

DECEMBER 28, 2014

Mon.	12/29	7:30 AM	Clifford Ducat by His Family
Tue.	12/30	NO MASS	
Wed.	12/31	5:00 PM	Matthew Shafer by His Family
Thurs.	1/1	10:30 AM	Joyce Donohue by M/M Sam Phillippe & Family
Fri.	1/2	7:30 AM	In Thanksgiving by the Song Family
Sat.	1/3	5:00 PM	Landon Miller by the Song Family
Sun.	1/4	7:30 AM	William & Arlene Donohue by Their Family
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Chester & Pauline Williams



Dates to Remember in January. . .

- 12/31 New Year's Eve: Mass @ 5 p.m.
- Jan. 1 New Year's Day: Mass @ 10:30 a.m.
- 2 First Friday: Adoration w/Benediction following 7:30 Mass
- 3/4 Food Pantry
- 4 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Youth Group: 7-8 p.m. @ Parish Center
- 5-20 Fr. Mike Gone on Vacation
- 7 RE Classes Resume
- 8 Euchre Party: 1 p.m. @ Parish Center
Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
- 11 BAPTISM OF THE LORD
(Take Church decorations down after 10:30 Mass)
- 24 Confirmation Retreat & Parent Meeting: 12:30
- 24/25 Church in Latin American DOJ Collection
- 26-30 Week of Christian Unity: 12-1 p.m.
(St. Edmund's hosts on Thursday, the 29th.)

This is the LAST WEEKEND the Church envelope packets will be in the Church basement. After that they may be picked at the Rectory. Thank you.

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—JANUARY	
4	St. Edmund's
11	Sam & Sue Stepp
18	
25	Sandy Harris



**Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
Solemnity of the Epiphany**
Matthew 2:1-12
"They opened their treasures!"

- What do I bring, like gold, to Jesus to honor his Kinship?
- What do I bring, like incense, to Jesus to honor his divinity?
- How do I join with Jesus in his sacrificial sufferings prefigured by myrrh?

Prayer: O Good Jesus, the wise men came from all the boundaries of the earth to hail you as the Messiah, the Holy One sent by God into our world. Help me, like them, to bring to you the treasures that I might have and lay them at your feet into your service. Amen!

REMINDER: Our Youth Group will meet next Sunday, January 4th, at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center.

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

January 3/4	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Dick Arie	RaDonna Hasselbring	Nancy Cowan
SERVERS	S. & R. Gooding	Will Lyznicki	A. Haskins & K. Jaworski
COMMUNION	Diana Wessels	Julie Schippert	Barb Quigley
HOSPITALITY	Jan Dillman, Bernadine Buswell Helen Bruens, Louise Bruens	M/M Terry McTaggart Fam.	M/M Kevin Hemp Family

SOLEMNITY OF MARY HOLY DAY LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS December 31, 2014/January 1, 2015

	12/31/14 ~ 5 PM	1/1/15 ~ 10:30 AM
LECTORS	Doug Duffy	Steve Westrick
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Ira Claire	Anne Zumwalt
ALTAR SERVERS	Claire Bossong & Zakkary Clark	Landon & Trenton Hemp
HOSPITALITY	M/M Dale Ronna M/M Steve McCullough	Julie Arseneau & Cole M/M Kenneth Thiele & Autumn

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, Dec. 20/21, 2014:	\$ 2,395.55
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (804.45)

Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 125,985.00

St. Joseph's Offering	
Sunday, December 21, 2014:	\$ 410.00

REMINDER: On Friday, January 2nd, after 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for one-half hour with Benediction at 8:00 a.m.

A big THANK YOU to all of Santa's little helpers who came last Sunday to help decorate St. Edmund's for Christmas. We had a great turn out and the Church looks beautiful! Your help was very much appreciated.

ST. JOSEPH CCW

Please recycle greeting cards and plastic caps!

St. Joseph's CCW is collecting new or used greeting cards for St. Jude's Ranch for Children.

They are also collecting plastic caps and tops off any food, drink or household item.

Items can be dropped off at the rear of St. Joseph's Church or call Paula Rippy, 815-383-1060, for pick up.

JANUARY'S items needed for Harbor House are: **Women's Under Garments (All Kinds & Various Sizes) and Socks (Various Sizes).** As usual, Paper Products of any kind are always needed. *Thank you.*

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- Sr. Airman Thomas Westrick, son of Steve & Sharon Westrick
- Airman 1st Class Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Kelnhofer
- Hm3 Richard Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Kelnhofer
- Sgt. Erik Shepherd, son-in-law of Michelle Kelnhofer
- PFC Allison Shepherd, daughter of Michelle Kelnhofer
- Lance Corporal Samuel Gross, grandson of Linda Hunt

Please pray for . . .
 Francis Melson

Money Counters for January are:

4	Julie Arseneau & Elsie Hankey
11	Brittany Cluver & Barb Mayotte
18	Jennifer Dixon & Joe Lyznicki
25	Nick Harvey & Bette Maxheimer

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Thursday, January 8, 2015
 7:30-9:00 a.m.

One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center

Sponsored by Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

Join us as we begin our day in prayerful reflection on relevant topics to our lives. **Our topic this time is "Catholic Social Teaching on Faithful Citizenship"**. The presenter is Debra Mayconich Baron, Ph.D.

The cost is a free-will donation and a Continental Breakfast will be available.

Please call Sister Mary Stella at 815-935-0800 to register or for more information.

From the Diocese . . .

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: The next *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends* in 2015 will be **February 13-15, April 17-19 or June 12-14** at **Elk Grove Village, IL**. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call **Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778** or contact them at **www.wwmejoliet.org**.

Joyful Again! (A Widowed Ministry): The next *Joyful Again Widowed Retreat/Workshop* will be **January 10/11, 2015** at **Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer**, located in **Lemont on Alvernia Manor's campus**. To register or for more information, call **708-354-7211** or email them at **joyfulagain7211@gmail.com**. Space is limited so please register early.

Information Meeting for Navajo Mission to Chinle, AZ: The Joliet Diocese—Partnership in Mission is planning its next **Navajo Construction Mission** to Chinle, AZ. Two information meetings will be held, **January 13th & 21st, 2015**, both from **7-9 p.m.** at the **Blanchette Catholic Center** (16555 Weber Road in Crest Hill). Interested persons are invited to attend. Further information can be found at: **www.dioceseofjoliet.org/missions**, by calling 815-221-6256 or by emailing **bcarlson@dioceseofjoliet.org**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for a New Year's resolution worth keeping? How does helping out your fellow townspeople sound?

Volunteer Services are in need of people to deliver meals to the homebound in Watseka. Meals are delivered around noon, Monday-Friday and it takes about 30 minutes to make the deliveries. You would be scheduled to deliver one week per month—NO weekends or holidays. Meals are picked up at the hospital and that is where you would get your roster of names and addresses. This is strictly for deliveries within the city of Watseka. For more information or to volunteer, please call Volunteer Services at 815-432-5785. Thank you!

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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

"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

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MASS: SUNDAY 9:00 AM