

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

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| Mon. | 12/3 | 7:30 AM | Roger Cooke Anniversary Remembrance by Christina Daszko |
| Tue. | 12/4 | NO MASS | |
| Wed. | 12/5 | 7:30 AM | Conner McTaggart by His Family |
| Thur. | 12/6 | 7:30 AM | Lee Guimond by Ty & Jean Herron |
| Fri. | 12/7 | 7:30 AM | In Celebration of Marga Garfield's Birthday by Chuck & Marie Garfield |
| | | 7:00 PM | Diana German Pechauer by Nick & Roxanne Adsit & Family |
| Sat. | 12/8 | 5:00 PM | Landon Miller Anniversary Remembrance by His Family |
| Sun. | 12/9 | 7:30 AM | Carmen O'Conner by Her Family |
| | | 9:00 AM | Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's |
| | | 10:30 AM | Bob Tonner Anniversary Remembrance by Phyllis Tonner |



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| Weekly Need for Operation: | \$ 3,200.00 |
| Sunday Offering, Nov. 24/25, 2018: | \$ 2,281.00 |
| DEFICIT For the Week: | \$ (919.00) |
| Offering at St. Joseph's, Nov. 25, 2018: | \$ 566.00 |

PLEASE NOTE: A 7 p.m. Vigil Mass has been added on Friday, December 7th, for the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, a Holy Day of Obligation, which falls on Saturday, December 8th.

DECORATING ST. EDMUND'S

Church decorating at St. Edmund's will be on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16th**, FOLLOWING 10:30 MASS. Parishioners are invited to come and help make St. Edmund's ready for the Christmas season.

We have new pre-lit trees this year, courtesy of our CCW, so decorating should go a bit quicker!

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel: 2nd Sunday of Advent "C" Luke 3:1-6 "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

- I live in a certain time in history; how can I announce the good news of salvation right here, right now?
- I have been baptized for forgiveness of sin; how can I better live out my new life in Jesus?
- What are the winding roads and the rough ways in my life that need to be straightened and smoothed over so that I can experience the salvation of God?

Prayer: O come, Thou Brand of Jesse tree
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them victory over the grave.

O come, Thou Key of David, come
And Open wide our heavenly home
Make safe the way that leads to Thee
And close the path to misery.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Israel
To Thee shall come Emmanuel

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

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| Dec. 8/9 | 5:00 PM | 7:30 AM | 10:30 AM |
| LECTOR | Dick Arie | Julie Schippert | Amy Curry |
| SERVERS | Aiden & David Bell | | Conner & Claire Curry |
| COMMUNION | Diana Wessels | Ira Claire | Joanne McTaggart |
| HOSPITALITY | M/M Ray Gullquist M/M Carl Gullquist | M/M William Burwell Christine Ryan Penny Hardesty | M/M Gene Ochs Jami Harwood |

Waiting ~ Rejoicing

It's been said that our Church year is a rhythm of "waiting, rejoicing, atoning, rejoicing." While this is a good description of the liturgical year, perhaps even more it's a reflection of our life with Jesus.

There is so much we wait for in this world and there are so many ways we need to atone for sin. Both waiting and atoning look forward not only to the next world but also to the ways we experience the joy of Christ in this passing world.

As we begin this Advent season of waiting, of longing and of hope, may we open our hearts and minds to the sure and certain hope of encountering the Lord today, tomorrow and forever!

Fr. Mike

**ST. EDMUND CCW BAKE SALE
THIS WEEKEND**

Venue has been changed to the CRY CHAPEL instead of the Church Basement.

Please remember in your prayers Brenda St. Peter, long-time parishioner and RE volunteer, who was called home to our Lord.
May God's peace be with her.

The new 2019 *Flowers for Mary* sign-up sheets are now up on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the Church. Please sign up early if you have a special date for which you would like to provide flowers for Mary's altar.

You may also get your 2019 Mass intentions in to Colette at the Rectory.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Our Finance Council will meet on Wednesday, December 12th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. Our Parish Council meeting will follow at 7 p.m.

ADVENT DAY RETREAT

The *Advent Day Retreat* is a day retreat open to BOTH women and men who desire to enrich their spiritual growth during the Advent season.

SPONSORED BY: *Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary*

WHERE: *One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center*

WHEN: *Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018; 8 a.m.—5 p.m.*

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: *Wed., Dec. 5th*

SUGGESTED DONATION: *\$25/person*

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER: *Call Sister Mary Stella, 815-935-0800, Monday—Friday.*

Please pray for our Service Members . . .



- Staff Sgt. (USAF) Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- Staff Sgt. Army Reserve Allison Shepherd, daughter of Michelle Hastings
- Staff Sargent Rori Sorensen, granddaughter of Mary Sorensen

ITEMS NEEDED FOR HARBOR HOUSE

Below is a list of items needed at Harbor House:
Size 7 & 8 Women's Underwear; Baby Shampoo/Bath Wash; Gas Cards; Walmart Cards
 These may be brought to the Church at any time and placed in the basket for Harbor House. *Thank you!*

FOOD FROM THE HEART, INC.

Food From the Heart, Inc. is happy to have volunteers from our Church help pack the baskets. Packing will take place on Thursday, **December 6th at 4:30 p.m. at the Watseka United Methodist Church.**

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 24/25, 2018
 CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS**

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| Monday | December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE | 4:00 p.m. (St. Edmund) 6:00 p.m. (St. Edmund) |
| Tuesday | December 25 CHRISTMAS | 9:00 a.m. (St. Joseph) 10:30 a.m. (St. Edmund) |

On **Wednesday, December 19th**, Individual Confessions will be heard from **11:30 a.m.—12 p.m.** There will also be a **Penance Service** that evening at **7 p.m.** followed by Individual Confessions.

A Note from St. Joseph's . . .

Our 2019 Church Envelope Packets are in the back of the Church. Please take those with your name on them. Those wanting envelopes for next year, please sign your name next to a number on the list and take the same numbered box of envelopes. Thank you!

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ST. EDMUND CCCW



If anyone would like to make a donation to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please put your donation in an envelope marked **CCW Poinsettia** and place it in the collection basket.

Checks are made payable to **ST. EDMUND CCW.** Thank you!

**SECOND COLLECTION
 Next Weekend - December 8/9, 2018**

Next weekend's second collection is for the *Retirement Fund for Religious.* Thank you!

EUCHRE PARTY

Our next Euchre Party will be on Thursday, December 13th from 1-3 p.m. at the Parish Center. *Parishioners, as well as non-parishioners, are welcome!* We gladly accept donations to our local Food Pantry, but are not a requirement in order to play. Dessert follows card play.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be Thursday, December 13th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church basement.

ST. EDMUND CHURCH
 219 EAST LOCUST STREET
 WATSEKA IL 60970

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

Rectory: 815-432-3274 ~ Office Hours: 8 a.m.—12 p.m. M-F
RE Office: 815-432-5569 ~ Office Hours: Tue. 10 a.m.—3 p.m. /Wed. 10 a.m.—3 p.m.
Website: www.stedstjoe.org

MASSES:

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| 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

“Let us be built as living stones.”

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