

Thought for the Week. . . .

FALSE MOTIVES

I usually don't mean to be as deceptive as Herod when he told the Magi he wanted to find Jesus so that he could offer gifts. But I do often end up kidding myself about why I do things. If I need to correct someone, it is usually not to help that person learn and grow but to give me a chance to vent my own anger.

It's sad that I continue to do that because my own experience shows that all my relationships go better when I operate from positive motives. All of life goes better when I work on fixing what is wrong instead of trying to fix blame for why it went wrong.

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Report your findings to me so that I may go and offer homage too. Matthew 2:8

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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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, JANUARY 6, 2013

Mon.	1/7	7:30 AM	Leo Louis Tonner by Bob & Phyllis Tonner
Tue.	1/8	NO MASS	
Wed.	1/9	7:30 AM	Liz Neill by Pat Sharify
Thur.	1/10	7:30 AM	Jim & Judy Krones by Knights of Columbus Council #4391
Fri.	1/11	7:30 AM	Delmar Laney by His Parish Family
Sat.	1/12	5:00 PM	Ralph Buswell by Mary B. Langellier
Sun.	1/13	7:30 AM	James J. Reeves by M/M Nick Adsit & Family
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Frank & Geraldine Langellier by Tom & Marilyn Busick



Offerings at St. Edmund's, Dec. 29/30:

Sunday:	\$ 2541.00
Christmas :	\$ 6056.00
First Offering:	\$ 5.00
V. Reichert Bequest (Roof Fund):	\$ 3000.00
Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 2955.00
J. Krones Memorial (Roof Fund):	\$ 1000.00

Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 46057.00

Income & Expenses for December, 2012:	
INCOME:	\$ 27539.15
EXPENSES:	\$ 26784.98
Difference (+ or -):	(+) \$ 754.17

Offerings at St. Joseph's, Dec. 29/30:	
Sunday:	\$ 441.00

A Note From St. Joseph's . . .

Some of our parishioners may have gotten a different number of envelope packet by mistake. If so, please return them to St. Joseph's and the right number of envelope packet will be put in the back of the Church. **Please put your offering in a regular envelope with your name and your regular envelope number on it until I get this straightened out.** Thank you.

Marilyn Lange

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
The Baptism of the Lord "C"
Luke 3:15-22
"You are my Beloved Son; with you I am well pleased!"

- How do I live out my Baptismal Commitment?
- How do I welcome the Holy Spirit into my life?
- How do I, like John the Baptist, live in true humility?

Prayer: God our Father, at the Jordan River you poured out your Holy Spirit on Jesus and claimed him as your own Beloved Son. Help me to faithfully follow Jesus and be pleasing to you. Amen!

EUCHRE PARTY

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

Next Sunday, January 13, is the last day of the Church's Christmas season. We will take down the Christmas decorations, both inside and outside, that day after 10:30 Mass for anyone willing to help with this task. This is a great opportunity for any of our Confirmation Candidates to get some service hours by helping with this.

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Jan. 12/13	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	RaDonna Hasselbring	Andy Guimond	Gemma Bevelle
SERVERS	M. Schuler & K. Bell	W. Lyznicki & H. Fickett	L. & T. Hemp
COMMUNION	Debbie McCullough	Mary Claire	Julie Arseneau
HOSPITALITY	Pat King Family Mary Sorensen	M/M Jeff Claire Family	M/M John Martin Family

REMINDERS . . .

Anyone wanting a statement of their 2012 Church contributions for tax purposes, please call the rectory, 815-432-3274. Leave a message on the voice mail for Colette, if necessary. **Those who normally receive one each year, DO NOT have to call.**

2013 Church envelope packets can now be picked up from the table in the vestibule of the Church. PLEASE remember to write your name on the front of the envelope for the first few weeks of the new year, especially those who took envelopes that did not already have their names on them. Also, PLEASE USE THE CURRENT YEAR'S ENVELOPES ONLY, not ones from previous years. If you wish to keep receiving envelopes, please use them. Those who take envelopes, but do not use them, probably will not get a box next year.

PROSPECTIVE BRIDES & GROOMS OF 2013: Please contact Fr. Mike Powell six months prior to the date you wish to be married.

New parishioners, newly married couples or longtime parishioners who have never officially registered at St. Edmund's are asked to please do so. Registration forms can be found on the table in the vestibule of the Church or can be picked up at the rectory. Please return them to the rectory at your earliest convenience.

Anyone whose address or phone number has changed but is still a parishioner of St. Edmund's, please call the rectory with these changes, 815-432-3274. Thank you.

From the desk of Patti Duffy . . .

Religious Education Classes and High School Youth Group resume on Wednesday, January 9, 2013.

This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. We read about the Magi bringing gifts to the Christ Child. Give the gift of time and yourselves to your spouse. Attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on February 15-17, 2013. Contact Tim and Pat Doyle, 630-577-0778. For more information visit our website: wmejoliet.org.

**DOJ OFFICE FOR HUMAN DIGNITY
 Catholic Construction Corp**

If you have ever wanted to go on a mission, then please join us at the St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville at 7 p.m. on either Wednesday, January 16 or Thursday, January 24 for an information session on the **11th Annual Mission to the Navajo Reservation**. The trip is planned for June 8-21, 2013. We repair homes for the poor of the Navajo Reservation around Chinle, AZ, as well as other meaningful work that is identified by the people on the reservation.

While carpentry, plumbing, painting, and electrical and/or general construction skills are helpful, they are not necessary. If you are willing to learn, please consider applying. There will be opportunities to meet the people and to learn the local culture during this mission.

For more information, contact Deacon Bruce Carlson, Missions Coordinator, 815-834-4072 or Deacon Larry Lisak, Navajo Mission Coordinator, 630-629-9234.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus is Thursday, January 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church basement. Refreshments will be provided by Walt Curry & Fr. Lee Ryan. **REMINDER:** Our **Chili Cook-Off** will be held at our February meeting.