

# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020

Mon.	2/24	7:30 AM	Rebecca Ryan by Christine Ryan
Tue.	2/25	NO MASS	
Wed.	2/26	7:30 AM	Elizabeth Rogers by Dave & Eileen Rogers
		7:00 PM	Dennis McTaggart
Thur.	2/27	7:30 AM	Marybeth Claire by Nick Burns
Fri.	2/28	7:30 AM	John & Mary German by the Nick & Roxanne Adsit Family
Sat.	2/29	5:00 PM	Robert Lesch by the Jaworski Family
Sun.	3/1	7:30 AM	Peggy Hauck by Paul & Linda McTaggart
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Ross Verkler by the Knights of Columbus



Weekly Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, Feb. 15/16, 2020:	\$ 3,530.00
BONUS For the Week:	\$ 330.00
St. Joseph's Offering, Feb. 16, 2020:	\$ 508.00

### MONEY COUNTERS FOR MARCH ARE:

1	Barb Mayotte & Joe Lyznicki
8	Dick Arie & Jennifer Dixon
15	Pat McTaggart & Brittany Cluver
22	Sam Ochs & Julie Arseneau
29	Sue Stepp & Steve McCullough

"The Lord measures out perfection neither by the multitude nor the magnitude of our deeds, but by the manner in which we perform them."

—St. John of the Cross

### Please pray for our Service Members . . .

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

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent "A"**  
**Matthew 4:1—11**  
*"He fasted 40 days and 40 nights!"*

- How am I tempted to let things become more important than they should be?
- How am I tempted by pride, trying to impress others?
- What are the "false gods" that I worship?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, as I begin this sacred time of Lent, help me to recognize temptations I may encounter. May your example of your strength in the desert encourage me to bravely face whatever might draw me away from you. Prepare my heart for a blessed Easter. Amen!

### FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—MARCH

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8	Robert & Jane Zummallen
15	Margaret & Gene Ochs
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## LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Feb. 29/Mar. 1	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Jeanette Reifel	RaDonna Hasselbring	Steve Westrick
SERVERS	Aiden & David Bell		Meredith & Olivia Drake
HOST	Kayla Duffy	Paul McTaggart	Mary Decker
HOSPITALITY	Doug & Patti Duffy	Marie & Gail Kaufman Rhonda & Terry Pence	Pat & Kenneth Thiele Julie Arseneau; Jami Harwood

### DATES TO REMEMBER IN MARCH . . .

- 2 CCW Meeting: 7 p.m. @ Parish Center
- 5 Stations of the Cross w/ Benediction @ St. Joseph's
- 6 Lenten Mass @ St. Edmund's
- 7/8 Food Pantry
- 8 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 12 Euchre Party: 1—3 p.m. @ Parish Center  
Stations of the Cross w/Benediction @ St. Joseph's  
K of C Meeting: 6:30 p.m. @ Church Basement
- 13 K of C FISH FRY: 5—7 p.m. @ Church Basement  
Stations of the Cross w/ Benediction @ St. Edmund's
- 15 Blessing of Seed/Soil Mass: 2 p.m. @ Immaculate Conception Parish in Gilman
- 17 Primary Election Day  
St. Patrick's Day
- 18 Finance & Parish Council Meeting: 6:30 p.m. @ Parish Center
- 19 Stations of the Cross w/Benediction @ St. Joseph's
- 20 First Day of Spring!  
Lenten Mass @ St. Edmund's
- 21/22 Catholic Relief Services Collection
- 25 NO RE CLASSES—Watseka Unit 9 Spring Break
- 26 Stations of the Cross w/Benediction @ St. Joseph's
- 27 Stations of the Cross w/Benediction @ St. Edmund's

MARCH'S items requested by the **Watseka Area Food Pantry** are:  
**SPAGHETTI SAUCE & ANY KIND OF PASTA**

### ST. EDMUND CCW

St. Edmund's CCW will resume their meetings on **Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at 7 p.m. at the **Parish Center**. Fr. Mike will offer a presentation on his travels.

**NOTE:** We will also be voting on our *Woman of the Year*, so please think about who you think might be a good candidate.

*Refreshments will be provided by Helen Bruens and Patti Duffy.*

*From the Desk of Patti Duffy . . .*

*Because Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, is Ash Wednesday, we will have our annual Student Lenten Service beginning shortly after class starts. Parents will be able to pick up their children from their classrooms at 4:45 that day. Thanks you!*

*Parents, grandparents and other parishioners are always welcome to attend this special service, too.*

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Church in Central & Eastern Europe Collection

On Ash Wednesday, our diocese will take up a Collection for the *Church in Central and Eastern Europe*. We ask for your support to this important mission. Thank you!

One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center  
Sponsored by: *Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary*

#### OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, March 8, 2020  
1:00—3:00 p.m.

In honor of *Catholic Sisters Week*, the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary will be hosting an Open House at their new residence. Please visit their website at [www.sscm-usa.org](http://www.sscm-usa.org) for more information.



Beaverville and Martinton  
**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**  
St. Mary's Parish Hall, Beaverville  
THURSDAY, MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2020  
2:00—6:00 p.m.



For an appointment call Diane Arseneau at 815-435-2249.

### Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal 2020

#### Pledge your gift to the CMAA

This is **Commitment Weekend** for the 2020 CMAA. Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parishes reach their goals of **\$13,400** for St. Edmund's and **\$3,600** for St. Joseph's.

This year's CMAA theme is *Be Kind and Merciful*. In this spirit, the 30 ministries our CMAA supports help us to do God's work here on earth. Providing these ministries is not only beyond the means of any one parish, the ministries benefit all of us, including our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

70% of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. Thank you for considering the most generous pledge possible to this year's annual appeal.

Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, is Ash Wednesday. There will be Masses at 7:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., with ashes being administered after each Mass. Ashes Only will be administered at 5 p.m. **NOTE:** We are still in need of volunteers to be Hospitality Ministers, a Eucharistic Minister and Altar Servers at the 7 p.m. Mass.

Lenten Services will be offered each FRIDAY during Lent at St. Edmund's beginning at 7 p.m. We are alternating between *Stations of the Cross with Benediction* and a Mass. The schedule is as follows:

February 28	Stations of the Cross with Benediction
March 6	Mass
March 13	Stations of the Cross with Benediction
March 20	Mass
March 27	Stations of the Cross with Benediction
April 3	Mass

*Stations of the Cross with Benediction* will also be held at St. Joseph's in Crescent City every THURSDAY during Lent beginning at 5:30 p.m.

### LENTEN REGULATIONS AND THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and ALL Fridays of Lent.

Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

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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