

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 9-15, 2019

Monday, December 9

7:30 AM: Marlene Muller by Karen Duffin & Family
7:00 PM: Roseanna Noonan by Our Parish Family

Tuesday, December 10: NO MASS

Wednesday, December 11, 7:30 AM

Esther Langellier by Kevin & Kim Bohlmann

Thursday, December 12, 7:30 AM

Paul Houmes Sr. Birthday Remembrance by Paul & Carol Houmes

Friday, December 13, 7:30 AM

Phyllis Tonner by Paula Hodak

Morning Mass....what a way to start the day!

Saturday, December 14, 5:00 PM

John Powell by Dave & Eileen Rogers

Sunday, December 15

7:30 AM: Carmen O'Connor by Her Family

9:00 AM: Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's

10:30 AM: Edward Gooding by John Gooding & Family

LAY MINISTERS for December 14/15, 2019

SATURDAY, December 14, 5:00 PM

Lector: Dick Arie

Host: Kayla Duffy

Altar Servers: Aiden & David Bell

Hospitality: John Gooding Family

SUNDAY, December 15, 7:30 AM

Lector: Sara McTaggart

Host: Kevin Bohlmann

Altar Server:

Hospitality: Kent & Julie Schippert; Ira & Mary Claire

SUNDAY, December 15, 10:30 AM

Lector: Nancy Cowan

Host: Marie Garfield

Altar Servers: Abby & Aden Quick

Hospitality: Amy & Chris Curry Family

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation: \$ 3,200.00

St. Edmund's Sunday Offering, Nov. 30/Dec. 1: \$ 3,733.00

BONUS For the Week: \$ 533.00

St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, Dec. 1, 2019: \$ 667.00



FOOD FROM THE HEART, INC.

Food From the Heart, Inc. is happy to have volunteers from our local churches help pack baskets on Thursday, December 12th at 4:30 p.m. at the Watseka United Methodist Church.

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

3rd Sunday of Advent "A"

Matthew 11:2-11

"The poor have the Good News proclaimed to them!"

- Do I look to other things more than Jesus?
- How can I echo John the Baptist's witness to Jesus?
- How am I prayerfully preparing for Christmas?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you sent John the Baptist as the prophet who will point out Jesus, your Son, as the Lamb of God. Help me to hear his message and turn to Jesus and help me to point out Jesus to others as well. Amen!

We often see signs and bumper stickers reminding us of keeping Christ in Christmas. The best way we can keep Christ in Christmas is to make sure we remember to keep "Mass" in Christmass!

MASS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 24/25, 2019 CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS

December 24
CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. (St. Edmund)
6:00 p.m. (St. Edmund)

December 25
CHRISTMAS

9:00 a.m. (St. Joseph)
10:30 a.m. (St. Edmund)

On Wednesday, December 18th, Individual Confessions will be heard from 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. There will also be a Penance Service that evening at 7 p.m. followed by Individual Confessions.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, December 9th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will have Masses on that day at 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. BOTH Masses will be held at the CHURCH.

EUCHRE PARTY

Our next Euchre Party will be on Thursday, December 12th from 1-3 p.m. at the Parish Center. *Parishioners, as well as non-parishioners, are welcome!* We gladly accept donations to our local Food Pantry, but are not a requirement in order to play. Dessert follows card play.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be on Thursday, December 12th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church basement.

DECORATING ST. EDMUND'S

Church decorating at St. Edmund's will be on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, FOLLOWING 10:30 MASS. Parishioners are invited to come and help make St. Edmund's ready for the Christmas season.

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

RE Office: 815-432-5569

Website: www.stedstjoe.org

MASSSES:	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

The 2020 Church Contribution Packets are available for pick up in the Church basement. They are in alphabetical order. **Please write your name on the front of your new envelopes the first few weeks of the new year.**

If you were new to St. Edmund's this past year and asked for (and used) envelopes, or you signed up for a box last year (and used them), there should be a box with your name on it.

If you DO NOT see a box with your name on it and would like a box, please take a box IN NUMERICAL ORDER and write your name on the corresponding line on the envelope sign-up sheet on the table in the basement.

PLEASE:

- DO NOT sign up for envelopes if there is already a box with your name on it.
- DO NOT take someone else's envelopes.
- DO NOT use envelopes from previous years once the new year starts.

If you are currently getting envelopes and decide you no longer wish to receive them, please call Colette at the Rectory and let her know.

SECOND COLLECTION
This Weekend ~ December 7/8, 2019

This weekend's second collection is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious.**

ST. EDMUND CCW

If anyone would like to make a donation to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please put your donation in an envelope marked **CCW Poinsettia** and place it in the collection basket. **Checks are made payable to ST. EDMUND CCW.** Thank you!



to Nick Burns for his most generous donation to our Building Fund, designating that it be used for our new landscaping of the grounds of St. Edmund's. Nick, with the help of Paul McTaggart, was instrumental in getting this project mostly completed in a timely manner (some grass seed still needs to be planted and mulch on the east side of the Parish Center still needs to be put down) . We can't wait to see what it all looks like come next spring!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR HARBOR HOUSE

Below is a list of items needed at Harbor House:

Size 7 & 8 Women's Underwear; Baby Shampoo/Bath Wash; Gas Cards; Walmart Cards

These may be brought to the Church at any time and placed in the basket for Harbor House. *Thank you!*

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- Staff Sgt. (USAF) Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- PV2 Austin Grosvenor, great-grandson of Leona Shafer