

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS FOR APR 6—12, 2020



Monday, April 6
Clarence & Anna Donohue by Their Family

Tuesday, April 7

Wednesday, April 8

Holy Thursday, April 9
Penny Hardesty by Christine Ryan

Good Friday, April 10
Evening Memorial of Our Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 11
Pamela Thomason by Her Family

Easter Sunday, April 12
7:30 AM: Vincent Bowers by His Family
9:00 AM:
10:30 AM:

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.

the WORD among us

Copies of the **Easter** edition of *the Word among us* are available for pick-up from the Rectory during normal office hours.

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, March 28/29, 2020:	\$ 550.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (2,650.00)
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, March 29, 2020:	\$ 0.00

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

Because the current COVID-19 pandemic has forced Churches to cancel Holy Week/Easter services, Pope Francis has approved the proposal that the *Collection for the Holy Land*, for 2020, take place on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, near the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

CANCELATIONS and POSTPONEMENTS....

- Our monthly Euchre parties are canceled until we are told it is safe to meet again.
- The Knights of Columbus CASH BASH that was scheduled for May 2nd, has been postponed until a later date.
- St. Edmund CCW's MAY BANQUET that was scheduled for Monday, May 4th, has been cancelled.

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

Easter Sunday "A"

John 20:1—9

"He saw and believed!"

- How can I, like Mary Magdalene, bring the news of Jesus' resurrection to others?
- How do I, like Peter, run to the tomb of the Risen Lord?
- How do I, like the Beloved Disciple, see and believe?

Prayer: Loving Father, through the power of his resurrection, the tomb is the only place where he cannot be found. Grant me the grace that through this Holy Season I may invite the Risen Lord into my home. May he fill my heart and mind with Easter Joy. Amen!

Christ is risen! Truly he is risen!

ST. EDMUND CCW WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Kendra Martin, this year's St. Edmund CCW's Woman of the Year. Kendra became an official member of our parish in 1997 when she married Johnny Martin here at St. Edmund's. Together, she and Johnny are raising their two children, Dane and Megan.

Kendra is one busy lady! Besides being on the board for Watseka Mutual, helping Johnny with his business, Martin Construction, and being a Mary Kay consultant, she is also one of our wonderful volunteers. She has been involved in our Religious Education program, as a teacher, for a number of years; along with her family, has been a Minister of Hospitality; and a few months ago became one of our much-needed Eucharistic Ministers. She is also always willing to bring a salad or dessert for a funeral dinner when called upon. Kendra is a joy to be around and always has a smile on her face!

Unfortunately, with what is going on in our world today, the Mass at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet, along with the luncheon to follow to honor her and her fellow *CCW Women of the Year*, had to be canceled. So, if you see Kendra around town, please give her your congratulations...she is truly one of our great assets!

Congratulations to Kendra and all her fellow Women of the Year!

ST. JOSEPH CCW WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Paula Rippey, of Crescent City, has been chosen as St. Joseph CCW's Woman of the Year for 2020. Paula and her husband, Ken, have been members of St. Joseph Catholic Church for 20 years. They have been blessed with 2 children, Amanda and Andy, and with 2 grandchildren.

Paula has been very active in our CCW, as well as a member of St. Joseph's. She has held the offices of President, Vice-President and Secretary for our CCW. She also participated in the *Boxes of Joy* project, our bake sales and other CCW events. She helps hosts monthly coffees, provides flowers for the altar and orders holiday flowers for our Church. Over the years she has also been a substitute organist.

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Congratulations to Paula and all her fellow Women of the Year!

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

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 22, 2020

Scholarship applications for BOTH, the Robert Haas Memorial/Knights of Columbus Council 4391 Scholarship and St. Edmund CCW Scholarship are DUE back by WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020.

Applications can still be picked up at the Rectory during normal office hours, which are M-F, 8 a.m.—12 p.m.

THANK YOU to those who have been able to send in your weekly offerings or a contribution for the upkeep of the day-to-day expenses of St. Edmund's. Your generosity in these uncertain times is much appreciated!

We are also in the process of being able to offer ONLINE GIVING. Information will be in the bulletin as soon as it is available.

Please do not feel bad if you cannot contribute at this time. We understand that there are many out of work right now and being able to take care of one's family and home comes first. This is a totally new and unprecedented experience for all of us and all we can do is take it one day at a time....and, of course, **PRAY!** *If anyone knows of any of our parishioners who are in need, please contact the Rectory and we will see about getting them the help they need.* Thank you.

The department of Family Ministry at the Diocese of Joliet would like to share a wonderful resource entitled, "God, Family and Friends" in support of all families. It can be found on the diocesan website, www.dioceseofjoliet.org under *Christian Formation*, then go to *Youth Formation* and click on "A Sunday Resource for all Parents!"

4 AMAZING WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE

Below is a list of 4 things you can do to make viewing Mass in your home a more spiritual experience:

Set all distractions aside....Turn everything off and participate in the Mass. Sit, stand, and kneel along as normal. "Our mind and heart follow where our body leads," Fr. Nixon explained.

Set up a sacred space....Light candles, set up a crucifix, display statues or images of the saints and Our Lady, and dress up as you would for Sunday Mass. These practices can help "draw you into the sacrifice of the Mass," Scheel adds.

Make a Spiritual Communion.... "In a spiritual communion you receive Him, in a sense, and more so, he receives you...It's bringing your own will, mind, heart, and desire, and opening yourself up to receive that full out-pouring of everything that flows from the Heart of Jesus."

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER.... "My God, my Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to possess you within my soul. Since I cannot, at this moment, receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you are already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you."

Call on St. Clare of Assisi (the patron saint of technological developments in communications)...."She was alone in her cell aching inside because she was separated from the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. She cried out to God and the spirit of Jesus Christ came upon her in mercy. That mercy of God consumed her and gave her a mystical vision of the Holy Mass projected on the wall of her cell. She was then able to listen to the hymns and be present in the sacrifice of the Mass. That filled her with so much grace and consolation. It's really important to call on St. Clare's intercession right now." St. Clare of Assisi, please pray for us!

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