

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 11—17, 2020

Monday, May 11
Tuesday, May 12
Wednesday, May 13
Thursday, May 14
 Robert Lang by Dave & Eileen Rogers
Friday, May 15
Saturday, May 16
 Deceased Members of the Jo Ann White Family by Jo Ann White
Sunday, May 17
 7:30 AM: Kenneth Ducat by His Family
 9:00 AM:
 10:30 AM: Eleanor LaMotte by Sam & Sue Stepp

There will be NO PUBLIC MASSES for the unforeseeable future, but Mass intentions already scheduled will be honored by Fr. Mike who will offer them up in a private Mass.



For those interested, St. Edmund's is now able to offer **Online Giving**, a web-based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage your contributions online. **This service is safe and secure.** You can sign up for **Online Giving** by going to our website, www.stedstjoe.org and click on the **Online Giving** button.

Please remember in prayer those called to eternal life. We extend our prayers and heartfelt sympathy to the friends and family of Lois G. Ristow, aunt of Doug (Cheryl) Geiger.

My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.
Exodus 33:14



St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering:	\$ 1,405.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (1,795.00)
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering:	\$ 0.00

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

6th Sunday of Easter "A"

John 14:15-21

"Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father!"

- How do I welcome the Holy Spirit, the Advocate into my life?
- Do I demonstrate my love for Jesus by keeping his commandments?
- Do I wait in joyful hope for the coming of Christ?

Prayer: Risen Lord, you have promised that you would not leave me an orphan. Help me to know and observe your commandments that I might be loved by your Father and that you may reveal yourself to me. Amen!

Christ is risen! Truly he is risen!

Bishop R. Daniel Conlon Resigns as Our Bishop

On Monday, May 4th, Pope Francis accepted the resignation of Bishop R. Daniel Conlon as bishop of our Diocese. Bishop Pates, our Apostolic Administrator, said "On behalf of the entire Diocese, I extend to Bishop Conlon heartfelt thanks for his dedicated and effective ministry." Bishop Pates will continue as administrator until Bishop Conlon's replacement will be named by Pope Francis. So let us keep Bishops Conlon and Pates in our prayers as we invoke the Holy Spirit for guidance in choosing our next bishop.

Mother's Day Blessings

On this special day we express our love and thankfulness to all of our mothers, living and deceased. We echo the blessing the Church gives us for them:

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless those you have called to the holy vocation of Christian motherhood. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord, Amen!

Fr. Mike

COVID-19 TESTING

IMH now offers Lab Curbside service for testing for COVID-19. However, to take advantage of that service, you will first need to visit your physician or healthcare provider who will need to make a written order for the testing. Once you have that order in hand, call Iroquois Memorial Hospital at 815-432-5841 and make an appointment for Lab Curbside service.

Don Williams, CEO, Iroquois Memorial Hospital

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- Staff Sgt. (USAF) Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- PV2 Austin Grosvenor, great-grandson of Leona Shafer

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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

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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

MASS: SUNDAY 9:00 AM

WHAT A GREAT YEAR

Even though our Religious Education classes ended early and quite abruptly, we were nearing the end of yet another successful year. We had an awesome and dedicated team of Catechists that provided the students with both interesting and informational lessons on the Church and our faith.

Our students had a great attendance record, and I had 13 Perfect Attendance certificates ready to hand out on our last day of classes.

I have kept in touch with our Religious Education families through several mailings, offering ideas and ways to “keep the faith” and offer at-home instruction ideas and websites, including the Diocese-created **God, Family, Friends**, which offers continued education as well.

Although the near future is unclear, I am still hard at work preparing for the 2020-21 Catechetical school year, praying that we are able to begin classes in September.

I would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who worked so well together to provide our children with the instruments to learn about our beloved Catholic faith.

Stay strong, healthy and praise God!
Blessings to all,
Patti Duffy

Paycheck Protection Program Loan

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit and our Churches were forced to close their doors and not offer Mass in-person, that naturally led to a decline in income for us. The Churches in our diocese were encouraged by our diocese’s Finance Office to apply for a Paycheck Protection Program Loan, backed by our government’s Small Business Administration, which is to help small businesses with approximately 2 months worth of payroll, health care benefits, utilities and “certain other limited debt obligations”. This is a low-interest loan and was administered by our bank, First Trust & Savings Bank of Watseka.

We filed the paperwork in mid-April, but failed to make it in time to benefit from the first cut of funding, but when more monies were recently made available, we were approved, and with a little bit of paper work, we are good to go.

Another plus is that there is a good chance that, if we meet certain criteria, we may qualify for loan forgiveness of the principal and interest that we would owe. More paperwork will eventually have to be filed to find out if we qualify for loan forgiveness.

*We thank those that have been either mailing their donations to us or dropping them off at the Rectory and those who have been using the Online Giving. We realize some of our parishioners may not be able to give at this time, and that is okay. We just hope and pray that everyone is staying healthy and is coping as best they can under these trying times. **Big Hug***

Blessings to you all!

