

*From the Diocese . . .*

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends:** Upcoming *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in 2016* are: **October 7-9** and **Dec. 9-11** 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://wwwme-chicagoland.org>.

**Joyful Again! (A Widowed Ministry):** The next *Joyful Again Widowed Retreats/Workshops* in 2016 will be: **October 22/23** at the Nazareth Retreat House in Batavia (Overnight—no commuters) and **November 5/6** at Alvernia Manor, Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer Evangelization Center in Lemont (Overnight—no commuters). To register or for more information, call **708-354-721** or email them at [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com). Visit their website at [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org). Space is limited so please register early.

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM PARISH**  
208 N. 2nd Street ~ Ashkum, IL

**St. Peregrine Devotions**  
*(Patron Saint of those suffering from Cancer/  
Incurable Disease or Condition)*

The first Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m., we will hold the devotions in honor of St. Peregrine. The blessing of the sick with the relic of St. Peregrine will be given, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will also be a part of the evening service. If you, or someone you know, suffers from cancer or is struggling with an incurable disease or condition, join us the first Tuesday of each month for prayer and ask for healing, an increase in faith, acceptance of God's will and strength to bear whatever God asks of you.

*Fr. Raed Bader, Pastor*

**SEPTEMBER EUCHRE PARTY**

Because of the ongoing roofing project and Fr. Mike being set up for Mass at the Parish Center, there will be **NO EUCHRE PARTY** in the month of September.

*Please pray for our Service Members . . .*

- Staff Sgt. 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
- Staff Sargent Rori Sorensen, granddaughter of Mary Sorensen

*Please pray for . . .*

- Francis Melson
- Mark Smith

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be on **Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church basement.

Our *Tootsie Roll Drive* will be **September 16/17**. Will need volunteers!

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday, September 15, 2016**

Our **Finance Council** will meet on **Thursday, September 15**, at **6:30 p.m.** followed by our **Parish Council meeting** at **7 p.m.** Both meetings will be held at the Parish Center.

If you are a member of either of these councils, please mark your calendars. If you are unable to attend either meeting, please call the Rectory and let Fr. Mike know. Thank you.

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.

**ST. EDMUND CHURCH**

219 EAST LOCUST STREET  
WATSEKA IL 60970

**PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell**

**Rectory: 815-432-3274 ~ Office Hours: 8 a.m.—12 p.m. M-F**  
**RE Office: 815-432-5569 ~ Office Hours: Tue. 10 a.m.—3 p.m. /Wed. 10 a.m.—3 p.m.**

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

**MASSSES:**

<b>M-W-TH-F</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>7:30 &amp; 10:30 AM</b>

**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, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

Mon.	9/5	7:30 AM	Vernice Marcotte by Jim & Mary Jane LaFond
Tue.	9/6	NO MASS	
Wed.	9/7	NO MASS	
Thur.	9/8	7:30 AM	Peter Daszko Anniversary Remembrance by Christina Daszko
Fri.	9/9	7:30 AM	Bob Tonner by Phyllis Tonner
Sat.	9/10	5:00 PM	Conner McTaggart by Knights of Columbus
Sun.	9/11	7:30 AM	Marybeth Claire by Knights of Columbus
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	John & Mary German by Nick & Roxanne Adsit & Family



Carry the cross and follow me.

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering Aug. 27/28, 2016:	\$ 2,692.64
<b>DEFICIT For the Week:</b>	<b>\$ (507.36)</b>
Offering at St. Joseph's, Aug. 28, 2016:	\$ 1,438.00

**OUTDOOR MASS & PICNIC**  
*Saturday, September 10, 2016*

This is the last weekend you'll be able to sign up for our Outdoor Mass & Picnic on September 10th at 5 p.m. at Legion Park.

If anyone from St. Joseph's would like to attend (all are welcome!), please call Colette at the Rectory and let her know. Thanks!

*Come on out and feed your soul, as well as your body!*

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Church Office will be CLOSED on Monday, September 5th, in observance of Labor Day.

THANK YOU to Michelle Hastings for taking time to do some greatly needed sprucing up of the Church grounds....much appreciated!

**A JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**  
 (Diocese of Springfield in Illinois)  
 September 4, 2016  
*23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Surely he doesn't mean it! I mean, hating my relatives to be a disciple! Really? In order to be a disciple today, Jesus says, give up what holds you back, carry your own cross, follow me and not someone else. To be a disciple today, Jesus says, will take a consuming dedication plus relentless mercy, love and compassion. Jesus wants disciples. Jesus wants me.

- To what, to whom am I hanging on too tight?
- What is the cross I must pick up?

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
*This weekend, September 3/4, 2016*

This weekend's second collection is for our **Religious Education Program**. Unlike our other special collections that get sent to the Diocese or elsewhere, this collection stays right here at St. Edmund's and benefits our young children, high school youth and adult members. Your generosity is greatly appreciated....thank you!

## LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Sept. 10/11	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Doug Duffy	Rhonda Pence	Nancy Cowan
SERVERS	R. Gooding & O. Simons		Meredith & Mallory Drake
COMMUNION	Rosann Miller	Lynette Moyer	Cup: Kevin Hemp & Lorraine Smith
HOSPITALITY	M/M Mike Schuler Nick Harvey	M/M Joe Lyznicki Family	M/M Chris Curry Family

**ST. EDMUND CCW**

Our first meeting of our new year, our **Salad Supper**, will be on **Tuesday, September 6**, at 6 p.m. at the **Parish Center**. All attendees are asked to **please bring a salad to share and a wrapped prize for BINGO**. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

Our new 2016-2017 Directory is available and may be picked up from the table in the vestibule of the Church or from the table by the east side Cry Chapel entrance.

**FORD/IROQUOIS DEANERY CCW**  
**FALL GATHERING**  
*"Ransom the Captive and Comfort the Afflicted"*  
 Saturday, September 17, 2016  
 9:00 Mass @ St. Edmund's Catholic Church  
 Brunch served by St. Edmund's CCW after Mass.

The presentation will be by Cindy Kuro, Prevention Educator. If you are a Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, etc., you need this information to protect our children. The video, "Chosen," shows how to identify and prevent human trafficking.

Our project for the next 2 years will be "Dress A Girl Around the World." Dress packets will be available to be returned completed at the Spring Institute on 6/1/17.

*From the desk of Patti Duffy . . .*

**DON'T FORGET:** RE Registration papers are due back to our Religious Education Office by Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Classes resume on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at 4 p.m.

**St. Mary's Church ~ Beaverville, IL**  
**20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FOUNDERS' DAY**  
**Sunday, September 11, 2016**

On Sunday, September 11, St. Mary's Church in Beaverville will hold their Annual Founders' Day celebration. The day will begin at 8 a.m. with a Tractor Drive & Show and will end at 4:30 p.m. with the Raffle Drawings. Mass at St. Mary's Church will be at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m.—3 p.m. At 3 p.m. there will be an **Allen Organ Dedication** inside the Church showcasing their 1869 Johnson Op 303 Tracker Pipe Organ and featuring Mr. Tom Weisfog, Head Organist from the University of Chicago's Rockefeller Chapel. We will have brass instrumentalists and our choir singing.

There will be all kinds of fun and entertaining things to do for young and old! Check out the flyer posted in the vestibule of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's.