

DOJ VOCATION OFFICE . . .

LISTENING TO GOD'S CALL: All men and women ages 18-40, are invited to gather with women and men religious to explore the possibility of religious life and priesthood. This is sponsored by JAVA (Joliet Area Vocation Association). The topic for April is "Vows—Obedience". Dates for these gatherings are: **April 9** from 7-9 p.m. at the Loretto Convent in Wheaton (contact Sister Claire, 630-868-2904 or clvand@aol.com) and **April 10** from 7-9 p.m. at St. Francis Woods in Frankfort (contact Sister Maria, 815-464-3873 or vocations@fssh.net).

MUNDELEIN SEMINARY RETREATS: Mundelein Seminary offers three "Exploring Priesthood Weekends" during the school year for men who are juniors in college and older. Participants have a chance to experience seminary life, speak to current seminarians and pray with the seminary community. There is NO COST for these weekends. If interested, please contact Fr. Burke at 815-834-4004 or email him at vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org. The final retreat is **April 12-14, 2013**.

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.

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.

Thought for the day . . .

"The one who follows the crowd will usually get no further than the crowd. The one who walks alone is likely to find himself in places no one has ever been."

-Albert Einstein

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.

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month

Have you ever thought of opening your home to foster a child or to offer respite care for children of abuse or neglect? Starfish Family Homes and Olivet Nazarene University are hosting an informational meeting on **Saturday, April 13** at the Weber Center on ONU's campus, Rooms 304 & 305. There will be 2 sessions, 9 a.m.—12 p.m. or 1—4:30 p.m. (both sessions will provide the same information). All 3 licensing agencies will be there to discuss qualifications and the process. Starfish will also have opportunities for persons interested in volunteering for Starfish Family Homes. For questions or to RSVP, contact Dr. Bridgett Fifer at 815-295-3243/racquel_aka@yahoo.com.

DOJ Office for Human Dignity—Respect Life Ministry

Join the Diocese for **Life Advocacy Day** in Springfield, Illinois on **Wednesday, April 17**. Limited space is available on the bus. Registration is required on a first come, first serve basis and the cost is \$30 per person. Call the Respect Life Ministry at 815-834-4065 with any questions.

To get a copy of their flier go to www.dioceseofjoliet.org. Click on "Ministries" and under "Human Dignity" click on "Respect Life".

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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

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

MASS: SUNDAY 9:00 AM

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2013

Mon.	4/8	7:30 AM	Jim Krones by the Catholic Order of Foresters
Tue.	4/9	NO MASS	
Wed.	4/10	7:30 AM	John & Mary German by Nick & Roxanne Adsit & Family
Thur.	4/11	7:00 PM	Jim & Judy Krones by Knights of Columbus Council #4391
Fri.	4/12	7:00 PM	Genevieve Powell by Her Family
Sat.	4/13	5:00 PM	Charles McTaggart by His Family
Sun.	4/14	7:30 AM	Elsie Claire by Ira & Mary Claire
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Deceased Clergy by Fr. Mike Powell



"Do not doubt but believe."
In 20:27

Offerings at St. Edmund's, March 30/31, 2013:

Sunday:	\$ 3014.00
Easter:	\$ 1890.00
CRS (DOJ):	\$ 13.00
Home Missions (DOJ):	\$ 5.00
First Offering:	\$ 50.00
Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 55.00
Mass Stipends:	\$ 60.00
Holy Land (Good Friday):	\$ 252.00

Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 63565.59

INCOME:	\$ 11849.35
EXPENSES:	\$ 16443.04
Difference (+ or -):	(-) \$ 4593.69

Sunday:	\$ 602.00
Easter:	\$ 2105.00

Donovan United Methodist Church is hosting their annual **Swedish American Supper** on **Saturday, April 13** serving from 5-7:30 p.m. with carry-outs beginning at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$8.50 for Adults and \$5.00 for Children age 5-11. There will also be a drawing for a handmade quilt and a bake sale. Handicapped accessible.

Tuesday, April 9, is Election Day. Don't forget to go out and exercise your right to vote!

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
3rd Sunday of Easter "C"
John 21:1-14
"It is the Lord!"

- Seeing that the disciples failed at fishing, how do I handle failure and disappointment in my life?
- Like the Beloved Disciple do I recognize the Lord in my life and, like Peter, am I anxious to come to him?
- How can I, in my particular vocation, help feed Jesus' sheep and lambs?

Prayer: O Risen Lord, be near to me as you were to your disciples. Help me to see you in my family, friends and neighbors and incline my heart to care for your people. Amen!

EUCHRE PARTY

St. Edmund's Senior Citizens will be having their next Euchre Party on **Thursday, April 11**, at 1 p.m. at the Parish Center. Parishioners, as well as non-parishioners, are welcome to attend. All attendees are asked to please bring an item for our local food pantry.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus is **Thursday, April 11**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church basement. Refreshments will be provided by Dick Ryan.

Our **Cash Bash** is on **Saturday, April 13** beginning at 6 p.m. Set-up will be at noon and help is needed!

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

April 13/14	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Doug Duffy	RaDonna Hasselbring	Ericka Clark
SERVERS	C. Bossong & K. Bell	O. & W. Claire	N. King & L. Lambert
COMMUNION	Chris Bossong	Diane Buswell	Bob Grimes
HOSPITALITY	Dr/M Phil Zumwalt John Gooding Family	M/M Sam Ochs Carol Haas, Jane McTaggart	M/M Andy Guimond Sharon Quinn

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.

Today's readings remind us that Jesus has triumphed over hell and death, as well as how Jesus gave his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, which enabled them to do many signs and wonders! In response we echo the responsorial Psalm, "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting and His mercy endures forever!" We are called to be a resurrection people and reflect God's love and mercy in our own lives and relationships with others. Let your marriage sacrament truly reflect God's love and mercy. Attend the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** on **April 12-14, 2013**. Contact Jim and Kris McCullough, 630-577-0778. For more information visit our website at: wwmejoliet.org.

We talk of reforming others without ever reforming ourselves.

-St. Peter of Alcantara

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 Remmert 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.