

From the Diocese . . .

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: The next *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends* in 2015 will be **October 16-18** or **December 11-13** 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://wwwme-chicagoland.org>.

Joyful Again! (A Widowed Ministry): The next *Joyful Again Widowed Retreats/Workshops* in 2015 will be:

- **October 24/25** at **Nazareth Retreat House**, 717 N. Batavia Avenue, **Batavia**.
- **November 14/15** in **Lemont**
- **Jan. 16/17, 2016** in **Lemont**

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

Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting

Do you want to learn how to be an advisor for the Catholic Scout Religious Recognitions and assist male and female scouting youth in your parish in earning their medals/emblems? If so, the Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting invites you to attend a training session on Saturday, October 3rd from 8:30—11:30 a.m. at the Blanchette Catholic Center located at 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill.

All the details and flyers can be found on the 'Events, Meetings & Training' tab of the Diocesan website, www.dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting, or you can call the Diocesan committee at 815-834-4012.

Biblical Institute of the Diocese of Joliet

The acclaimed *Biblical Institute of the Diocese of Joliet* is now registering students for this fall at St. Matthew Parish (Glendale Heights) and at Assumption Parish (Coal City) for Year 2—New Testament Foundations. If you want to learn Scripture in a truly engaging manner, with a teacher and from a solidly Catholic perspective, the *Biblical Institute* promises you an enriching experience! You can attend one of the three **August Preview Events: August 25** at Assumption Parish (Coal City), **August 26** at St. Rose of Lima Parish (Wilmington) or **August 27** at St. Matthew Parish (Glendale Heights). For more information go to: wwwdioceseofjoliet.org/reo and click on *Biblical Institute*. Or call the diocesan Religious Education Office at 815-221-6147.

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

Please pray for . . .

- Francis Melson

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ~ DIOCESE OF JOLIET

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, is offering a **Caregiver Education Series** for family caregivers from **12—1:15 p.m.** on **ALL WEDNESDAYS IN SEPTEMBER**. All sessions are held at **Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene** (1000 N. Entrance Ave., Kankakee, in Room 107). A light lunch will be provided. To register, call 815-523-9918. Upcoming topics include:

TOPIC	PRESENTER
Finding Help & Accessing Services (9/2)	Amanda Foltz
Learning to Connect with My Loved One (9/9)	Melanie Adams
Avoid the Scam! How to prevent being victimized by fraud (9/16)	Sasha Grabenstetter
The Legal Issues of Caregiving (9/23)	Ketura Baptiste
End of Life Care (9/30)	Connie Lambert

“The most valuable resource that all teachers have is each other. Without collaboration our growth is limited to our own perspectives.”

—Robert John Meehan

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

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015



Mon.	8/24	7:30 AM	Gloria Zirkle by Hicksgas, LLC
Tue.	8/25	NO MASS	
Wed.	8/26	NO MASS	
Thur.	8/27	7:30 AM	Carla J. Conlon by Our Parish Families
Fri.	8/28	7:30 AM	Conner McTaggart by Knights of Columbus Council #4391
Sat.	8/29	5:00 PM	Amanda Harris Birthday Remembrance by Her Family
Sun.	8/30	7:30 AM	Melvin Rogers by M/M David Rogers
		9:00 AM	Gloria Zirkle by Knights of Columbus Council #4391
		10:30 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
22nd Sunday Ordinary Time "B"
Mark 7:1-23

*"This people honors me with their lips,
But their hearts are far from me."*

- Have I ever let religious observances become a source of pride for me?
- What elements in my heart, mind or will might hinder my life in Christ?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you warn me that the things that come from within me might ruin my relationship with you. Help me follow you with a pure heart and not let my religious observances become a stumbling block to serving you with a humble heart. Amen!

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$	3,200.00
Sunday Offering August 15/16, 2015:	\$	2,895.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$	(305.00)
Roof Fund Donations Aug. 15/16, 2015:	\$	140.00
Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$	147,994.00
Offering at St. Joseph's, Aug. 16, 2015:	\$	966.00

Please remember in your prayers:

Conner McTaggart, grandson of Paul & Linda McTaggart, who was called home to our Lord.

May God's peace be with him.

Please remember in your prayers:

Carla J. Conlon, mother of Bishop R. Daniel Conlon, who was called home to our Lord.

May God's peace be with her.

Condolences may be sent to Bishop Conlon at:
Blanchette Catholic Center
16555 Weber Road
Crest Hill IL 60403

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

August 29/30	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	John Gooding	Rhonda Pence	Debbie Ochs
SERVERS	Max Gooding		Meredith & Mallory Drake
COMMUNION	Rosann Miller	Paul McTaggart	Lorraine Smith
HOSPITALITY	M/M Doug Duffy	M/M Ira Claire Pat McTaggart	M/M Gene Ochs Marion Jaworski Family

Out Door Mass and Fall Fest

The Parish Council, Council of Catholic Women and Knights of Columbus are happy to announce that on **Sunday, September 20**, we will be celebrating our **2015 Fall Fest**. It will start with an outdoor Mass at **10:30 a.m.** at **Legion Park**, followed by a picnic lunch prepared by our Knights of Columbus. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs.

Many of our parish family members have been remembering our past picnics and hoping to start this tradition again. **Parishioners of St. Joseph's are also cordially invited to come and celebrate with us!** Sign-up sheets are up in the vestibule of St. Edmund's, as well as at St. Joseph's.

This will be a faith-filled and fun Sunday. I'm looking forward to this special day.

Fr. Mike

P.S. Pray for good weather.

A Prayer for the New School Year

We thank you for the opportunity to begin this new school year, and we ask that you bless the students, faculty and student families that make our school a great place.

We pray that you will guide us in all ways, so that we will seek your will in everything that we do.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Note from our RE Office . . .

We are in the process of forming a **Youth Group for this school year**. A questionnaire is being mailed out on September 2, with a return response card being due by September 30. The information we gather will determine if a Youth Group program will be held this year. Any student from grade eight through high school is invited to join our Youth Group. We are also looking for adult volunteers to help with this program as well. If interested in either joining or helping out, please call Fr. Mike at the Rectory or myself at our Religious Education Office. Thanks!

Patti Duffy, CRE

One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center PRAYER BREAKFAST

Please join us as we begin our day in prayerful reflection on relevant topics to our lives on **Thursday, September 3**, from **7:30—9:00 a.m.** This is sponsored by the *Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary*.

Our topic will be "Life choices regarding death and dying, palliative care and hospice care". Presenter will be **Marian Wulffe**, a Registered Nurse who graduated from St. Mary School of Nursing in 1958, completed her Bachelor's degree from Governor State University in 1986 and her Master's degree from Purdue University in 1989. Marian was employed at Riverside Medical Center from 1970-2011 as an Intensive Care Nurse and is now retired. The **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.