

2013 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL
"THE LORD SUSTAINS HIS PEOPLE"

Bishop Conlon's mailing asking for a pledge to the 2013 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal arrived in many of our parish households in early January. This Appeal is conducted at every parish in our seven-county diocese. The funds contributed help people in our parish and throughout our diocese. It is very important to ensure that the Diocese of Joliet has the funds necessary to do God's work.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is *"The Lord Sustains His People."* God constantly gives to us. His grace is ever present. His blessings are abundant. We can demonstrate our gratitude to God and help build the kingdom of God in our own parish and our own diocese by making a generous gift to the CMAA.

In addition to helping those in need, the Appeal funds the operations of the diocese and services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish.

St. Edmund's parish goal for this year is \$12,747.00 and St. Joseph's parish goal for this year is \$2137.00. With your support, we can reach and exceed these goals.

If you have already made your pledge or contribution, thank you.

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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, FEBRUARY 3, 2013

Mon.	2/4	7:30 AM	Jim & Judy Krones by Knights of Columbus Council #4391
Tue.	2/5	NO MASS	
Wed.	2/6	7:30 AM	Judy Krones Birthday Remembrance by M/M Mark Andrzejewski
Thur.	2/7	7:30 AM	Ralph Buswell by Sam & Debbie Ochs
Fri.	2/8	7:30 AM	Liz Neill by the Florido Family
Sat.	2/9	5:00 PM	Wilfred & Verona Arseneau by Donna Dowling
Sun.	2/10	7:30 AM	Mary Ann Lurgio by Her Family
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Melissa Brassard by M/M Nick Adsit



"Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Lk 4:21

Offerings at St. Edmund's, Jan. 26/27:

Sunday:	\$ 2339.00
Church in Latin America:	\$ 1153.00
Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 380.00
Mass Stipends:	\$ 75.00

Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 47742.59

Income & Expenses for January, 2013:	
INCOME:	\$15110.40
EXPENSES:	\$13772.28
Difference (+ or -):	(+) \$ 1338.12

Offerings at St. Joseph's, Jan. 26/27:	
Sunday:	\$ 447.00
Church in Latin America:	\$ 110.00

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
5th Sunday Ordinary Time "C"
Luke 5:1-11
"From now on you will be catching men!"

- Like Peter, do I do what Jesus asks of me?
- Like Peter, do I acknowledge my sinfulness before Jesus?
- How can I, like Peter, bring people to Jesus?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, at the lake of Gennesaret you called Peter to leave his nets behind and start catching people as new disciples. Help me, sinner that I am, live so that I too may draw people to follow you. Amen!

Your Invitation to Weekday Mass . . .

While Sunday Mass is central to our Catholic lives, **Mass is also offered on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7:30 a.m.** Not all can attend these Masses because of work and schedules but many of us can join at these quiet, intimate Masses. We have the opportunity to thank and praise God and to bring our needs to him. Here's an invitation to our parishioners who can join us for at least *one* weekday Mass each week. What a way to start your day!

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

St. Edmund's Worship Committee meets today immediately following 10:30 Mass.

MINISTRY EVENING

On Wednesday, February 20 from 7-8 p.m. we will host our **St. Edmund Ministry Evening**. All lectors, communion ministers and home bound ministers are invited to attend as well as any who might be interested in helping with one of these ministries (potential ministers of hospitality are invited too) but would like to learn about them first. Smaller parishes, like ours, have the real advantage of a family-like community, yet sometimes the numbers call for more participation. Please consider this possibility and join us for our short (only one hour, we promise!) ministry evening.

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Feb. 9/10	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	John Gooding	RaDonna Hasselbring	Gemma Bevelle
SERVERS	S. & M. Gooding	W. Lyznicki & H. Fickett	N. & B. Castonguay
COMMUNION	Mary Decker	Paul McTaggart	Barb Quigley
HOSPITALITY	M/M Wade Bell Family Jan Dillman	M/M Larry Buswell Jane McTaggart Pat McTaggart	M/M Andrew Knapp M/M Sam Ochs

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Next Saturday, February 9, we will have our **Confirmation Retreat** at the Parish Center, conducted by Mike and Kristin Adsit. We will begin the afternoon with a pizza lunch at 1 p.m. The retreat will start at 2 p.m. and end with everyone attending our 5 p.m. Mass. If you have not already paid your \$25 fee (per family, not per child) for the retreat, you can either bring it to class on Wednesday, February 6, or bring it with you on the 9th.

YOUTH GROUP

Because of the cancellation of Youth Group last week, we will be going bowling at Concord Bowl in Iroquois this Wednesday, February 6. We will meet at the Parish Center at 7 p.m. and carpool over there.

Fr. Mike will present his first segment on his **This is Our Faith** series, **"The Holy Trinity"**, on Monday, February 4, from 7-8 p.m. at the Parish Center.

SECOND COLLECTION ~ February 9/10, 2013

Next weekend's 2nd collection is for **Catholic Home Missions**, which provides much-needed training for lay persons in parishes that rarely see priests, aids parishes struggling to keep their doors open and supports many other essential pastoral works in poor dioceses across the United States.

Upcoming Events From the DOJ Vocations Office . . .

The next **Operation Andrew Dinner** with Bishop Conlon & Fr. Burke will be on Tuesday, February 12 from 6-8 p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul in Naperville. This is for all men, high school age (parents are welcome) or older. If interested, contact Fr. Mike Powell or RSVP to Fr. Burke at 815-834-4004 or vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org.

Listening to God's Call: All men & women, ages 18-40, are invited to gather with women and men religious to explore the possibility of religious life and priesthood. This is sponsored by JAVA (Joliet Area Vocation Association). The topic for February is **"Vows—Chastity/Celibacy"**. The February dates and locations are:

- February 12 from 7-9 p.m. at Loretto Convent in Wheaton. RSVP to Sr. Claire at 630-868-2904 or clvand@aol.com.
- February 13 from 7-9 p.m. at St. Francis Woods in Frankfort. RSVP Sr. Maria at vocations@fssh.net or 815-464-3873.

The next **Men's Discernment Group** meeting will be on Sunday, February 17 from 2-4 p.m. at John Paul II House in Joliet.

The next **College Seminary Visit** to St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul, MN for men 16 years of age and older will be February 21-23, leaving at 8 a.m. on the 21st and returning about 7 p.m. on the 23rd. RSVP by February 14 to Fr. Burke at vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org or 815-834-4004.

The Saints Speak to Us . . .

Jesus is honey in the mouth, music in the ear and a shout of joy in the heart.
St. Bernard Clairvaux