

# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

Mon.	12/10	7:30 AM	Dr. John Martin by the Martin Family
Tue.	12/11	NO MASS	
Wed.	12/12	7:30 AM	Paul Houmes Sr. Birthday Remembrance by Paul & Carol Houmes
Thur.	12/13	7:30 AM	Brent McTaggart by His Family
Fri.	12/14	7:30 AM	John Powell by Eileen & Dave Rogers
Sat.	12/15	5:00 PM	Ed Gooding by John Gooding & Family
Sun.	12/16	7:30 AM	Rodney Popham by His Family
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Delores Gullquist by Her Family



Weekly Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, Dec. 1/2, 2018:	\$ 3,651.00
BONUS For the Week:	\$ 451.00
Offering at St. Joseph's, Dec. 2, 2018:	\$ 698.00

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
This Weekend ~ December 8/9, 2018

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

**DECORATING ST. EDMUND'S**

Church decorating at St. Edmund's will be on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>**, FOLLOWING 10:30 MASS. Parishioners are invited to come and help make St. Edmund's ready for the Christmas season.



We have new pre-lit trees this year, courtesy of our CCW, so decorating should go a bit quicker!

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent "C"**  
Luke 3:10-18  
**"One mightier than I is coming!"**

- The crowd asked John what they should do to prepare for Christ. What should I do to prepare for Christmas?
- Have I cheated anyone this year?
- How has being baptized with the Holy Spirit and with fire affected my life?

**Prayer:** O come O Dayspring from on high  
And cheer us by your drawing nigh  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadow put to flight

O come Desire of Nations bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind  
O bid our sad divisions cease  
And be for us the king of peace

Rejoice, rejoice, O Israel  
To thee shall come Emmanuel

*"He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord."*  
Luke 1:14-15

## LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Dec. 15/16	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Doug Duffy	Sara McTaggart	Mary Decker
SERVERS	Raegan Gooding	Myles Lynch	Meredith & Mallory Drake
COMMUNION	Patti Duffy	Lynette Moyer	Barb Quigley
HOSPITALITY	M/M Sam Stepp Laura Stepp	M/M Kyle Cluver Family M/M Rick McTaggart	Linda Hunt; Sheila Harman

The 2019 Church Contribution Packets are available 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 Collette at the Rectory and let her know.**

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Our Finance Council will meet on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. Our Parish Council meeting will follow at 7 p.m.

**ST. EDMUND CCW**

St. Edmund's CCW held their last meeting of 2018 on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Our monthly meetings will start back up in March, 2019.

Thanks to all of our parishioners and friends for your support. During the past year we have:

- Provided several funeral dinners.
- Helped with the Outdoor Mass & Picnic in the fall.
- Helped the Knights of Columbus with the Turkey Dinner.
- Donated to the *Food From the Heart, Inc.* project, which provides Christmas Food Baskets for needy people in the community.
- Held our annual Bake Sale.
- Purchased 4 new Christmas trees for the Church.
- Assembled 111 *Boxes of Joy*.

All of the women of St. Edmund's are welcome to attend the meetings, which include an interesting program and social time, along with refreshments. We hope to see more of you at the next meeting, which will be March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center.

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Also, thanks to everyone who brought a baked good to our Bake Sale last weekend and to all those who made a purchase or monetary donation. Due to your generosity, we had a very successful bake sale...thank you!

CCW Officers

**Please pray for our Service Members . . .**

- Staff Sgt. (USAF) Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- Staff Sgt. Army Reserve Allison Shepherd, daughter of Michelle Hastings
- Staff Sargent Rori Sorensen, granddaughter of Mary Sorensen



**ST. EDMUND CCCW**



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!

**EUCHRE PARTY**

Our next Euchre Party will be on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church basement.

**A Note from St. Joseph's . . .**

Our 2019 Church Envelope Packets are in the back of the Church. Please take those with your name on them. Those wanting envelopes for next year, please sign your name next to a number on the list and take the same numbered box of envelopes. Thank you!

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 24/25, 2018  
CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS**

<b>Monday</b> (12/24)	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	4:00 p.m. (St. Edmund) 6:00 p.m. (St. Edmund)
<b>Tuesday</b> (12/25)	<b>CHRISTMAS</b>	9:00 a.m. (St. Joseph) 10:30 a.m. (St. Edmund)

On Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, Individual Confessions will be heard from 11:30 a.m.—12 p.m. There will also be a **Penance Service** that evening at 7 p.m. followed by Individual Confessions.

Please remember in your prayers Fr. Denis White, who was called home to our Lord. Fr. White was our interim priest prior to Fr. Mike's arrival.

*May God's peace be with him.*

**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!*

**COFFEE FOR A CAUSE**

**Did you know that Catholics have a long history with coffee?**

It doesn't go all the way back to St. Joseph, but it does go back hundreds of years. It was called "the devil's brew" until Pope Clement VIII declared in the 16<sup>th</sup> century... "*This devil's drink is delicious. We should cheat the devil by baptizing it.*" After he gave it his blessing, coffee became a popular drink for many to enjoy.

**ST. JOE COFFEE:  
COFFEE FOR A CAUSE**

Organic and fair trade, this locally roasted coffee is for the Catholic who enjoys a great cup o' joe! However, this isn't just "good coffee." This is coffee for a cause.

We are donating 20% of the coffee proceeds to the *Missionaries of the Poor*. The *Missionaries of the Poor* are a Catholic order of priests, brothers, and nuns that serve the poorest and most neglected in our society around the world.

With St. Joe Coffee, you get great coffee while also supporting an important Catholic religious order and their works of service and mercy.

With Christmas around the corner, we added a few St. Joe Coffee gift boxes that are perfect for the coffee lovers on your list!

For further information or to place an order, please go to **catholiccompany.com** (search: St. Joe's Coffee)

**ST. EDMUND CHURCH**

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Website: [www.stedstjoe.org](http://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

**"Let us be built as living stones."**

**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**