

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

The 2015 Church Contribution Packets are still available in the Church basement. They are in alphabetical order. Please write your name on the front of your envelopes for the first few weeks of the new year.

If you were new to St. Edmund's this past year and asked for 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.

If you DO NOT wish to receive envelopes in the future, please call the Rectory and let Colette know.

FYI: Mostly during the cold and flu season, but sometimes at other times, I get called at the last minute for emergency babysitting situations with my grandchildren. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause the parishioners of St. Edmund's or St. Joseph's.

Your Church Secretary,
Colette

The search is on. The Fifth Annual Longest Married Couple Project in the U.S., as well as each of the 50 states and territories, has started. If you know a couple with a long marriage, please nominate them for this honor. This annual search is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. More information can be found at wwme.org.

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.

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.

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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, DECEMBER 21, 2014

Mon.	12/22	7:30 AM	Joyce Donohue by Her Family
Tue.	12/23	NO MASS	
Wed.	12/24	4:00 PM	Mary Ann Lurgio by Her Family
		6:00 PM	Bonnie Arie by Her Family
Thur.	12/25	9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Michael Sampson Anniversary Remembrance by Mrs. Michael Sampson & Family
Fri.	12/26	7:30 AM	Frances Ducat by Her Family
Sat.	12/27	5:00 PM	Landon Miller by Our Church Family
Sun.	12/28	7:30 AM	Carmen O'Connor by Her Family
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Delores Gullquist by Her Family



Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering Dec. 13/14, 2014:	\$ 3,240.50
BONUS For the Week:	\$ 40.50

Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 125,140.00

Offering at St. Joseph's, Dec. 14, 2014:	
Sunday:	\$ 1,065.00

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
4th Sunday of Advent "B"
 Luke 2:22-40
"They took Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord!"

- Do I, like Mary and Joseph, joyfully celebrate the rites of the Church?
- Simeon received Jesus with joy; how can I better receive Jesus when I encounter him?
- Anna gave thanks to the father and told people about the child Jesus; how can I better bring the message of Jesus to others?

Simeon's Canticle: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel. Amen." (This canticle is the final prayer of the Liturgical day. It's a great prayer right before bedtime.)

Gabriel's Carol

*A stranger stands in Mary's home
 And, as if reading from a poem,
 Writ by God's own omniscient hand,
 Reveals to her salvation's plan!*

*Then that same bright and angelic guest
 Appeared to Joseph in his rest
 To tell him that his future wife
 Bore in her womb the Lord of Life!*

*So Gabriel, his work now done,
 Joined in the praises of God's Son
 With countless hosts of angels bright
 O'er Bethlehem that wondrous night!*

*Inspired by his angelic task
 In Gabriel's mission now we ask
 To echo his salvific theme
 And join the song of the redeemed!*

*May you be blessed with a wondrous Christmastide
 and a Holy 2015!*

Fr. Mike

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Dec. 27/28	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	John Gooding	Doug Geiger	Ericka Clark
SERVERS	Conner & Claire Curry		C. Arseneau & O. Simons
COMMUNION	Patti Duffy	Paul McTaggart	Jane Zummallen
HOSPITALITY	Pat King Family Mary Sorensen	M/M Ira Claire M/M Kent Schippert	M/M Gene Ochs M/M Kevin Verkler

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS DECEMBER 24/25, 2014

	12/24 ~ 4:00 PM	12/25 ~ 6:00 PM	12/25 ~ 10:30 AM
LECTORS	Rhonda Pence	Sue Butler	Debbie Ochs
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Host: Kevin Bohlmann Cup: Diane Buswell & Pam Verkler	Host: Mary Decker Cup: Laura Stepp & Julie Arseneau	Host: Barb Quigley Cup: Lorraine Smith & Kevin Hemp
ALTAR SERVERS	Katie & Justin McTaggart Olivia Simons	Gooding Children	M. Bevelle & A. Haskins Kayley Jaworski
HOSPITALITY	Margaret Ochs	M/M Doug Duffy Family	M/M Chris Curry Family

From the desk of Patti Duffy . . .

Our last class for 2014 was on Wednesday, December 17. After our break for the holidays, classes will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Have a blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

ST. EDMUND CCW

Our Bake Sale was a huge success...our profit was \$1060.00! A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this bake sale the success it was. Your support was very much appreciated!

DECORATING ST. EDMUND'S

DON'T FORGET Church decorating at St. Edmund's is today, **Sunday, December 21st**, following 10:30 Mass. See you there!

Our Christmas choir will be singing at both Christmas Eve Masses and will present a short program about 15 minutes prior to the start of both Masses.

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.