

*From the Diocese . . .*

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends:** The next *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends* in 2015 will be **October 16-18** or **December 11-13** 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* will be:

- **October 24/25** at Nazareth Retreat House, 717 N. Batavia Avenue, Batavia.
- **November 14/15** at Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer, Lemont
- **Jan. 16/17, 2016** at Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer, 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.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet Presents  
**CREATING YOUR OWN BUCKET LIST**  
September 25, 2015 ~ 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
St. Edmund Parish Center

Are there things in your life that you've wanted to accomplish but haven't? Are there personal goals that would bring you joy and fulfillment, but are always put on the back burner because "life happens?" Do you say things like, "I'll get to that someday," or "When things slow down I'd like to try that?" If you've answered "yes" to these questions, then you need to work on your bucket list. A bucket list is simply a list of things you'd like to do in your lifetime. The point of a bucket list is to help you live your life to the fullest. So come and learn how to create your own bucket list and set exciting goals to pursue your interests and fulfill your dreams.

People of any faith are welcome to attend this presentation, so feel free to bring a friend, relative, co-worker, etc. There is no cost to attend.

*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
- PFC Allison Shepherd, daughter of Michelle Hastings
- Lance Corporal Samuel Gross, grandson of Linda Hunt

*Please pray for . . .*

- Francis Melson
- Our catechists, that they may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim
- Those refugees from foreign countries dangerously risking their lives so that they may have a better life
- Those battling cancer and those recently diagnosed whose battle is just beginning

"May the stars carry your sadness away,  
May the flowers fill your heart with beauty,  
May hope forever wipe away your tears,  
And, above all,  
May silence make you strong."

*Chief Dan George*

**St. Mary's Church ~ Beaverville, IL**  
**19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FOUNDER'S DAY**  
**Sunday, September 13, 2015**

On Sunday, September 13, St. Mary's Church in Beaverville will hold their Annual Founder's Day celebration. The day will begin at 8 a.m. with a Tractor Drive & Show and will end at 4:30 p.m. with the Raffle Drawings. Mass at St. Mary's Church will be at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served between 11 a.m.—3 p.m. At 2:30 p.m. *St. Mary's Got Vocal Talent* will be held inside the Church. Entry forms and rules can be found at: [www.stmaryschurchbeaverville.com](http://www.stmaryschurchbeaverville.com).

There will be all kinds of fun and entertaining things to do for young and old! Check out the flyer posted in the vestibule of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's.

# 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  
Website: [www.stedstjoe.org](http://www.stedstjoe.org)

<b>MASSES:</b>	<b>M-W-TH-F</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>7:30 &amp; 10:30 AM</b>

**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**

# SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2015



Mon.	9/7	7:30 AM	Teresa Hegstrom by Her Family
Tue.	9/8	NO MASS	
Wed.	9/9	NO MASS	
Thur.	9/10	7:30 AM	Lloyd Boone by Knights of Columbus Council #4391
Fri.	9/11	7:30 AM	Conner McTaggart by Knights of Columbus Council #4391
Sat.	9/12	5:00 PM	Jim Butler by Linda Hunt
Sun.	9/13	7:30 AM	Richard Cailteux by Myron & Linda Cailteux
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Jane Chapman by Tom & Patty Suiter

**Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:**  
 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time "B"  
 Mark 8:27:35  
 "You are the Christ."

- How can I, by word and example, echo Peter's profession that Jesus is the Christ?
- Am I willing to take up the crosses in my life and lovingly follow Jesus?
- Peter rebuked Jesus when he heard what being the Christ meant, do I ever try to get in Jesus' way?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, you are the Christ who came into my world and suffered for me. Help me to think as you think and act as you act. Strengthen me to take up the challenges of this life and follow you faithfully to the next. Amen!

<b>Weekly Parish Need for Operation:</b>	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering August 29/30, 2015:	\$ 2,492.00
<b>DEFICIT For the Week:</b>	\$ (708.00)
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Roof Fund Donations Aug. 29/30, 2015:	\$ 50.00
<b>Total Roof Fund Donations:</b>	\$ 148,524.00
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<b>Offering at St. Joseph's, Aug. 30, 2015:</b>	\$ 514.00

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
 This Weekend ~ September 5/6, 2015

This weekend's second collection is for our Religious Education Program, which benefits our young children, high school youth and adult members. Your generosity is greatly appreciated....thank you!

**ST. EDMUND CCW**

Our first meeting of our new year, our **Salad Supper**, will be on **Tuesday, September 8, at 6 p.m.** at the **Parish Center**. All attendees are asked to **please bring a salad to share and a wrapped prize for BINGO**. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

Our new 2015-2016 Directory is available and may be picked up from the table in the vestibule of the Church or from the table by the east side Cry Chapel entrance.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Church Office will be CLOSED on Monday, September 7, in honor of Labor Day.

# LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Sept. 12/13	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Doug Duffy	Debbie Ochs	Steve Westrick
SERVERS	Justin McTaggart	Will Lyznicki	Trenton Hemp & Miryam Bevelle
COMMUNION	Laura Stepp	Kevin Bohlmann	Kevin Hemp
HOSPITALITY	John Gooding Family	M/M Dick Arie	Marion Jaworski Family
		M/M Nick Arie Family	M/M Gene Ochs

*Music Notes . . .*

St. Edmund's Christmas Choir Practice begins **Sunday, September 6th, at 9:30 a.m.** in the choir loft. Bring your voice and your Christmas spirit! Hope to see you there!

*Michelle Hastings*  
 Choir Director

**REMINDER:** There is still time to sign up to attend our **Outdoor Mass & Picnic on Sunday, September 20, at 10:30 a.m. at Legion Park**. All are invited to come out and feed your soul, as well as your body!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING**

The Knights of Columbus will have their next meeting on **Thursday, September 10, at 7:30 p.m.** in the **Church basement**.

Our **Tootsie Roll Drive** (street sales) will be **September 18/19**.

**EUCHRE PARTY**

St. Edmund's senior citizens will have their next Euchre party on **Thursday, September 10, at 1 p.m.** at the **Parish Center**. Parishioners, as well as non-parishioners, are welcome to attend. All attendees are asked to please bring an item for our local food pantry.

*A Note from our RE Office . . .*

**REMINDER.** RE Registration papers are due back to our Religious Education Office by Wednesday, September 16. Classes start on Wednesday, September 23, at 4 p.m.

**We are in the process of forming a Youth Group for this school year.** A questionnaire was mailed out on September 2, with a return response card being due by September 30. The information we gather will determine if a Youth Group program will be held this year. Any student from grade eight through high school is invited to join our Youth Group. We are also looking for adult volunteers to help with this program as well. If interested in either joining or helping out, please call Fr. Mike at the Rectory or myself at our Religious Education Office. Thanks!

*Patti Duffy, CRE*

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday, September 17, 2015**

Our **Finance Council** will meet on **Thursday, September 17, at 6:30 p.m.** followed by our **Parish Council** meeting at **7:00 p.m.** Both meetings will be held at the **Parish Center**.

If you are a member of either of these councils, please mark your calendars. If you are unable to attend either meeting, please call the Rectory and let Fr. Mike know. Thank you.