

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- Sr. Airman Thomas Westrick, son of Steve & Sharon Westrick
- Sr. Airman Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- Hm2 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

5th ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER & DANCE

We would like to invite all of you to our *5th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance!* Come enjoy some Corned Beef and Cabbage or Chicken Dinner the Irish way! Dinner served from Uptown Grille in Chebanse! Then we will have a LIVE BAND, "Just Roll With It." The evening is sponsored by Sts. Mary & Joseph Catholic Church in Chebanse. Please WEAR YOUR GREEN that evening! You must be 21 or older to attend.

Tickets are \$20 each. The Dinner and Dance will be held at the Chebanse Civic Center, 180 W. First Street, Chebanse.

Call Bridget Berggren, 815-685-6339 for tickets or more information.

DATE: Saturday, March 19

6:00 PM: Cash Bar & Basket Auction

6:30 PM: Dinner

7-10 PM: Dance to a live band

Saints of the Week . . .

Monday, March 7:

St. Perpetua

St. Felicity

Tuesday, March 8:

St. John of God

Wednesday, March 9:

St. Frances of Rome

What is a pilgrimage?

A pilgrimage is a journey that is made holy by the intended destination (some sacred place), as well as by the reason it's being made, which is growth in holiness. The Bible says there are three times during the year that the Israelites should make a pilgrimage to the Lord. The most famous is, of course, the feast of Passover and that's why Jesus and his apostles were in Jerusalem during Holy Week.

Early in Christian history, pilgrimages to sacred sites connected with Jesus' life, death and resurrection became an important spiritual exercise. St. Francis made a pilgrimage to Israel and revived this ancient tradition. In the year 1300, Pope Boniface VIII declared a Holy Year when pilgrimages to the tombs of the Apostles Peter and Paul in Rome had special meaning.

The last Holy Year, of course, was in 2000 A.D. It's motto was "*Christ yesterday, today and forever!*" St. John Paul welcomed the third millennium of Christianity at that time.

This year, an extraordinary *Holy Year of Mercy* has been declared by Pope Francis. His wish is that we rediscover the richness of God's mercy and also rediscover our call to imitate that mercy in our lives, too.

Most of us won't be able to travel to Rome, so local Churches have been designated "Pilgrimage Churches." First and foremost for us is the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. This is the mother Church of all our Diocese of Joliet. To facilitate a Holy Year Pilgrimage, our Deanery of Ford and Iroquois counties have the Church of the Immaculate Conception ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe in Gilman for our local Pilgrim Church.

On Friday, June 3rd, the "*Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus,*" a Holy Year Celebration, will be held. I invite all our parishioners to reserve that day to join in a Holy Year Mass followed by a presentation on Holy Year Pilgrimages that I will present.

Let's keep this year as a Holy Year and let us keep this year as a Year of Mercy!

Blessings,

Fr. Mike

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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MASSSES:

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 6, 2016



Mon.	3/7	7:30 AM	Bertha LeClair by M/M Stanford Giles
Tue.	3/8	NO MASS	
Wed.	3/9	7:30 AM	Bob Tonner by Knights of Columbus
Thur.	3/10	7:30 AM	Jon Markovitch by the Florido Family
Fri.	3/11	7:30 AM	Mary Hines by Our Church Family
Sat.	3/12	5:00 PM	Dennis Duffy by Sam & Sue Stepp
Sun.	3/13	7:30 AM	Richard Ryan by Knight of Columbus
		9:00 AM	Josephine Schmitt by Joan Bolles
		10:30 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering Feb. 27/28, 2016:	\$ 2,394.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (806.00)

Roof Fund Donations Feb. 27/28, 2016:	\$ 50.00
Total Amount of Roof Fund:	\$ 172,970.01

Offering at St. Joseph's, Feb. 28, 2016:	\$ 433.00

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
5TH Sunday of Lent "C"
John 8:1-11
"Let the one without sin cast the first stone!"

- Have I ever condemned anyone, thinking I was better than the other person?
- Do I acknowledge the sin in my life and ask for pardon?
- How can I better bring forgiveness to others?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, be merciful to me, a sinner. Amen!

ST. EDMUND CCW

The next meeting of St. Edmund's CCW will be **Monday, March 7, at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center.** Carmie Spenn will present a program about her mission trip to Uganda. We will also be electing our *Woman of the Year*.

Refreshments will be provided by Sara McTaggart and Rhonda Pence.

This weekend's **SECOND COLLECTION** is for *Catholic Relief Services*, which helps Jesus in disguise by supporting our suffering brothers and sisters around the globe.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins next Sunday. Don't forget to turn your clocks **AHEAD 1 hour** before going to bed on Saturday, March 12.

ST. JOSEPH CCW

St. Joseph's CCW has been collecting **plastic caps** for the "Caps for Love" project, to provide money to purchase wheelchairs for disabled children. Caps can come from beverages, toothpaste, shampoo, spray paint, cream cheese, hairspray, medicines and in all colors. *If a cap has metal in it, it cannot be used.* **LAST CALL:** All caps must be dropped off at St. Joseph's Catholic Church by Sunday, March 13th.

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Mar. 12/13	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Doug Duffy	RaDonna Hasselbring	Mary Decker
SERVERS	Max Gooding & Matthew Lopez		Autumn Haskins & Dane Martin
COMMUNION	Rosann Miller	Kevin Bohlmann	Lorraine Smith
HOSPITALITY	M/M Wade Bell Family	M/M Larry Buswell M/M Joe Benner	M/M Chris Curry Family

Below is the schedule for our 7 p.m. Friday Lenten Services:

March 11	Stations of the Cross/Benediction
March 18	Mass

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FISH FRY
MARCH 11, 2016
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
St. Edmund's Church Basement**

Deep Fried Cod ~ Baked Cod ~ Baked Beans ~ Cole Slaw ~ Onion Rings ~ Dessert ~ Drinks

Adults: \$9.00
Children 10 & under: Free

Carry-Outs Available
Call 815-432-5569
(Day/Hours of Event Only)

PUBLIC INVITED ALL YOU CAN EAT!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be on **Thursday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m.** in the **Church basement.** We will be having our annual Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner!

EUCHRE PARTY

St. Edmund's Senior Citizens will be having their next **Euchre Party** on **Thursday, March 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.

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

On **Sunday, March 13, at 2 p.m.** the **Annual Blessing of Soil and Seed Mass** will be held at **St. Peter Parish in Clifton (450 S. Third Ave.)**. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Joseph Siegel, with host pastor and CCW Deanery Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Vern Arseneau, as concelebrant.

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

Following Mass, there will be a **Dessert Reception** in the Church hosted by St. Peter's CCW.

Assumption B.V.M. Council of Catholic Women's
ANNUAL BRUNCH

**Sunday, March 6, 2016
8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
Ashkum Coliseum**

Adults: \$7.50
Children (6-12 years): \$3.50
Children under 6 years: Free

Menu: Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Ham, Sausage, French Toast, Coffee Cake & Drinks