 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. There will also be a Penance Service that evening at 7 p.m.

**Please pray for our Service Members . . .**

- Sr. Airman Thomas Westrick, son of Steve & Sharon Westrick
- AFC Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- Hm3 Richard Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- Sgt. Erik Shepherd, son-in-law of Michelle Hastings
- Sgt. Allison Shepherd, daughter of Michelle Hastings
- Lance Corporal Samuel Gross, grandson of Linda Hunt
- Sr. Airman Rorie Sorensen, granddaughter of Mary Sorensen

**Please pray for . . .**

- Francis Melson

**From the Diocese . . .**

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends:** Upcoming *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends* are: **December 11-13, 2015, February 12-14, 2016 and April 8-10, 2016** at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call **Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778** or contact them at <http://wwwme-chicagoland.org>.

**Joyful Again! (A Widowed Ministry):** The next *Joyful Again Widowed Retreats/Workshops* in 2016 will be: **January 16/17 and March 5/6**, at Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer in Lemont.

To register or for more information, call **708-354-7211** or email them at [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com). Visit their website at [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org). Space is limited so please register early.

**OPENING OF THE HOLY DOOR TO BEGIN THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY**

All the faithful are invited to attend the **5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** at the **Cathedral of St. Raymond** in Joliet. This liturgy will be our diocesan initiation of the *Holy Year of Mercy*. Prior to the beginning of Mass, Bishop Conlon will open the Cathedral's Holy Door, our local way of joining with Pope Francis as he opens the Holy Doors in Rome. Let us enter into this Holy Year in joyful celebration of God's extravagant love and mercy. May our own carrying out of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy make present God's tender mercy.

**ADVENT DAY RETREAT**

This *Advent Day Retreat* is a day retreat open to BOTH WOMEN & MEN who desire to enrich their spiritual growth during the Advent Season.

**SPONSORED BY:** Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary  
**WHERE:** One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center in Kankakee  
**WHEN:** Saturday, December 5; 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. (Registration deadline is Wednesday, December 2.)  
**COST:** \$20/person (Lunch is provided)  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:** Call Sister Mary Stella at 815-935-0800, M-F.

**One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center  
 A TIME OF PRAYER  
 "Listening Prayer"**

**WHEN:** Thursday, December 10, from 9 a.m.—12 p.m.  
**SPONSORED BY:** Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary  
**PRESENTERS:** Sister Loretta Finn, SSCM & Sister Anne Jaeger, SSCM  
**COST:** \$5, if possible. If not, come anyway.  
**TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Call 815-935-0800 or just stop by.

*Treat Yourself to a Time of Prayer*

**DECEMBER'S** items needed for the **WATSEKA AREA FOOD PANTRY** are: **Pie Fillings, Canned Pumpkin, Cake Mixes & Brownie Mixes.** These are only suggestions...any items with current dates are welcome. *Thank you.*

**DECEMBER'S** items needed for **HARBOR HOUSE** are: **Canned Soup, Canned Pastas, Spaghetti, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Fruit.** Paper Products of any kind are always welcome. *Thank you.*

**MONEY COUNTERS FOR DECEMBER ARE:**

6	Julie Schippert & Bette Maxheimer
13	Sam Ochs & Barb Mayotte
20	Julie Arseneau & Nick Harvey
27	Pat McTaggart & Bill Janssen

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**Religious Education Office: 815-432-5569**  
**Website: www.stedstjoe.org**

**MASSES:** M-W-TH-F 7:30 AM  
 SATURDAY 5:00 PM  
 SUNDAY 7:30 & 10:30 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. JOSEPH CHURCH**

(A mission of St. Edmund Church)  
 307 UNION STREET  
 CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

**PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell**

**MASS: SUNDAY 9:00 AM**