

From the Diocese . . .

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: Upcoming *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends* are: **December 11-13, 2015, February 12-14, 2016** and **April 8-10, 2016** at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, contact **Jim & Kris** at 630-577-0778 or 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. Contact them at 708-354-7211 or email joyfulagain7211@gmail.com. Visit their website at www.joyfulagain.org. Space is limited so please register early.

“Single Through Loss” Gathering for Men and Women on December 5: After the loss of a spouse through death or divorce, even those well on their way to an adjusted lifestyle can find the holiday season challenging. Please join us on Saturday, December 5, for a festive Christmas tea and a presentation by Catholic psychologist, Dr. Dan O’Grady, entitled “Self-Compassion: Healing the Self, Creating the Dream”. The program begins at 2 p.m. (check-in starts at 1:45) and concludes with the parish Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. This event will take place at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Naperville. The \$15 fee can be paid at the door with cash or check payable to Diocese of Joliet. To register, call or email the Family Ministry Office: 815-838-5334; familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org or register online at <http://conta.cc/1NYq5Jx>. Reservations are required by November 30.

A little something for the kiddies to color . . .



Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- Sr. Airman Thomas Westrick, son of Steve & Sharon Westrick
- AFC Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- Hm3 Richard Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- Sgt. Erik Shepherd, son-in-law of Michelle Hastings
- PFC 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 who sacrifice much in order to be caretakers of their loved ones

VETERAN’S DAY BREAKFAST
Wednesday, November 11, 2015
7:30—9:00 a.m.

Please join the residents and staff at **Heritage Woods of Watseka** as they salute our Veteran’s and their spouses at their annual Veteran’s Day Breakfast!

They will be serving their famous Omelet Bar, Hash Browns, Sausage Links, Orange Juice and Coffee.

Please RSVP (ASAP) 815-432-4560.

“No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.”

-Nelson Mandela

ST. EDMUND CHURCH
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WATSEKA IL 60970

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Religious Education Office: 815-432-5569
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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, NOVEMBER 8, 2015

Mon.	11/9	7:30 AM	Carolyn Oster by Our Church Family
Tue.	11/10	NO MASS	
Wed.	11/11	7:30 AM	In Thanksgiving of our 50th Wedding Anniversary by The Family
Thur.	11/12	7:30 AM	William & Arlene Donohue by Their Family
Fri.	11/13	7:30 AM	Conner McTaggart by Knights of Columbus Council #4391
Sat.	11/14	5:00 PM	Warren Shafer Wedding Anniversary Remembrance by Leona Shafer
Sun.	11/15	7:30 AM	Orby & Mary Rose Curby by Their Family
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Esther Ingram by Her Family

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
33rd Sunday Ordinary Time "B"
Mark 13:24-32
"My words will not pass away!"

- Am I ready to welcome the Lord when he comes in glory?
- Am I ready to face the Lord at the hour of my death?
- How can I better prepare myself for these events?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you have taught us that you will come again in glory. Give me the wisdom and resolve to live my life today as if it were my last day. Amen!

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering Oct. 31/Nov. 1, 2015:	\$ 2,814.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (386.00)

Roof Fund Donations Nov. 1, 2015:	\$ 80.00
Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 151,594.00

Offering at St. Joseph's, Nov. 1, 2015	\$ 1,214.00

Here are this year's numbers for the October pew count. Let's make it our goal to keep up the good numbers and even raise them a bit. Our attendance percentage for last year was a very impressive 80.5%. We have lost a few parishioners and some have moved. We are also blessed in welcoming new families and members. Yea St. Edmund! Yea St. Joseph!

Fr. Mike

DATE	TOTAL ATTENDEES
October 4 th	291
October 11 th	294
October 18 th	304
October 25 th	326
SUNDAY AVERAGE	304
2014 SUNDAY AVERAGE	313

From the desk of Patti Duffy...

Because there is NO SCHOOL on **Wednesday, November 11** due to the Veteran's Day holiday, there will be **NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** that day either.



LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Nov. 14/15	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Doug Duffy	RaDonna Hasselbring	Nancy Cowan
SERVERS	R. Gooding & O. Simons		A. Haskins & K. Jaworski
COMMUNION	Debbie McCullough	Mary Jane LaFond	Barb Quigley
HOSPITALITY	DR/M Phil Zumwalt Fam.	M/M Dick Arie	M/M Tom Busick
		M/M Nick Arie Family	M/M Gene Ochs

NOTES FROM ST. EDMUND'S...

There will be a **cleaning up of the Church grounds** on **Saturday, November 14**, beginning at **9 a.m.** for volunteers wanting to help with this. Please bring some gloves and a rake. *Rain date is Saturday, Nov. 21.*

EUCHRE PARTY

St. Edmund's Senior Citizens will be having their next **Euchre Party** on **Thursday, November 12**, at **1 p.m.** at the **Parish Center**. Parishioners, as well as non-parishioners, are welcome to attend. All attendees are asked to bring an item for our local food pantry.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next meeting of our Knights of Columbus is **Thursday, November 12**, at **7:30 p.m.** in the Church basement. Dave Mayotte will provide the refreshments.

PLEASE NOTE: Next year's *Cash Bash* will be April 16.

We have been invited to participate in the wonderful **"Toys for Tots"** project. Those who wish to participate, please bring a **NEW** and **UNWRAPPED** toy and place them in the **"Toys for Tots"** collection box. Thank you for your generosity.

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NOTES FROM ST. EDMUND'S CCW...

If anyone would like to make a donation to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please put your donation in an envelope marked **CCW Christmas Poinsettia** and place it in the collection basket. Checks are to be made out to ST. EDMUND CCW. The poinsettias will be tagged with the names of your loved ones and after the Christmas season, you will be able to take the poinsettias home with you (providing they're still in decent shape), if you wish.

DON'T FORGET our **BAKE SALE** will be held the weekend of **December 5/6 AFTER ALL MASSES**. All women of St. Edmund's are asked to bring a baked good to the basement at whatever Mass you attend. If you are unable to bring a baked good or purchase a baked good, free-will donations will also be accepted. Thank you.

Food From the Heart, Iroquois County's Holiday Food Basket Program, is in need of volunteers to help pack the baskets on **Thursday, December 17th at 4:30 p.m. at Watseka United Methodist Church**. Questions can be directed to Martha Howe at 815-432-6613.

Bishop Imesch has been in and out of the hospital over the past few months and is currently at home. Please consider sending him a *"thinking of you"* card this holiday season. **Mail to:** Bishop Joseph Imesch; c/o Blanchette Catholic Center; 16555 Weber Road; Crest Hill, IL 60403.