

APRIL 30, 2017

Mon.	5/1	7:30 AM	David Hardesty by Christine Ryan
Tue.	5/2	NO MASS	
Wed.	5/3	7:30 AM	Lee Ryan by Peg & Bill Burwell
Thurs.	5/4	7:30 AM	Marybeth Claire by Don & Rosann Miller
Fri.	5/5	7:30 AM	Bob Tonner by Phyllis Tonner
Sat.	5/6	5:00 PM	Carol Hildenbrand by Leona Shafer
Sun.	5/7	7:30 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		9:00 AM	Ted Lavoie by Barbara Holuy
		10:30 AM	Lee Ryan by Knights of Columbus Council #4391



DATES TO REMEMBER IN MAY . .

- 1 CCW Spring Banquet: 6 p.m.
- 3 Last Day of RE Class for Pre-K—6th Gr.
- 5 First Friday: After 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for 1/2 hour with Benediction at 8 a.m.
- 6/7 Food Pantry
- 10 WCHS A/P Testing @ Parish Center: 8 a.m.—2 p.m.
- 11 Euchre Party: 1 p.m. @ Parish Center
Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Mother's Day May Crowning:
9:00 a.m. @ St. Joseph's
10:30 a.m. @ St. Edmund's
- 26 WCHS & MHS Graduations
- 28 Ascension of the Lord
- 29 Memorial Day Observed

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, Apr. 22/23, 2017:	\$ 2,798.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (402.00)

St. Joseph's Offering Sunday, April 23, 2017:	\$ 639.00

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—MAY	
7	Chris Daszko
14	Jo Ann White
21	Julie Arseneau
28	Nick Burns



From the desk of Patti Duffy . . .

May 3rd is our last day of RE Class for Preschool—6th grade.

SECOND COLLECTION
This weekend ~ April 29/30, 2017

This weekend's second collection is for the Diocese of Joliet's *Catholic Home Missions Appeal*.

MONEY COUNTERS FOR MAY ARE:

7	Dick Arie & Jamie Knapp
14	Brittany Cluver & Julie Arseneau
21	Jennifer Dixon & Pat McTaggart
28	Joe Lyznicki & Steve McCullough

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

May 6/7	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	John Gooding	Julie Schippert	Nancy Cowan
SERVERS	Conner & Claire Curry		Marisa & Zakkary Clark
COMMUNION	Laura Stepp	Diane Buswell	Cup: Anne Zumwalt & Steve Westrick
HOSPITALITY	M/M Mike Schuler Nick Harvey	M/M Jim LaFond M/M Myron Cailteux	Julie Arseneau & Cole M/M Kenneth Thiele & Autumn

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
4th Sunday of Easter "A"
John 10:1-10
"The Shepherd calls his sheep by name and they follow him!"

- I often reflect on Jesus as my Shepherd; what does it mean to me that he is also my "sheep gate"?
- How can I better follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd?
- Jesus tells me that he has come that I might have abundant life; how can I better live out that gift?

Prayer: Risen Lord you are the sheep gate and you invite me to enter discipleship by entering this gate. Help me to always recognize your voice in my life. Amen!

*Christ is risen,
Truly his is risen!*

ST. JOSEPH CCW

St. Joseph's CCW was notified by the *Caps of Love Foundation* that they can no longer receive caps through the mail so, therefore, they will no longer be collecting them. *Thanks* to all of those who ever contributed to this very worthy cause.

"From my point of view, God is the light that illuminates the darkness, even if it does not dissolve it, a spark of divine light is within each of us."

Pope Francis

We wish to extend our sincere congratulations to St. Edmund's First Communicants and their families on this very special day of meeting Jesus at today's 10:30 Mass:

**Kally Gaytan
Rolando Gayton
Hayden Sullivan**

A special "thank you" to Linda Hunt for preparing these children for their First Communion.

ST. EDMUND CCW

Our May Banquet is Monday, May 1st, at 6 p.m. in the Church basement.

For our program, Mahlah, the Comfort Dog from Our Savior Lutheran Church in Milford, will pay us a visit with a couple of her handlers, one which will be Diane Goldenstein.

Our meal, catered by *Celebrations*, will consist of: Parmesan Chicken over Angel Hair Pasta, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Drinks, and Jello Cake for dessert. *Free-will offerings will be accepted to help cover the cost of the meal.*

We will also announce the recipient of this year's CCW Scholarship.

From the Diocese . . .

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: The next *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in 2017* are: **June 9-11** and **August 11-13** 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:

July 1/2—*St. Julie's Parish* in Tinley Park

July 22/23—*Holy Family Parish* in Inverness

August 12/13—*Mary Queen of Heaven Parish* in Elmhurst
To register or for more information, call **708-354-7211** or email them at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com. Visit their website at www.joyfulagain.org. Space is limited so please register early.

One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center
815-935-0800
PRAYER BREAKFAST

WHEN: Thursday, May 4th, 2017 from 9—10:30 a.m.

SPONSORED BY: Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

TOPIC: "The Art of Belief, Divine Inspiration Through Iconography". After many centuries Iconography remains a spiritually powerful part of Christ's Church and theology. The images, when fully probed and experienced, enhance one's ability to go deeper into the exploration and appreciation of their faith. As St. Philip once said to Nathaniel, "Come and See!". After the presentation, an examination of Icons will conclude at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 296 N. Washington Ave., Kankakee, IL.

PRESENTER: Jim Rentas is a licensed financial advisor. He is an active member and chanter at the Kankakee Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and studied at the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA, for 4 years. At different times over the past 3 decades he has volunteered as a Sunday School, Church History and Sacred Hymnology teacher.

COST: Free-Will Donation—Continental Breakfast will be available.

MAY'S items needed for **HARBOR HOUSE** are: **Coffee, Tea, Bottled Juice, Juice Boxes, Kool-Aid, and Sugar. Paper products of all kinds are always needed and appreciated. Thank you.**

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

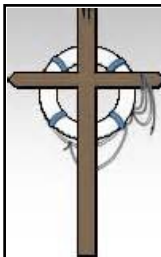
- Staff Sgt. Thomas Westrick, son of Steve & Sharon Westrick
- Sr. Airman Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- Hm2 Richard Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- Sgt. Erik Shepherd, son-in-law of Michelle Hastings
- Sgt. Allison Shepherd, daughter of Michelle Hastings
- Lance Corporal Samuel Gross, grandson of Linda Hunt
- Staff Sargent Rori Sorensen, granddaughter of Mary Sorensen

Please pray for . . .

IF ANYONE EVER HAS SOMETHING or SOMEONE YOU'D LIKE LISTED HERE TO PRAY FOR, PLEASE CALL COLETTE AT THE RECTORY. Thank you.

Diocese of Joliet REACH Training

Does your parish religious education ministry serve children/youth with special needs? The Diocese of Joliet is looking for people to step up and learn how a program to serve all people with disabilities can be started in parishes. The Religious Education Apostolate for Christian Handicapped (REACH) is a proven approach to faith formation and sacrament preparation that values the dignity of every person and supports families of those with disabilities. Training will be held on June 3rd, 9:30 a.m.-Noon at the Blanchette Catholic Center (16555 Weber Road in Crest Hill). For more information, contact Patti Duffy at our Religious Education Office or call 815-221-6147.



A Lifeline for Marriage—Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi, with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information, please email: retrouvaillejoliet@gmail.com, call 815-246-2080, or visit the web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

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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

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MASS: SUNDAY 9:00 AM