

*From the Diocese . . .*

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends:** The next *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends* in 2015 will be **October 16-18, December 11-13** and in 2016, **February 12-14**, all 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>.

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**Joyful Again! (A Widowed Ministry):** The next *Joyful Again Widowed Retreats/Workshops* will be:

- **October 24/25** at **Nazareth Retreat House**, 717 N. Batavia Avenue, **Batavia**.
- **November 14/15** at **Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer, Lemont**
- **Jan. 16/17, 2016** at **Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer, Lemont**

To register or for more information, call **708-354-7211** or email them at [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com). Visit their website at [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org). Space is limited so please register early.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet Presents  
**CREATING YOUR OWN BUCKET LIST**  
September 25, 2015 ~ 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
St. Edmund Parish Center

Are there things in your life that you've wanted to accomplish but haven't? Are there personal goals that would bring you joy and fulfillment, but are always put on the back burner because "life happens?" Do you say things like, "I'll get to that someday," or "When things slow down I'd like to try that?" If you've answered "yes" to these questions, then you need to work on your bucket list. A bucket list is simply a list of things you'd like to do in your lifetime. The point of a bucket list is to help you live your life to the fullest. So come and learn how to create your own bucket list and set exciting goals to pursue your interests and fulfill your dreams.

People of any faith are welcome to attend this presentation, so feel free to bring a friend, relative, co-worker, etc. There is no cost to attend.

*Please pray for our Service Members . . .*

- Sr. Airman Thomas Westrick, son of Steve & Sharon Westrick
- AFC Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- Hm3 Richard Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- Sgt. Erik Shepherd, son-in-law of Michelle Hastings
- PFC Allison Shepherd, daughter of Michelle Hastings
- Lance Corporal Samuel Gross, grandson of Linda Hunt

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*Please pray for . . .*

- Francis Melson
- Those affected in any way by the recent flooding in Japan and the flash floods in Utah
- The fire fighters still battling the wild fires out west
- The safety and well being of Pope Francis while visiting Philadelphia next weekend

**OCTOBER MASS COUNT**

You may remember that on Sundays in October we take our parish Mass attendance count. Mass is central to our lives as Catholic disciples at all times. Perhaps this October may be a time for a fruitful harvest brought about by a more regular Mass participation. Jesus himself has commanded (commanded, not recommended) that we "Do this in memory of me!" Let us then make sure we join in Mass faithfully every Sunday. In addition to this...it always looks good when our numbers are high!

See ya' Sunday,  
*Fr. Mike*

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**Music Notes . . .**  
 Christmas choir practice is ongoing each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. up in the choir loft.  
*Michelle Hastings*  
 Choir Director  
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*Did you know . . .*

The Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary in Kankakee, is an international congregation serving in the USA, France, Canada, Argentina/Chile, Cameroon, Cuba, and soon to open missions in Peru and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

**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**  
**Religious Education Office: 815-432-5569**  
**Website: [www.stedstjoe.org](http://www.stedstjoe.org)**

<b>MASSES:</b>	<b>M-W-TH-F</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>7:30 &amp; 10:30 AM</b>

**CONFESSIONS: Saturday, 4:30-4:50 PM or by appointment**

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**"Transforming the world in which we live by bringing the teachings of Jesus Christ to every living person."**  
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**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**

# SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015



Mon.	9/21	7:30 AM	Donald Stebbons by Shirley Mahan
Tue.	9/22	NO MASS	
Wed.	9/23	NO MASS	
Thur.	9/24	NO MASS	
Fri.	9/25	NO MASS	
Sat.	9/26	5:00 PM	Carmen O'Connor by Her Family
Sun.	9/27	7:30 AM	Paul & Linda McTaggart by Linda Hunt
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Jim Butler by Knights of Columbus Council #4391

**Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:**  
 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time "B"  
 Mark 9:38-48  
 "Whoever is not against us is for us!"

- Do I ever fail to recognize God's actions in those who are different from me?
- Have I ever tempted anyone to sin?
- Are there any temptations in my life that I need to sever to be a better disciple of Jesus?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, help me to see and appreciate your actions in all people. Lead me to leave behind all things that keep me from following you and letting your love for me manifest itself in my love for others. Amen!

<b>Weekly Parish Need for Operation:</b>	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering Sept. 12/13, 2015:	\$ 2,283.00
<b>DEFICIT For the Week:</b>	<b>\$ (917.00)</b>
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Roof Fund Donations Sept. 12/13, 2015:	\$ 940.00
<b>Total Roof Fund Donations:</b>	<b>\$ 149,644.00</b>
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<b>Offering at St. Joseph's, Sept. 13, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 489.00</b>

PLEASE NOTE the changes is this week's daily Mass schedule. *Thank you.*

**CHRIST IS OUR HOPE MAGAZINE APPEAL**  
 Next Weekend, September 26/27, 2015

Next weekend is the Diocesan-wide **Appeal for Christ is Our Hope Magazine**, which all households registered with the Diocese receive 10 times per year.

Those of you receiving a solicitation letter in the mail from Bishop Conlon in regards to this, if giving, PLEASE USE THE RETURN ENVELOPE and MAIL IT BACK DIRECTLY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.

Those of you using the envelope from your Church Packet, these envelopes will be bundled and sent directly to the Development Office. You may put them in the collection basket with your Sunday Offering, as there will be NO SECOND COLLECTION for this.

**ALL CHECKS ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO CHRIST IS OUR HOPE MAGAZINE and NOT St. Edmund's.**

*Thank you.*

**ST. EDMUND'S RE STAFF:**

Don't forget about the *Catechist Morning of Formation* on **Saturday, October 3**, from 9 a.m.—1 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish in Gilman.

## LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Sept. 26/27	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
<b>LECTOR</b>	Steve McCullough	Julie Schippert	Nancy Cowan
<b>SERVERS</b>	R. Gooding & O. Simons	Wyatt Claire	Meredith & Mallory Drake
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Host: Diana Wessels Cup: Patti Duffy & Debbie McCullough	Host: Ira Claire Cup: Paul McTaggart & Mary Jane LaFond	Host: Pam Verkler Cup: Julie Arseneau & Barb Quigley
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	M/M Sam Stepp Laura Stepp	M/M Kevin Bohlmann Family	Ericka Clark Family M/M Robert Zummallen

With Fr. Mike going to Philadelphia for the Pope's visit, offering Mass for us next weekend will be **Fr. Chris Aleti** of the **Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus**. Since his ordination in 2003, Fr. Chris has been working in Uganda. He worked with the young people, helping them to grow in their faith. In working with the young people, Fr. Chris also had to help guide them through an ever-changing world. Fr. Chris joined us in the North American Province in October 2014. This is his first time in the United States. After spending a few short weeks in Cincinnati and Chicago, Fr. Chris is adjusting to life here in the Midwest. *Please make him feel welcome!*

**A Few Facts about the Comboni Missionaries....**

Founded by St. Daniel Comboni in Italy in 1831, it's a community of more that 4000 Priests, Brothers, Sisters and Lay Missionaries.

They learn from the people they serve and act as a bridge between the Mission Church and our own Churches at home, sharing experiences of other cultures, languages and traditions and the situations that are encountered by the poor in developing countries.

They share by: ministering with sacraments and pastoral care; helping to improve quality of life and preparing local Christian leaders to do the Church's work among their people.

Visit them at: [www.combonimissionaries.org](http://www.combonimissionaries.org).

Today is **Catechetical Sunday**. A special "Thank You" to our catechists and their aides who volunteer their time. Without them our program would not be the success it is. Our teachers and their aides are as follows:

GRADE	TEACHER	AIDE
Pre/Kdg.	Stephanie Janssen	Shawna Quick
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Kendra Martin	Jackie Bell
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Ericka Clark	Laura Bell
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Sandy Hamende (1 <sup>st</sup> Sem.) Mary Decker (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sem.)	
6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Gr.	Louise Bruens	Mary Decker (1 <sup>st</sup> Sem.) Brenda St. Peter

As you can see, we have NO First Grade Class and NO Fourth Grade Class this year.

Our Outside Monitor and Upstairs Monitor will be Chris Daszko.

*From the Desk of Patti Duffy . . .*

**Religious Education Classes begin Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 4 p.m.** If you haven't already turned in your registration papers and fees, please do so as soon as possible. Children will NOT be permitted to attend without the proper forms completed and returned to our Religious Education Office.

Many thanks to those who gave to our **Religious Education Collection**. Your generosity was very much appreciated!