

Thought for the Week. . . .

DESTINY

At his baptism, it was made quite clear to Jesus that he was the anointed one of God, the Messiah. It would seem, then, that the rest of his life was completely laid out for him.

I used to think that if I could have just such a revelation, all of my life would be mapped out as well. But just as with Jesus, the only map for life is to take one day at a time and do what I can with it. And, like Jesus, I am a beloved child of God destined to live in God's love forever. What I do with my life until then is up to me. ©rfe



The Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. Luke 3:22

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	SATURDAY	5:00 PM
	SUNDAY	7:30 & 10:30 AM

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

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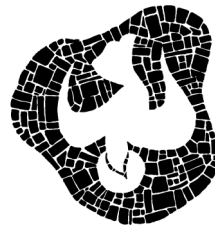
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MASS: SUNDAY 9:00 AM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2013



Mon.	1/14	7:30 AM	Liz Neill by the Morning Mass Friends
Tue.	1/15	NO MASS	
Wed.	1/16	7:30 AM	Liz Neill by the Song Family
Thur.	1/17	7:30 AM	Don Stanula by His Parish Family
Fri.	1/18	7:30 AM	Liz Neill by the Song Family
Sat.	1/19	5:00 PM	Amanda Harris Anniversary Remembrance by Jo Ann White
Sun.	1/20	7:30 AM	Wendell & Velma Reichert
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Pamela Thomason by Her Family

Offerings at St. Edmund's, Jan. 5/6:

Sunday:	\$ 2528.00
First Offering:	\$ 501.00
Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 700.00
Mass Stipends:	\$ 355.00
Health Care Tax Credit:	\$ 2782.50
Solemnity of Mary Holy Day:	\$ 951.00

Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 46757.00

Offerings at St. Joseph's, Jan. 5/6:

Sunday:	\$ 372.00
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A Note From Marilyn at St. Joseph's . . .

To the parishioners of St. Joseph's, please keep the Church envelopes that you received, just make sure to put your name on your envelope so that I can get the numbers changed in my records. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused and thank you for your patience.

Marilyn Lange

ST. JOSEPH CCW

The next meeting of St. Joseph's CCW will be on Sunday, January 20, immediately following Mass. All women of St. Joseph's are invited to attend.

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
2nd Sunday Ordinary Time "C"
John 2:1-11
"There was a wedding in Cana at Galilee"

- How do I welcome Jesus as a guest in my house?
- Do I bring my cares and problems to Jesus in faith, hope and love?
- How do I faithfully live out the Sacrament of Marriage in my life or support the marriage covenants of my family and friends?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, at the Wedding feast at Cana you revealed your glory to us, your disciples. Help us, like the waiters at the feast,, take the good things you have given us and share them with others. Amen!

REMINDERS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 13:

Our Christmas decorations will be taken down today after 10:30 Mass.

The Confirmation Meeting for parents and sponsors will be held at 11:30 a.m. today.

St. Edmund's Parish Council will meet on **Wednesday, January 16**, at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center.

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Jan. 19/20	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Steve McCullough	Lorraine Smith	Ericka Clark
SERVERS	K. & D. Duffy	O. & W. Claire	N. King & K. Grimes
COMMUNION	Diana Wessels	Jane McTaggart	Mary Decker
HOSPITALITY	Helen Bruens, Louise Bruens Sheila Harman & Devon	M/M Kent Schippert M/M Ira Claire	M/M Pat Snyder, Lyn Dean Carolyn Oster

REMINDERS . . .

This is the last weekend that Church envelope packets can be picked up from the table in the vestibule of the Church. After this they can be picked up at the rectory.

PROSPECTIVE BRIDES & GROOMS OF 2013: Please contact Fr. Mike Powell six months prior to the date you wish to be married.

New parishioners, newly married couples or longtime parishioners who have never officially registered at St. Edmund's are asked to please do so. Registration forms can be found on the table in the vestibule of the Church or can be picked up at the rectory. Please return them to the rectory at your earliest convenience.

Anyone whose address or phone number has changed but is still a parishioner of St. Edmund's, please call the rectory with these changes, 815-432-3274. Thank you.

Celebration of Life Mass

Bishop R. Daniel Conlon invites all to attend the **Celebration of Life Mass** at the Cathedral of St. Raymond, 604 N. Raynor Avenue, Joliet. A special blessing will be given to those attending the *March for Life* in Washington.

For full details contact the Respect Life Ministry at 815-834-4065.

The next 2 meetings of the **MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP** will be on Sunday, January 13 and Sunday, February 17 from 2-4 p.m. at the John Paul II House , 430 Center Street, Joliet. This is for all men who are juniors in high school and older. The book used is "To Save A Thousand Souls" by Fr. Brett Brannen and will be provided for those who do not already have a copy. Chapter 5 will be discussed on January 13 and Chapter 6 on February 17.

A Christmas of Teamwork and Fun!

The Christmas season is over now and we return to everyday life. What a good time to look back over our Advent ~ Christmas Season and notice again how our Parish Family joined together in preparing for our celebration.

The lectors, servers, communion ministers and ministers of hospitality enabled us to pray the Mass in a beautiful way. Our communion ministers brought the Eucharistic presence of Christ to the homebound, and those involved in scheduling ministries ensured the smooth flow of our liturgies.

Our decorating team made the task of seasonal environment design artful and inspiring. Our parish maintenance team kept our grounds and buildings in good, working order.

Complementing the physical beauty of our Church, our music ministers and choir members enriched our liturgies by "making a joyful noise unto the Lord." See, Catholics can sing!

Our collection counters put in extra time to responsibly account for all the generosity of our Parishioners.

The catechists worked hard to help our young people understand what Christmas is truly about.

So let's all relax and enjoy a quiet winter season...because Ash Wednesday is four weeks from Wednesday!

My sincere thanks to all who joined in our planning and celebrating these Sacred Seasons. Yea Team!

Fr. Mike