

**A Time of Prayer**

Thursday, December 12, 2013  
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

**One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center**  
(Sponsored by Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary)

**ADVENT PRAYER**

Come away for a *Time of Prayer*. Let the silence and atmosphere of peace bring you to a deeper place within yourself. Treat yourself to a *Time of Prayer*.

Cost is \$5, if possible. If not, please come anyway. To register or for more information call 815-935-0800 or just stop by.

An **Advent Day Retreat** will be held on **Saturday, December 7 from 8 a.m.—5 p.m.** This is open to both, women and men. The cost is \$20 and lunch will be provided. Registration deadline is Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by *Servant of the Holy Heart of Mary*.

Call 815-935-0800 to register or for more information on either of these events.

**TORNADO RELIEF EFFORTS**  
(Through Catholic Charities, DOJ)

Catholic Charities, DOJ, is assisting those impacted by the violent storms 2 weeks ago with food, housing, counseling, financial support, transportation, minor home repairs, household supplies, storage/warehousing, and child care cost.

If you want to donate directly to *Catholic Charities Tornado Fund* go to:

[www.tinyurl.com/tornadodonations](http://www.tinyurl.com/tornadodonations). Hit the DONATE button on the top of the page and type "tornado victims" in the "honor of" space. You can also mail your donation to:

**Catholic Charities, DOJ**  
203 N. Ottawa Street  
Joliet IL 60432

*There will not be a second collection for this at Mass.*

**Things to Ponder . . .**

To err is human. To forgive takes restraint. To forget you forgave is the mark of a saint.

-SUZANNE DOUGLASS

A saint has to be a misfit. A person who embodies what his culture considers typical or normal cannot be exemplary.

-MARTIN E. MARTY

Living with a saint is more grueling than being one.

-ROBERT NEVILLE

Whenever you're in conflict with someone, there is one factor that can make the difference between damaging your relationship and deepening it. That factor is attitude.

-TIMOTHY BENTLEY

**CHURCH FOOTBALL**

**Quarterback Sneak:** Church members quietly leaving during Communion.

**Benchwarmer:** Those who do not sing, pray, work or apparently do anything but sit.

**Backfield-in-Motion:** Making a trip to the restroom or water fountain during the service.

**Two-Minute Warning:** The point at which you realize Mass is almost over and begin to gather up your children and belongings.

**Sudden Death:** What happens to the attention span of the congregation if the homily goes into "overtime."

**Blitz:** The rush for the parking lot that follows the closing hymn.

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**ST. EDMUND CHURCH**

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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 1, 2013

Mon.	12/2	7:30 AM	Jim Kronos Birthday Remembrance by M/M Mark Andrzejewski
Tue.	12/3	NO MASS	
Wed.	12/4	7:30 AM	Mary Maloney Saunders Birthday Remembrance by Gloria Lynch
Thur.	12/5	7:30 AM	Art & Greta Burns by Bob & Phyllis Tonner
Fri.	12/6	7:30 AM	In Thanksgiving by the Song Family
Sat.	12/7	5:00 PM	Warner Rulien by Lorraine Rulien
Sun.	12/8	7:30 AM	Brent McTaggart by Knight of Columbus Council # 4391
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Ed Gooding by John Gooding & Family



Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering Nov. 23/24, 2013:	\$ 2,789.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ 411.00
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Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 84,308.61
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Offering at St. Joseph's, November 24, 2013:	
Sunday:	\$ 357.00

**REMINDER:** On Friday, December 6, after 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for one-half hour with Benediction at 8:00 a.m.

**EUCHRE PARTY**  
St. Edmund's Senior Citizens will be having their next **Euchre Party** on **Thursday, December 12**, 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, **December 12** at **7:30 p.m.** in the Church basement.

**Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent "A"**  
Matthew 3:1-12  
**"Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!"**

- How can I, like John the Baptist, point Jesus out to my friends and family?
- What are the things in my life that call for repentance?
- How can I better prayerfully prepare for Christmas?

**Prayer:** God our Father, you sent John the Baptist ahead of your Son to prepare his way and to call us to change of heart. May we imitate John in honestly owning that Jesus must increase, we must decrease. Come, Lord Jesus! Amen!

At the request of a parishioner, the bulletin will be typed using a slightly larger size of font, as much as possible, to make it easier to read.

**Religious Education classes resume on Wednesday, December 4, at 4 p.m.**

The new 2014 **Flowers for Mary** sheets are now up on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the Church. Please sign up early if you have a special date you would like to provide flowers for Mary's Altar.

## LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Dec. 7/8	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	John Gooding	Julie Schippert	Nancy Cowan
SERVERS	Samantha & Max Gooding	Justin Moyer	Gabriel & Miryam Bevelle
COMMUNION	Mary Decker	Kevin Bohlmann	Michael Bevelle
HOSPITALITY	M/M Steve McCullough	DR/M William Burwell	M/M Andy Guimond Family Sharon Quinn

**An Adult Christ at Christmas**  
Fr. Mike is offering a short Bible Study course dealing with the stories of Christmas. They will be held at the Parish Center from 1-2 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. The dates for these are:  
**Monday, Dec. 9: Luke's Christmas Story I**  
**Monday, Dec. 16: Luke's Christmas Story II**

**One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center**  
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You are invited to come pray with us, *Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary*, on the **2nd Friday** of every month from 7-8 p.m. for **Adoration for Vocations** in the chapel at One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center in Kankakee.

**ST. EDMUND CCW**  
Our **Bake Sale** is coming up next weekend, **December 7/8**, after ALL Masses. All women of St. Edmund's are asked to bring a baked good to whatever Mass they attend. If you are unable to bring a baked good, please consider making a purchase. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Thank you.

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
**December 7/8, 2013**  
Next weekend's 2nd collection is for the diocesan's **Retirement Fund for Religious.**

For those wanting to plan ahead, here is the Mass schedule for the upcoming holidays. All Masses are at St. Edmund's except for the 9 a.m. Mass, which is at St. Joseph's.

Tuesday	December 24	4:00 & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	December 25	9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday	December 31	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Jan. 1, 2014	10:30 a.m.

On Wednesday, **December 18**, **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.**

**Please pray for our Service Members . . .**  
Major Saul Decker, son of Mary Decker

As we proceed with estate planning, let us remember our St. Edmund and St. Joseph Parishes. This generosity enables us to continue bringing the Good News of Jesus to our friends and neighbors.

The family of Judy Kronos would like to thank everyone who had anything to do with the orchestration of the picture and plaque that was placed at the Parish Center in honor of their mother's many years of service to St. Edmund's. The dedication ceremony was very well attended and they thoroughly enjoyed the reception afterwards.