

NOVEMBER 26, 2017



Mon.	11/27	7:30 AM	Walter Smolucha by Eileen & Dave Rogers
Tue.	11/28	NO MASS	
Wed.	11/29	7:30 AM	Bernita Caron by Paul Pruchnicki
Thurs.	11/30	7:30 AM	Bob Tonner by Phyllis Tonner
Fri.	12/1	7:30 AM	Grace Hardesty by Christine Ryan
Sat.	12/2	5:00 PM	Landon Miller by His Family
Sun.	12/3	7:30 AM	Paul Houmes Sr. Birthday Remembrance by Paul & Carol Houmes
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Dr. John D. Martin by Ron & Linda Morrival

DATES TO REMEMBER IN DECEMBER...

- 2/3 **1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
CCW Bake Sale: *After ALL Masses*
Food Pantry
- 6 Finance Council Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
Parish Council Meeting: 7 p.m.
- 8 *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary*: Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- 9/10 **2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
DOJ Retirement Fund for Religious 2nd Collection
- 10 Church Decorating after 10:30 Mass
- 13 Individual Confessions: 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
LAST RE CLASS FOR 2017
Penance Service: 7 p.m.
- 14 Euchre Party: 1-3 p.m. at the Parish Center
Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
- 16/17 **3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- 21 First Day of Winter
- 23/24 **4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**: *Masses at 5 p.m. (St. Edmund) ~ 8:30 a.m. (St. Joseph) ~ 10:30 a.m. (St. Edmund)*
- 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**: *Masses at 4 & 6 p.m.*
- 25 **CHRISTMAS**: *Masses at 9 a.m. (St. Joseph) & 10:30 a.m. (St. Edmund)*

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, Nov. 18/19, 2017:	\$ 2,031.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (1,169.00)

<i>St. Joseph's Sunday Offering</i>	
November 19, 2017:	\$ 718.00

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—DECEMBER	
3	Don & Rosann Miller
10	The Martin Family
17	The Martin Family
24	St. Edmund's
31	St. Edmund's



MONEY COUNTERS FOR DECEMBER ARE:

3	Barb Mayotte & Sam Ochs
10	Julie Schippert & Pat McTaggart
17	Brittany Cluver & Elsie Hankey
24	Bill Janssen & Jennifer Dixon
31	Steve McCullough & Jamie Knapp

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Dec. 2/3	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Amy Curry	Rhonda Pence	Mary Decker
SERVERS	Conner & Claire Curry	Andrew Shoemaker	Abby & Aden Quick
COMMUNION	Laura Stepp	Julie Schippert	Cup: Joanne McTaggart & Jane Zummallen
HOSPITALITY	Pat King Family Mary Sorensen	M/M Joe Lyznicki Family	M/M Gene Ochs

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
1st Sunday of Advent "B"
Mark 13:33-37
"Be watchful! Be alert!"

- Are there ways in which I am not alert of Christ in my life?
- Am I watchful for the opportunities of seeing Christ in others?
- Will Jesus find me watchful and alert when he comes in glory?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, as I begin a new year of grace in your love, help me see in this blest Advent Season opportunities to better prepare myself to receive you today in mystery and at the end of time when you return in glory. Amen!

The new 2018 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 2018 Mass intentions in to Collette at the Rectory, 815-432-3274.

**SOLEMNITY OF
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY**

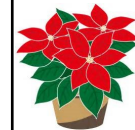
On Friday, December 8th, we will have a Mass at 7 p.m. in celebration of the *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary*. There were no Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers or Hospitality Ministers scheduled for this Mass, so if anyone would like to volunteer, that would be great. You can call the Rectory to let us know, or just show up that evening. Thank you!

ST. EDMUND CCW

Our **ANNUAL BAKE SALE** will be held on **DECEMBER 2/3 AFTER ALL MASSES**. All women of St. Edmund's are asked to bring a baked good to the basement at whatever Mass you attend. If you are unable to bring a baked good or make a purchase, free-will donations will gladly be accepted. *Proceeds from the Bake Sale will go towards various upcoming projects.* Thank you!



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 for both of the above are made payable to ST. EDMUND CCW. Thank you!

MASS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 23-25		
Saturday	December 23	5:00 p.m. (St. Edmund)
Sunday	December 24	8:30 a.m. (St. Joseph)
		10:30 a.m. (St. Edmund)
Monday	December 25	CHRISTMAS EVE
		4:00 p.m. (St. Edmund)
		6:00 p.m. (St. Edmund)
Monday	December 25	CHRISTMAS
		9:00 a.m. (St. Joseph)
		10:30 a.m. (St. Edmund)

On Wednesday, December 13th, Individual Confessions will be heard from 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. There will also be a Penance Service that evening at 7 p.m. followed by Individual Confessions.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR HARBOR HOUSE

Below is a list of items urgently needed at Harbor House:

Size 5 & 6 Diapers ~ Toilet Paper ~ Paper Towels ~ Laundry Soap Pods

These may be brought to the Church at any time and placed in the basket for Harbor House. *Thank you!*

HARBOR HOUSE Adopt-a-Family Campaign

Each Christmas Harbor House-Kankakee County Coalition Against Domestic Violence looks to the generosity of the community—individuals, churches, organizations, clubs, small businesses, schools and corporations—to spread the yuletide spirit. As the only agency grappling with the tragedy of domestic violence in Kankakee and Iroquois counties, Harbor House invites the community to actively connect with local victims of domestic violence. The annual Adopt-a-Family campaign provides sponsors with an opportunity to participate in a rewarding experience.

How to help: To become a sponsor, call Harbor House, 815-932-5814, and ask for Tracy. Or email Ann Delabre, Harbor House's community outreach coordinator, at ann@harborhousedv.org. Let the agency know the family size you want to sponsor, and you'll receive a copy of a wish list. This year's goal is to gather enough sponsors to make the holidays a little brighter for a total of 30 families. **Other ways to contribute:** Harbor House has a persistent need for contributions that help families through serious economic difficulties:

- Gas cards from Speedway, Casey's, Shell or others are extremely important for those who rely on the shelter for safety and for those seeking help to get to court for a domestic violence-related hearing, to counseling, to the doctor for health care and more.
- Gift cards from Walmart or Walgreens are always appreciated.

For details about ongoing needs, please visit their website at: www.harborhouse.org/shelter-wish-list.html. Thank you!

FOOD FROM THE HEART, Inc.

Food From the Heart, Inc. is happy to have volunteers from our Churches help pack the baskets. Packing will take place on Thursday, December 14th, at 4:30 p.m., at the Watseka United Methodist Church.

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, December 2, 2017; 8 a.m.—5 p.m.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, November 27th
SUGGESTED DONATION: \$25/person—Lunch provided
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER: Call Sister Mary Stella at 815-935-0800, Monday—Friday.

One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center A TIME OF PRAYER "Saying "Yes" to God"

WHEN: Thursday, December 14; 9 a.m. —12 p.m.
SPONSORED BY: Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary
PRESENTED BY: Sister Loretta Finn, SSCM
COST: \$10
TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call 815-935-0800 or just stop by.

Treat *Yourself* to a Time of Prayer!

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday, December 6, 2017

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

Our Parish Council will meet on Wednesday, December 6th, at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center.

Baptized and confirmed into our Church last weekend was Kyria MacDonald. May Kyria continue to grow in the faith in which she is now fully initiated.

Baptized here last weekend was CHLOIE RYAN MAYOTTE, daughter of Timothy and Bethany Mayotte.

St. Edmund's warmly welcomes Chloe into our Church Family.

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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

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MASS: SUNDAY 9:00 AM