

**CCW SCHOLARSHIP &
THE ROBERT HAAS MEMORIAL/
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP**

Applications are now available for the St. Edmund CCW Scholarship and the Robert Haas Memorial/Knights of Columbus Council #4391 Scholarship.

There have been some changes in how these will be handled from now on. They are now 2 separate applications. **Please carefully read all the information below:**

CCW Scholarship

Must be an active, registered member of St. Edmund's
Must have been already accepted by a college/university

Robert Haas Mem./Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Must be an active, registered member of any Parish served by our Knights of Columbus St. Teresa of Avila Council #4391

Must have been already accepted by a college/university

NOTE: Active, registered members of St. Edmund's may apply for BOTH scholarships. Xeroxed copies of your Letters of Recommendation may be used.

Both applications may be picked up from the table in the vestibule of St. Edmund's Church or from the rectory. The Knights of Columbus will distribute copies of the Robert Haas Memorial/Knights of Columbus Council #4391 Scholarship to other Parishes to which members belong.

ALL applications are to be returned by Wednesday, April 23rd, 2014. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. They may be dropped off at St. Edmund's Rectory between the hours of 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. M-F or mailed to St. Edmund Catholic Church; ATTN: Scholarship Committee; 219 E. Locust Street; Watseka, 60970. **Please note on your return envelope which organization's scholarship application it is.** Both organizations will have their own Scholarship Committee to screen the applications.

Church Chuckles . . .

It's just like magic. When you live by yourself, all of your annoying habits are gone.

-MERRILL MARKOE



Normal around here is just a setting on the dryer.

ONE HEART, ONE SOUL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Listed below are two events to be held at **One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center** in Kankakee, sponsored by the *Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary*:

WHAT: *CATHOLICISM STUDY PROGRAM*, a DVD series created by Father Robert Barron designed to deepen your understanding of the Catholic Faith

DATES: March 23, March 30 & April 6

TIME: All sessions run from 2-4 p.m.

FORMAT: Prayer, Viewing of Episode, Discussion

COST: \$5 per Sunday you are able to attend

WHAT: *Time of Prayer*...Let the silence and atmosphere of peace bring you to a deeper place within yourself. *Treat Yourself to a Time of Prayer.*

WHEN: Thursday, April 10th from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

COST: \$5 if possible. If not, come anyway.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:

Please call Sister Mary Stella at 815-933-0800.

CONDOLNECES TO Jim and Kathy Blunk whose loved one, Marjorie Blunk, was called home to our Lord.

May God's peace be with her.

BISHOP McNAMARA HIGH SCHOOL

Annual Dinner Auction

Bishop McNamara High School will be holding their **Annual Dinner Auction & Raffle** on May 2, 2014.

Raffle tickets are available for purchase at **\$100 each**. Grand prize is \$75,000! Additional prizes are 1 at \$5,000, 5 at \$1,000 each and 5 at \$500 each. Only 2,000 tickets will be sold. Winners will be drawn at the Dinner Auction on May 2nd. Winner need not be present. Tickets may be purchased online at www.bishopmac.com or by calling the Advancement Office at 815-933-7620.

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

219 EAST LOCUST STREET
WATSEKA IL 60970

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

Rectory: 815-432-3274

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2014

Mon.	3/24	7:30 AM	Matthew Shafer Birthday Remembrance by His Family
Tue.	3/25	NO MASS	
Wed.	3/26	7:30 AM	Philip & Angelina Varbounker Birthday Remembrance by Nina Varbounker
Thur.	3/27	7:30 AM 5:30 PM	Vincent Bowers Birthday Remembrance by His Family Stations of the Cross/Benediction at St. Joseph's
Fri.	3/28	7:30 AM 7:00 PM	James Bowers by His Family Donna Guimond by Family & Friends
Sat.	3/29	5:00 PM	Max Gooding by John Gooding & Family
Sun.	3/30	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Mary Ann Lurgio by Her Family Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's Chris Jaworski & Pamela Thomason by Their Family



Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering Mar. 15/16, 2014:	\$ 2,548.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (652.00)

Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 108,918.00

Offering at St. Joseph's, Mar. 16, 2014:	
Sunday:	\$ 418.00

The schedule for our Lenten services is as follows:

March 28 Mass

April 4 Stations of the Cross/Benediction

April 11 Mass

St. Edmund's Church will be open for private prayer each Friday during Lent from 11 a.m.—1 p.m.

REMINDER: Our Church office hours are 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. M-F, unless your Church secretary decides to take a day off.

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
4th Sunday of Lent "A"
 John 9:1-41
"I was blind and now I see!"

- What kind of "blindness" in my life do I need to bring to Jesus for healing?
- Like the man who used to be blind, do I give witness to what Jesus has done for me?
- Do I truly believe that Jesus is Lord and then, how can I better worship him?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you have come that the blind may see. Open my eyes to truly recognize that you are the One whom the Father has sent. Grant me courage to stand up for you and for your Kingdom in this world and the next. Amen!

Stations of the Cross with Benediction is offered at St. Joseph's in Crescent City every THURSDAY during Lent beginning at 5:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Stations of the Cross with Benediction is **CANCELED** for **Thursday, April 3rd** because Fr. Mike will be at the dedication ceremony at the Blanchette Catholic Center.

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

March 29/30	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	John Gooding	Lorraine Smith	Steve Westrick
SERVERS	Kaitlyn & Conner Bell	Olivia Claire	Conner & Claire Curry
COMMUNION	Laura Stepp	Mary Claire	Michael Bevelle
HOSPITALITY	M/M Carl Gullquist M/M Dale Ronna	M/M Terry McTaggart Fam.	M/M Kenneth Thiele & Autumn Julie Arseneau & Cole

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- Major Saul Decker, son of Mary Decker
- Sr. Airman Thomas Westrick, son of Steve & Sharon Westrick

Please pray for . . .
 Chris Hallock
 Francis Melson

As we joyfully prepare for the Canonization of Blessed John XXIII and Blessed John Paul II, let us remember their words and their wisdom:

"True holiness does not mean a flight from the world; rather, it lies in the effort to incarnate the gospel in everyday life, in the family, at school and at work, and in social and political involvement."
Pope John Paul II

ANNUAL BLESSING OF SOIL & SEED MASS
 (Sponsored by the Ford-Iroquois Deanery CCW)

On **Sunday, March 30**, the **Annual Blessing of Soil & Seed Mass** will be held at **Assumption BVM Parish in Ashkum** at **2 p.m.** Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Joseph Siegel, with Fr. Vern Arseneau, CCW Deanery Spiritual Advisor and Parish Spiritual Advisors as concelebrants. Knights of Columbus will also participate in this event.

Attendees are asked to bring farm or garden soil and seeds to be blessed.

Following Mass a dessert bar will be available in the Parish Hall.

From the desk of Patti Duffy . . .

There will be **NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** next **Wednesday, March 26th**, due to Unit 9's Spring Break. Classes will resume on Wednesday, April 2nd at 4 p.m.

ST. EDMUND CCW

The next meeting of St. Edmund's CCW will be on **Monday, April 7th**, at **6:30 p.m.** at the Parish Center. Mary Jane LaFond will present a program on how to make a small gift box out of a used greeting card. Attendees are asked to please bring a used greeting card or piece of card stock and scissors. Refreshments will be provided by Anne Zumwalt and Colette Elliott.

Catholic Charities ~ Diocese of Joliet
Senior Companion Program

Catholic Charities' Senior Companion Program (SCP) is a free service available to older adults who are homebound and living in Iroquois County. Senior Companion Volunteers provide weekly visits to older adults and provide companionship, occasional transportation to doctor's appointments or to grocery stores and respite care. If you are living alone and you need companionship or a little extra help to live independently at home, the Senior Companion Program may be able to help you. If you are caring for a loved one and need a weekly break to run errands or have some personal time, the Senior Companion Program may be able to help you. In Iroquois County, call Meg, 815-933-7791 x9922 to find out more about the Senior Companion Program.