

DECEMBER 22/23 & 29/30, 2018

Mon.	12/24	4:00 PM	Jean Bower by Edmund Bower
		6:00 PM	Marybeth Claire by Christine Ryan
Tue.	12/25	9:00 AM	Nora Blain by Our Parish Families
		10:30 AM	Bonnie Lynch by Knights of Columbus Council 4391
Wed.	12/26	7:30 AM	Bob Tonner by Phyllis Tonner
Thurs.	12/27	7:30 AM	Lee Guimond by Knights of Columbus Council 4391
Fri.	12/28	7:30 AM	Richard Laczkowski by Knights of Columbus Council 4391
Sat.	12/29	5:00 PM	Esther Ingram by Her Family
Sun.	12/30	7:30 AM	Michael Caise by Gregory & Patricia Caise
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Dr. John Martin by the Martin Family
Mon.	12/31	7:30 AM	Matthew Shafer Anniversary Remembrance by His Family
Tue.	1/1	9:00 AM	Dale Carley by Gerald & Joanne Noonan
Wed.	1/2	7:30 AM	Bonnie Lynch by Gregory & Julia Azzarelli
Thurs.	1/3	7:30 AM	Marybeth Claire by Dale & Arlene Lanoue
Fri.	1/4	7:30 AM	Bob Tonner by Phyllis Tonner
Sat.	1/5	5:00 PM	Lorraine Smith by Bernadine Buswell
Sun.	1/6	7:30 AM	Hedda Lautenschlager by Nick & Roxanne Adsit & Family
		9:00 AM	Frank, Geraldine & Jack Langellier by Tom & Marilyn Busick
		10:30 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's



DATES TO REMEMBER IN JANUARY...

1	<i>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>
4	First Friday
5/6	<i>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</i> (Take decorations down) Food Pantry
9	RE Classes Resume: 4 p.m.
10	Euchre Party: 1-3 p.m. @ Parish Center Knights of Columbus Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
13	<i>BAPTISM OF THE LORD</i>
21-25	<i>Week of Christian Unity</i> (We host on Jan. 24 th)
16	<i>First Reconciliation</i> for 2 nd Grade Class
26/27	<i>Church in Latin America</i> Diocesan Collection
27	Confirmation Meeting: 11:30 a.m. @ PC

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—JANUARY

6	St. Edmund
13	Doug & Isabel Rogers
20	Sandra Harris
27	Christina Daszko



MONEY COUNTERS FOR JANUARY ARE:

6	Dick Arie & Brittany Cluver
13	Julie Arseneau & Jennifer Dixon
20	Elsie Hankey & Bill Janssen
27	Joe Lyznicki & Bette Maxheimer

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for:

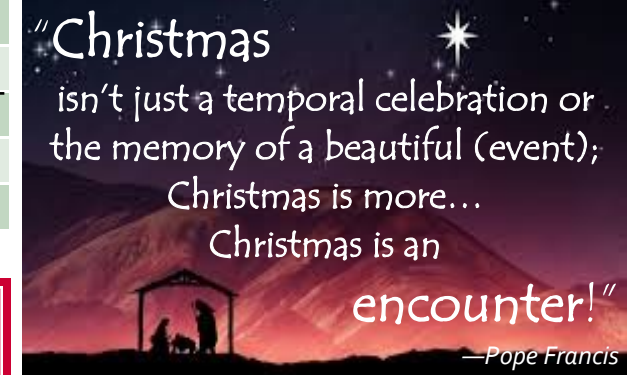
Dec. 24/25	4:00 PM (Dec. 24)	6:00 PM (Dec. 24)	10:30 AM (Dec. 25)
LECTOR	Rhonda Pence	Doug Duffy	Bill Janssen
SERVERS	Max & Raegan Gooding	Zakkary & Marisa Clark	Abby & Aden Quick
COMMUNION	Host: Pam Verkler Cup: Nathan McTaggart & Brittany Cluver	Host: Paul McTaggart Cup: Laura Stepp & Jane Zummallen	Cup: Marie Garfield & Steve Westrick
HOSPITALITY	Margaret Ochs	M/M Doug Duffy	VOLUNTEERS

Dec. 29/30	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Steve McCullough	Kristy or Nick Arie	Amy Curry
SERVERS	Aiden & David Bell	Justin McTaggart	Conner & Claire Curry
COMMUNION	Debbie McCullough	Kevin Bohlmann	Mary Decker
HOSPITALITY	Volunteers	M/M Myron Cailteux M/M Kent Schippert	M/M Gene Ochs Louise Bruens

Jan. 5/6	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Dick Arie	Sara McTaggart	Ericka Clark
SERVERS	Max Gooding		Meredith & Mallory Drake
COMMUNION	Patti Duffy	Ira Claire	Julie Arseneau
HOSPITALITY	DR/M Phil Zumwalt Mark Zumwalt	M/M Joe Benner M/M Larry Buswell	M/M Chris Curry Family

St. Edmund's Weekly Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, Dec. 15/16, 2018:	\$ 2,909.14
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$(290.86)
St. Joseph's Offering, Dec. 16, 2018:	\$ 621.00

PLEASE NOTE: St. Edmund's Church Envelope Packets can now be picked up from the table in the vestibule of the Church.



—Pope Francis

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
Feast of the Holy Family "C"
 Luke 2:41-52
"I must be in my Father's house!"

- How have I needed to search for Jesus in my life?
- Do I need to be in my Father's house, especially on Sundays and feast days?
- Do I listen to teachers of the faith that God sends me and ask them questions?


Prayer: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you exist as one in being and three in persons. Help our human family to reflect your unity and diversity. May the example of the Holy Family serve as our example and our goal. Amen!

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
Feast of the Epiphany "C"
 Matthew 2:1-12
"They prostrated themselves and did him homage!"

- Jesus is my King, what kind of gold can I bring to honor him?
- Jesus is my God, what kind of incense can I bring to worship him?
- Jesus has been sacrificed for me, what kind of myrrh can I bring to show my willingness to share in his suffering?

Prayer: Lord Jesus you are my King who rules me, my God who redeemed me, and the Lamb sacrificed for me. Help me join with the Magi and always seek you no matter how long that journey may be. Amen!

Knights of Columbus Council 4391
FREE-THROW CONTEST



Sunday, January 13, 2019
 Glenn Raymond School Gymnasium
 Open to Boys & Girls Ages 9-14

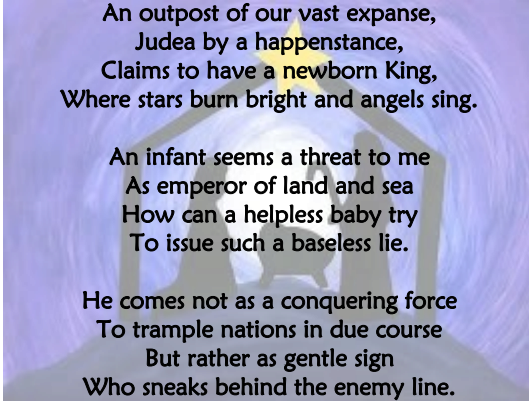
Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. and the contest will start at 1:00 p.m. For more information please call Joe Lyznicki at 815-383-7939.

Please remember in your prayers Nora Blain, who was called home to our Lord.

May God's peace be with her.

Caesar's Carol

My uncle Julius was known
 To be by dreams most troubled prone
 Yet now of late, I too am roused
 By what I see in sleepless hours



An outpost of our vast expanse,
 Judea by a happenstance,
 Claims to have a newborn King,
 Where stars burn bright and angels sing.

An infant seems a threat to me
 As emperor of land and sea
 How can a helpless baby try
 To issue such a baseless lie.

He comes not as a conquering force
 To trample nations in due course
 But rather as gentle sign
 Who sneaks behind the enemy line.

Perhaps this babe who haunts my dreams
 Is truly greater than he seems
 Perhaps he is the Prince divine
 Whose Kingdom surely outlasts mine.

As we come to this sacred time of Christmas, may all our parishioners, their friends and families and all of our Watseka community experience, as if for the first time, the change that Jesus brings. When he came in history, a whole new age was born along with him. As he comes in mystery, through Word and Sacrament, we encounter him just as fully as did the shepherds and magi. When he returns in majesty at the end of the ages, he will present us to the Father as his gift. A blessed Christmas and a graced 2019 to you all.

Fr. Mike

P.S. Again remember: the best way to keep Christ in Christmas is to keep Mass in Christmas!



THANK YOU to all who came and helped decorate our Church last Sunday. The new Christmas trees look great, as well as all the other decorations!

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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

"Let us be built as living stones."

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
 (A mission of St. Edmund Church)
 307 UNION STREET
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PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

MASS: SUNDAY 9:00 AM