



JANUARY 29, 2017

Mon.	1/30	7:30 AM	Hedda Lautenschlager by Nick & Roxanne Adsit & Family
Tue.	1/31	NO MASS	
Wed.	2/1	7:30 AM	Ralph Buswell 6th Anniversary Remembrance by His Family
Thurs.	2/2	7:30 AM	Francis Melson by Earl & Carol Lareau
Fri.	2/3	7:30 AM	Fr. Lee Ryan by Leona Shafer
Sat.	2/4	5:00 PM	Fr. Lee Ryan by Knights of Columbus
Sun.	2/5	7:30 AM	Louis Claire by His Family
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Wilfred & Verona Arseneau by Donna Dowling



DATES TO REMEMBER IN FEBRUARY . . .

- 2 Groundhog Day...will he see his shadow!
- 3 Feast of St. Blaise
First Friday: Adoration w/Benediction following 7:30 a.m. Mass
- 4/5 Food Pantry
- 9 Euchre Party: 1 p.m. @ Parish Center
Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Valentine's Day 
- 18 Confirmation Retreat
- 20 Presidents' Day
- 25 Alternate date of Confirmation Retreat

Congratulations to St. Joseph Mission for surpassing their 2016 Diocesan Appeal Goal of \$2470.00 and receiving the 65% rebate of \$246.38 from the surplus. Yea Team!


NOTE: There are still a few weekends available for which to provide flowers for Mary's Altar.

REMINDER: On Friday, February 3rd, after 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for 1/2 hour with Benediction at 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, Jan. 21/22, 2017:	\$ 2,726.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (474.00)

St. Joseph's Offering	
Sunday, January 22, 2017:	\$ 594.00

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—FEBRUARY	
5	
12	
19	Chris Daszko
26	Mary Decker



Saints of the Week . . .

Tuesday, January 31:
St. John Bosco

Friday, February 3:
St. Blaise
St. Ansgar

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

February 4/5	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Dick Arie	Debbie Ochs	Ericka Clark
SERVERS	Kaitlyn & Conner Bell		Marisa & Zakkary Clark
COMMUNION	Patti Duffy	Lynette Moyer	Cup: Steve Westrick & Julie Arseneau
HOSPITALITY	M/M Sam Stepp Laura Stepp	M/M Corey McTaggart M/M Nathan McTaggart	M/M John Martin Family

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel: 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time "A" Matthew 5:13-16 "You are salt ... city ... light"

- Salt is used to preserve and flavor. How can I preserve the truths of the faith and flavor them to attract others to that faith?
- The Kingdom of God in its fullness is characterized as a City on a mountain. Am I a true citizen of this wondrous city?
- Light reveals and guides. Do I recognize and appreciate the revelation of the Father given to me in Jesus his Son? How does that light give direction to my life?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you call me to be salt for the earth, a member of the City on the Hill and the light of the world. I am overwhelmed that you think I can do such. By myself I cannot meet this expectation, but with you all things are possible. Amen!

MONEY COUNTERS FOR FEBRUARY ARE:

5	Joe Lyznicki & Pat McTaggart
12	Barb Mayotte & Julie Schippert
19	Sam Ochs & Julie Arseneau
26	Dick Arie & Nick Harvey

LET'S PLAY EUCHRE!

Beginning Thursday, February 9th, St. Edmund's Catholic Church invites the community to play cards the **2nd Thursday of each month from 1-3 p.m.** at the **Parish Center**. There is no charge to play. The donation of a canned good or non-perishable item for the local Food Pantry will be accepted, but is not required. We look forward to an afternoon of fun, friendship and a little dessert!



One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center A TIME OF PRAYER "St. Joseph: A Just Man or Just a Man?"

WHEN: Thursday, February 9th; 9 a.m.—12 p.m.

SPONSORED BY: Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

PRESENTED BY: Sister Mary Stella Schellenberger, sscm

COST: Free-Will Offering

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Call 815-935-0800 or just stop by.

*Let the silence and atmosphere of peace bring you to a deeper place within yourself.
Treat Yourself to a Time of Prayer.*

FEBRUARY'S items needed for **HARBOR HOUSE** are: **Paper Products (Plates, Napkins, Cups, Plastic-ware, Paper Towels, etc.)** Thank you.

From the Diocese . . .

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** for 2017 are: **February 17-19, April 7-9, 2017 & June 9-11** at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call **Jim & Kris** at **630-577-0778** or contact them at <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

Joyful Again! (A Widowed Ministry): The next **Joyful Again Widowed Retreats/Workshops** in 2017 will be: **March 4/5** at Alvernia Manor, Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer Evangelization Center in Lemont (Overnight—no commuters). There will also be one **March 25/26** at Presence/Holy Family Medical Center in Des Plaines. To register or for more information, call **708-354-721** or email them at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com. Visit their website at www.joyfulagain.org. Space is limited so please register early.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Volunteer Services is in need of people to help deliver noon-day meals to shut-ins. They are currently providing 22 meals 5 days/week (M-F—no major holidays). You may sign up to help as little or as much as you have time for. The food is prepared and picked up at IMH. If you can help out, please call Volunteer Services at 815-432-5785 or stop in at 1001 E. Grant St., Watseka.

Thank you & God Bless

“Sight is what we see with our eyes, and vision is what we see with our mind. Faith requires great vision.”

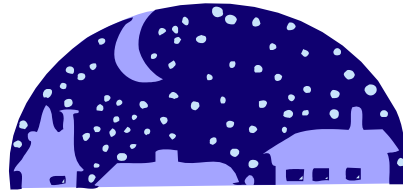
-John R Wood

Taken from *Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Mission*

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- Staff Sgt. 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
- Staff Sargent Rori Sorensen, granddaughter of Mary Sorensen

Please pray for . . .



The 2017 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is underway!



The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide countless ministries, programs and services to support our friends and neighbors in immeasurable ways.

Information about the 2017 CMAA and a request to make a pledge has been sent to all parishioners registered with the Diocese. Please review the materials, pray about how you can help further the ministries funded by our CMAA, and consider making the most generous gift possible.

St. Edmund's goal is \$13,189 and St. Joseph's goal is \$2717. Help us to exceed this goal in **PAID** pledges. **We will receive 70% of the amount over goal for use in our parishes!** Together, we can continue to spread the Gospel message in our Diocese through our ministries and help God hold us in His hands. Thank you in advance for your support.

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Website: www.stedstjoe.org

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