

The results for the October Mass counts are in:

October 5/6: St. Edmund—271
St. Joseph—54

October 12/13: St. Edmund—280
St. Joseph—44

October 19/20: St. Edmund—290
St. Joseph—42

October 26/27: St. Edmund—287
St. Joseph—48

This gives us a total of 1,316 Mass attendees. That's great! Let's shoot for 1,500 by next October. We can do it. Yea Team!

Fr. Mike

COME JOIN US!

IMH HOSPICE SPONSORS THE FREE VIEWING OF THE INSPIRING MOVIE

HONOR FLIGHT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2013
2:00 PM

ONARGA THEATER
103 W. SEMINARY STREET
ONARGA, IL

VETERAN'S DAY STORY

Earlier this week on the Channel 3 news I caught the tail end of their segment "Hometown Heroes" about a WWII veteran and how his son created a website, www.70yearsago.com, featuring pictures and excerpts from diaries his father kept while stationed abroad during WWII.

The veteran's name is Charles "Chick" Bruns and his son, John, who resides in Cissna Park, just happens to be the man who created our website. With Veteran's Day on Monday, November 11, I thought that maybe any veterans or history buffs in our congregation might want to check out the website. "Chick" Bruns is 94 years old and John told me that he still serves as an usher at Holy Cross Church in Champaign every Sunday. Check out his story at the above web address.

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One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center
2401 W. Route 113, Kankakee

CATHOLICISM STUDY PROGRAM: This is a DVD series created by Father Robert Barron designed to deepen your understanding of the Catholic Faith. You will learn what Catholics believe and why, while being immersed in the art, architecture, literature, music, beliefs and practices of the Catholic tradition. Filmed in 50 locations throughout 15 countries, this program reveals these truths in a visually breathtaking and compelling way. These programs will be presented by the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary. **The cost is \$25 for the series or \$5 for each Sunday you are able to attend. Each episode will run from 2-4 p.m. beginning on Sunday, October 20th and will continue each consecutive Sunday through November 17th.**

Episode 4, shown on **Sunday, November 10th** will be *Mary, the Mother of God* and **Episode 5**, shown on **Sunday, November 17th** will be *Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure*. Our format will be prayer, the viewing of the episode and then discussion.

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An **Advent Day Retreat** will be held on **Saturday, December 7 from 8 a.m.—5 p.m.** This is open to both, women and men. The cost is \$20 and lunch will be provided. Registration deadline is Wednesday, December 4th. Sponsored by *Servant of the Holy Heart of Mary*.

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To register or for more information on either of these events, please call Sister Mary Stella, 815-935-0800.

Something to Ponder . . .

When I woke up this morning I asked myself: "What are some of the secrets of success in life?" I found the answer right here in my room:

The Fan said, "Be cool."
The Roof said, "Aim high."
The Window said, "See the world."
The Clock said, "Every minute is precious."
The Mirror said, "Reflect before you act."
The Door said, "Push hard for your goals."
"And don't forget," the Carpet said, "Kneel down and pray."

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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
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2013

Mon.	11/11	7:30 AM	Clarence & Anna Donohue by Their Family
Tue.	11/12	NO MASS	
Wed.	11/13	7:30 AM	Friends & Family of Phyllis Tonner
Thur.	11/14	7:30 AM	Chester & Pauline Williams
Fri.	11/15	7:30 AM	Warren Shafer Wedding Anniversary Remembrance by Leona Shafer
Sat.	11/16	5:00 PM	Clifford Cyrier by Bob & Joann Yarneau
Sun.	11/17	7:30 AM	Liz Neill by Terry & Rosemary Popham
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Esther Ingram by Her Family



Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering Nov. 2/3, 2013:	\$ 3,214.63
BONUS For the Week:	\$ 14.63

Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 78,738.61

Offering at St. Joseph's, November 3, 2013:	
Sunday:	\$ 857.00

DEDICATION CEREMONY Sunday, November 24, 2013

On Sunday, November 24, following 10:30 Mass, we will have a short dedication ceremony at the Parish Center for Judy Kroner's plaque and picture. Judy's daughter, Mary Pat, will be in attendance (and possibly Laurie & Jacquie) and light refreshments will be available for anyone who might want to spend some time reminiscing with friends and fellow parishioners about Judy. All parishioners are invited to attend.

ST. JOSEPH CCW
The next meeting of St. Joseph's CCW will be on Sunday, November 17, following 9:00 Mass. All women of St. Joseph's are cordially invited to attend.

Also, next Sunday, November 17, will be your last chance to bid on any of the items for our Annual Silent Auction. All items may be viewed and bid on following Mass on Sunday. Get your bids in now!

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
33rd Sunday Ordinary Time "C"
Luke 21:5-19
"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed."

- How do contemporary values and mores challenge my Christian life?
- Does anything distract me from being a disciple of Jesus?
- How am I called to give testimony to Jesus today?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you were honest enough to tell us that we would be hated because we follow you. Thank you for your honesty about the cost of being your disciple and strengthen us so that we will never waiver in our faith. Amen!

MUSIC NOTES: Updates from the Choir Loft . . .

St. Edmund's has a great start on our Christmas music program thanks to the hard work and dedication of all our members! It's not too late to join in the choral festivities! We have many exciting plans for Christmas and beyond! Our search continues for a few good (or not so good) men, women, and teens to join in our music worship team. Please join us every Sunday in the Choir Loft from 9:30—10:15.

Get ready! In an effort to keep our music liturgy fresh and dynamic, we will begin learning a new Mass setting for Christmas, "The Mass of Wisdom," found in our Misalettes. We also plan to pull in a few new hymns.

We appreciate all who sing their praise to God and hope many more will join us to lift their voices in praise!

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Nov. 16/17	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Dick Arie	Doug Geiger	Mary Decker
SERVERS	Samantha & Max Gooding	Wyatt Claire	Landon & Trenton Hemp
COMMUNION	Patti Duffy	Diane Buswell	Lorraine Smith
HOSPITALITY	M/M Wade Bell Family Jan Dillman	M/M Sam Ochs M/M Andrew Knapp	M/M Tom Busick Linda Hunt, Carolyn Oster

EUCHRE PARTY & POTLUCK LUNCHEON

St. Edmund's Senior Citizens will be having their next Euchre Party, along with a Potluck Luncheon, on Thursday, November 14, at 12 p.m. at the Parish Center. Parishioners, as well as non-parishioners, are welcome to attend. All attendees are asked to please bring an item for our local Food Pantry.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus is Thursday, November 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church basement.

NEEDED: MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

St. Edmund's is in need of Ministers of Hospitality for ALL Masses. These can be families, couples or singles. Couples & singles are scheduled with other couples or singles so you don't have to worry about being by yourself and trying to find someone to help you. This is a great way to get your family involved and to get to know your fellow parishioners a little better!

Some of our parishioners have been involved in this ministry for quite awhile and we are in need of new parishioners to participate. Ministers of Hospitality are usually scheduled once every 3 months (you will receive a schedule in the mail) and you can pick which Mass time you prefer to serve at. Please consider helping St. Edmund's out in this capacity. If interested, please call the Rectory, 815-432-3274, between the hours of 8 a.m.—12 p.m., M-F. Leave a message on the voicemail, if necessary. Perhaps this could be your New Year's resolution!

An Adult Christ at Christmas

As we prepare for Advent and Christmas, now is an appropriate time to reflect on the stories of Jesus' Infancy; where did they come from, what do they mean, why are they in the Bible?

To help us understand the meaning and the wonder of the Christmas stories we will offer a short Bible Study course. For 3 Mondays we will have the opportunity to come together and better appreciate the Christmas stories; what they mean to the evangelists and what they mean for us.

- Monday, Nov. 25: Matthew's Christmas Story
- Monday, Dec. 9: Luke's Christmas Story I
- Monday, Dec. 16: Luke's Christmas Story II

We will meet in the Parish Center from 1-2 p.m. and from 7-8 p.m. Please call the rectory so we'll know how many to prepare for and you can pick up the booklet we'll be using at the rectory or at Mass. Often we hear of the need to "Put Christ back in Christmas!" This is one great way to do just that!

Fr. Mike

Thank you to all who donated to our **Food From the Heart** collection from 2 weeks ago. Your generosity was very much appreciated!

A very big **THANK YOU** to St. Edmund's CCW for their very generous donation of \$5000 to go towards our Roof Fund!

Condolences to Mike Schuler and family, whose father and grandfather, Robert "Bob" Schuler, was called home to our Lord.

May God's peace be with him.