

DOJ VOCATION OFFICE . . .

JEREMIAH DAY: Boys in grades 7-10 are invited to Mundelein Seminary on **Saturday, April 20, 2013**. This day will provide the young men a chance to visit a seminary and experience the life of a seminarian. For more information call 815-834-4004 or email noral@dioceseofjoliet.org. Registration and permission slips are required.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP: All men age 17 and older are welcome to our Men's Discernment Group. We will be using the book "To Save A Thousand Souls" by Fr. Brett Brannen to discuss relevant topics to discern a priestly vocation. Books will be provided for those who do not already have one. These meetings take place at the John Paul II House, 430 N. Center St., Joliet. Our next meeting is on **Sunday, April 21** from 2-4 p.m. (Stages of Discernment—Chapter 9). Please RSVP to Fr. Burke at 81-834-4004 or vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org. If you don't have time to RSVP, please come anyway.

OPERATION ANDREW DINNERS: These dinners with Bishop Conlon are open to all men who are high school age or older. The evening begins at 6 p.m. and ends by 8 p.m. Participants will have the chance to have dinner with Bishop Conlon and Fr. Burke, hear a vocation story, ask questions and meet other young men interested in knowing more about the priesthood. Please contact your pastor or RSVP to Fr. Burke at vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org or call 815-834-4004, if you are interested in coming to the next Andrew Dinner which will be on **Tuesday, April 23, 2013**, at St. Isaac Jogues in Hinsdale.

Your Sunday Funnies . . .

Observations

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

The easiest way to find something that is lost around the house is to go out and buy a replacement.

All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

FEED THE HUNGRY

Catholic Charities has a special opportunity to raise funds for those who are hungry in your community. Alan Shawn Feinstein, a philanthropist dedicated to eliminating hunger in our country, has issued a challenge that says that he will add some of his own money for each donation we receive to feed the hungry. The challenge runs through April 30. The more money Catholic Charities raises, the more of his money we will receive—and he has one million dollars to give away! Last year this challenge helped raise over \$26,000, which was used to feed the hungry in your community! This is a way for you to make a greater impact in the efforts to feed God's children. God bless you for your generosity!

Please send all donations to: Catholic Charities
Feinstein Challenge
203 N. Ottawa Street
Joliet IL 60432

Or, to donate online, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

REMINDER . . .

- Those of you using St. Edmund Church envelopes, please DO NOT tape them shut or use stickers to seal them. The gummed flap is sufficient to keep them closed.
- Please DO NOT use your Church envelopes for anything besides their intended purpose—weekly offerings or special offerings.
- Please only use envelopes from the CURRENT YEAR. Not everyone keeps the same envelope number from one year to the next.
- It also helps our money counter tremendously if you do not fold your paper money multiple time.

Our money counters volunteer their time on Sunday mornings and when parishioners tape their envelopes closed, it makes it that much harder for our counters to open them and they usually end up getting ripped. The counters also do not always notice when a notation is written on an envelope. If you want to pay for a Mass or have your offering go to St. Joseph's, please put it in a regular type envelope, NOT your St. Edmund's Church envelope, and note on the front of the envelope what it is for. Thank you.

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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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

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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

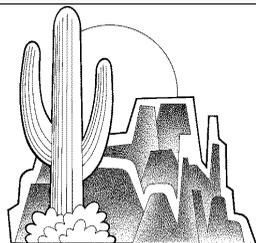
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307 UNION STREET
CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

MASS: **SUNDAY 9:00 AM**

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2013

Mon.	4/15	NO MASS	FR.	
Tue.	4/16	NO MASS		MIKE
Wed.	4/17	NO MASS		GONE
Thur.	4/18	NO MASS		ON
Fri.	4/19	NO MASS		VACATION
Sat.	4/20	5:00 PM	Ksenia & Frushka Filc Anniversary Remembrance by Christina Daszko	
Sun.	4/21	7:30 AM	Herman Claire by Ira & Mary Claire	
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's	
		10:30 AM	Alice Tuelp Anniversary Remembrance by Christina Daszko	



Offerings at St. Edmund's, April 6/7, 2013:

Sunday:	\$ 3007.00
Easter:	\$ 410.00
Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 659.00

Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 64224.59

Offering at St. Joseph's, April 7, 2013:

Sunday:	\$ 814.00
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Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
4th Sunday of Easter "C"
John 10:27-30
"I know my sheep and they follow me!"

- How can I open my mind and heart to truly hear Jesus' voice?
- Am I sincerely following Jesus?
- Do I let myself be given by Jesus into the hands of the Father?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you are my Good Shepherd. Help me to always hear your voice and to follow you. Through your death and resurrection you have led us to the loving embrace of your Father. Amen!

CONDOLENCES TO Mary White, whose husband, Archie, was called home to the Lord.

May God's peace be with him.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of St. Edmund's Parish Council is Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center. This is open to any parishioner wishing to view the proceedings.

DON'T FORGET . . .

The CCW/Knights of Columbus Scholarship applications are due by Wednesday, April 24

Thought for the day . . .

I wanted a perfect ending. Now I've learned, the hard way, that some poems don't rhyme, and some stories don't have a clear beginning, middle and end. Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what's going to happen next. Delicious ambiguity.

Gilda Radner
 6/28/46—5/20/89

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

April 20/21	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Debbie Ochs	Julie Schippert	Amy Curry
SERVERS	M. Schuler & M. Drake	J. Moyer & H. Fickett	L. & T. Hemp
COMMUNION	Patti Duffy	Lynette Moyer	Michael Bevelle
HOSPITALITY	M/M Dale Ronna M/M Carl Gullquist	M/M Jeff Claire Family	M/M Bill Nutter Family

ST. EDMUND/ST. JOSEPH WEBSITE

If you haven't already done so, check out our St. Edmund/St. Joseph website—www.stedstjoe.org. It is easy to navigate and has quite a bit of useful information on it. There's news about our "Gatherings", which consists of information about when our different Church groups meet and what they are doing. We have an "Events" calendar listing all that's going on in our parishes. Our Church bulletin can also be found each week on our website (unless your Church secretary gets in a hurry to leave on Friday and forgets to put it on the website!).

Our 3 month schedules for Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Hospitality and Eucharistic Ministers to Shut-Ins can also now be found on our website. Click on the "News" tab on our homepage. Under "Category" click on "Schedules" then click on the desired schedule. To view, click on the highlighted/underlined pdf file. Notes from Fr. Mike can also be found under the "News" tab.

Think how tired, discouraged and frustrated the apostles must have been in the Gospel reading today. Then Jesus shows up and tells them to try one more time; because they were willing and obedient, Jesus blessed them abundantly. It works the same way in our own lives today; if we trust in Jesus and do what He tells us to do we will receive His abundant blessings! Allow the grace of God to strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage relationship. Attend the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** on **June 7-9, 2013**. Contact Jim and Kris McCullough, 630-577-0778. For more information visit our website at wwmejoliet.org.

One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center
 2041 W. Route 113, Kankakee

Please join us at our **Prayer Breakfast** as we begin our day in prayerful reflection on relevant topics to our lives on Thursday, **May 2, 2013** from 7-8:30 a.m. Our topic that morning is "**Art in Worship—Signs of the Sacred**" presented by Steve R Emmert who owns and operates a wood-working studio in rural St. Anne, IL. From his experience of creating sacred spaces and designs, Steve will share with us his love of both. Steve will also share with us how we can create space for worship and prayer. His presentation will be of special interest for Liturgy Committees.

Cost is a free-will donation and a Continental Breakfast will be available. To register or for more information, please call Sister Mary Stella, 815-935-0800.

DOJ 2013 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

St. Edmund's goal for this year's Annual Appeal is \$12747.00. So far a total of \$4375.00 has been pledged with \$2695.00 actually paid, which is 34.32% of our goal. We have had 33 donors out of a possible 171 households.

St. Joseph's goal for this year's Annual Appeal is \$2137.00. So far a total of \$1627.60 has been pledged with \$1047.60 actually paid, which is 76.16% of our goal. We have had 12 donors out of a possible 18 households.

RUMMAGE & PLANT SALE
 May 3 & 4, 2013

A Rummage & Plant Sale to benefit the restoration of St. Mary's Church in Beaverville will be held on Friday, May 3 from 7a.m.—3 p.m. & Saturday, May 4 from 8 a.m.—12 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall. All donations can be dropped off at St. Mary's Hall on Saturday, April 27 from 8 a.m.—12 p.m. or Sunday, April 28 from 9 a.m.—12 p.m.