

From the Diocese . . .

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: Upcoming *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in 2016* are: February 12-14, April 8-10, and June 10-12 at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact them at <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

Joyful Again! (A Widowed Ministry): The next *Joyful Again Widowed Retreats/Workshops* in 2016 will be: January 16/17 and March 5/6, at Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer in Lemont.

To register or for more information, call 708-354-7211 or email them at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com. Visit their website at www.joyfulagain.org. 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—one on January 12th from 7-9 p.m. and the other on January 20th from 7-9 p.m., both at the Bishop Blanchette Catholic Center (16555 Weber Rd., Crest Hill). Interested persons are invited to attend.

Information Meeting for Medical Missions to Uganda & Kenya in East Africa: The Diocese of Joliet is planning its first medical mission to Uganda and a returning mission to Kenya. An information meeting will be held on January 26th at 7 p.m. at the Blanchette Catholic Center. Interested persons are invited to attend.

For further information: visit www.dioceseofjoliet.org, call 815-221-6258 or email missions@dioceseofjoliet.org.

ST. EDMUND CCW

Ladies, we have quite a collection of bowls and dishes down in the Church basement. If you've brought a dessert or salad to a funeral dinner in the last few months and think one of them may belong to you, please check the shelves in the southwest corner of the Church basement. We'd really like to find all of these a home! Thank you.

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- Sr. Airman Thomas Westrick, son of Steve & Sharon Westrick
- Sr. Airman Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- Hm2 Richard Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- Sgt. Erik Shepherd, son-in-law of Michelle Hastings
- Sgt. Allison Shepherd, daughter of Michelle Hastings
- Lance Corporal Samuel Gross, grandson of Linda Hunt
- Sr. Airman Rorie Sorensen, granddaughter of Mary Sorensen

Please pray for . . .

- Francis Melson
- Those experiencing difficulties again due to the recent flooding conditions, here in our area as well as in Missouri

One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center
PRAYER BREAKFAST

Please join us as we begin our day in prayerful reflection on relevant topics to our lives on **Thursday, January 7th** from **7:30—9:00 a.m.** This is sponsored by the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary.

Our topic will be *Catholic Charities and Resources.* Presenter will be **Edith Avila Olea**, a young and passionate person dedicated to the service of the poor. Her career began with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development with the Office for Human Dignity, Diocese of Joliet. She currently works for Catholic Charities as the Parish Outreach and Board of Young Professionals Coordinator. She works to establish healthy and long-term relationships with parishes in the Diocese of Joliet and has created a network of young adults dedicated to serving with Catholic Charities. She recently received the Cardinal Bernardin New Leadership Award given by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to a young person committed to the work of social justice.

The **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.

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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, JANUARY 3, 2016

Mon.	1/4	7:30 AM	Vivian Lovelass by Phyllis Tonner
Tue.	1/5	NO MASS	
Wed.	1/6	7:30 AM	Bob Tonner by Mary Sorensen
Thur.	1/7	7:30 AM	Bernita Caron by Paul & Suzanne Pruchnicki
Fri.	1/8	7:30 AM	William C. Taylor by James Wilfinger
Sat.	1/9	5:00 PM	Jack Dillman Birthday Remembrance by His Family
Sun.	1/10	7:30 AM	Archie White Birthday Remembrance by His Family
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Melissa Brassard by Nick & Roxanne Adsit & Family



Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering Dec. 26/27, 2015:	\$ 2,379.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (821.00)
Christmas 2015 Offering:	\$ 6,719.01

Roof Fund Donations Dec. 26/27, 2015:	\$ 1,550.00
Other Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 8,059.00
Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 162,613.00
Roof Fund Interest (2012—9/15):	\$ 7,641.55
Total Amount of Roof Fund:	\$ 170,254.55

Offering at St. Joseph's, Dec. 27, 2015	\$ 410.75
Christmas 2015 Offering at St. Joseph's:	\$ 3,141.00

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Luke 3:15-16, 20-21
"He will baptize with the Holy Spirit!"

- I was told that the people "were filled with expectation," what are my expectations from Jesus?
- How can I become a more worthy disciple of Jesus?
- Am I truly living out the grace of my Baptism?

Prayer: O God, my heavenly Father, help me to give witness to my Baptism by my words and actions. Jesus, your Son, though sinless, took his place among us sinners. May my life reflect the love that he gives me. Amen!

From the desk of Patti Duffy . . .

Religious Education classes will resume on Wednesday, January 6, at 4 p.m.

Next **Sunday, January 10**, is the last day of the Church's Christmas season. **We will take St. Edmund's Christmas decorations down that day after 10:30 Mass** for anyone willing to help with this task. *Thank you.*

DON'T FORGET . . .

Fr. Mike's Adult Enrichment "Catholicism" presentations by Bishop Robert Barron will begin on Thursday, January 21st, at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center.

"Let our New Year's resolution be this: We will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity in the finest sense of the word."

-Goran Persson

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Jan. 9/10	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Jeanette Reifel	RaDonna Hasselbring	Nancy Cowan
SERVERS	Justin McTaggart		Conner & Claire Curry
COMMUNION	Diana Wessels	Kevin Bohlmann	Mary Decker
HOSPITALITY	DR/M Phil Zumwalt Mark Zumwalt	M/M Kyle Cluver Family M/M Rick McTaggart	Ericka Clark Family M/M Robert Zummallen

Thank you for your Christmas kindness!

On behalf of our Parish Family, I would like to thank all of you at St. Edmund and St. Joseph for your generosity this Christmas. Thank you also for your kindness to me at this season and through all of the past year. 2016 will be an exciting time for us. While Chinese calendars are named after different animals, this is St. Edmund's "Year of the Roof!" We have again, through your generosity, over \$160,000 in our roofing fund, so as soon as the weather allows (maybe April or May) we can begin this historic job. Again you have heard me say that we stand on the shoulders of the giants of our parish who preceded us; may those who are members of St. Edmund 75 years from now say the same thing about us! Yea team!

Fr. Mike

HOLY YEAR UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

Opening of the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. Mary Major Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God World Day for Peace

For the Church: That we will follow Mary's example and reflect upon Jesus, the face of the Father's Mercy

For the World: That we commit our lives to the cause of abiding peace

CHURCH NOTES . . .

Anyone wanting a statement of their 2015 Church contributions for tax purposes, please call the Rectory and leave a message for Colette, if necessary. I usually automatically send statements to those giving \$500 or more over the year, so those who normally receive one DO NOT have to call. *Also, if you no longer wish to receive statements, please let Colette know.*

The 2016 Church envelope packets can now be picked up from the table in the vestibule of the Church. **THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND THE ENVELOPES WILL BE AT THE CHURCH**, after that they can be picked up at the Rectory. Please remember to write your name on the front of the envelopes for the first few weeks of the new year. Also, **PLEASE USE THE CURRENT YEAR'S ENVELOPES ONLY**, not ones from previous years.

New parishioners, newly married couples or long-time parishioners who have never officially registered at St. Edmund's are asked to please do so. Registration forms can be found on the table in the vestibule of the Church or can be picked up at the Rectory. Please return them to the Rectory at your earliest convenience.

Anyone whose address or phone number has changed, but is still a parishioner of St. Edmund's, please call the Rectory with these changes.

Thank you.