


SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020

Mon.	3/9	7:30 AM	Roseanna Noonan by Knights of Columbus Council 4391
Tue.	3/10	NO MASS	
Wed.	3/11	7:30 AM	Marybeth Claire by Steve & Kathy Bloomstrand
Thur.	3/12	7:30 AM	Ross Verkler by Knights of Columbus Council 4391
Fri.	3/13	7:30 AM	Harold & Alphasine German by Nick & Roxanne Adsit & Family
Sat.	3/14	5:00 PM	Joyce Donohue Anniversary Remembrance by Her Family
Sun.	3/15	7:30 AM	Clifford Ducat by His Family
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Dr. John Martin by the Martin Family



Weekly Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, Feb. 29/Mar. 1, 2020:	\$ 2,585.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (615.00)
St. Joseph's Offering, Mar. 1, 2020:	\$ 606.00

THANKS & PRAISE!!

Doesn't our *Mary, Sacred Heart* and *Christ on the Crucifix* statues look beautiful after their "makeovers"! *Diedam's Painting & Restoration* did an excellent job bringing them back to their present state of magnificence. A huge debt of gratitude to Don Miller for overseeing this whole project (the re-plastering/touch-up painting of Church body, repainting of statues)...and for pitching in and helping do some of the touch-up painting himself, putting together our new shelving units and other assorted odd jobs! The Church looks awesome!

Thanks, also, to Jo Ann White for re-lining our Offertory Baskets. The original lining had deteriorated quite a bit over the years and Jo Ann came to the rescue and made them nice again....way better than the original lining!

So thankful for our parishioners who, when they see a need, step in to do whatever they can, or when asked if they can help us out, go above and beyond....we are truly blessed with the best!!

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

3rd Sunday of Lent "A"

John 4:5-42

"Worship the Father in spirit and in truth!"

- What is it that I thirst for in life?
- Do I acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah?
- How, like the Samaritan Woman, can I better draw others to Jesus?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, lead me to the water that you give that indeed is the source of eternal life. Help me use these Lenten days in a manner that I might be ready to renew my baptismal promises on Easter day. Amen!

Lenten Services offered at St. Edmund's every Friday at 7 p.m.

March 13	Stations of the Cross with Benediction
March 20	Mass
March 27	Stations of the Cross with Benediction
April 3	Mass

Stations of the Cross with Benediction will also be held at St. Joseph's in Crescent City every THURSDAY during Lent beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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.

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Mar. 14/15	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Dick Arie	Kristy Arie	Ericka Clark
SERVERS	Addison & Lily Kingdon	A. & L. Shoemaker	Zakkary & Marisa Clark
HOST	Patti Duffy	Kevin Bohlmann	Julie Arseneau
HOSPITALITY	Mary & Dale Ronna Steve & Debbie McCullough	Kent & Julie Schippert Ira & Mary Claire	VOLUNTEERS

EUCHRE PARTY

Our next Euchre Party will be on Thursday, March 12th from 1-3 p.m. at the Parish Center. *Parishioners, as well as non-parishioners, are welcome!* We gladly accept donations to our local Food Pantry, but are not a requirement in order to play. Dessert follows card play.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be on Thursday, March 12th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church basement.

Congratulations to last month's *Chili Cook-Off* winners....Paul McTaggart, *Best Tasting* and Matt Reynolds, *Most Original!*

Our ANNUAL CASH BASH will be held on Saturday, May 2nd at the Watseka Elks Club.

Please remember in prayer those called to eternal life. We extend our prayers and heartfelt sympathy to the friends and families of....

Mary Kay Rabe, sister of Diane Houmes and Paul (Carol) Houmes.

Lucille Pence, wife of Jim, and mother of Terry (Rhonda) Pence and Lynette (Rich) Moyer.

My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.



MARCH 13 & APRIL 3, 2020
5:00-7:00 p.m.



MENU:

Fried or Baked Cod ~ Baked Beans ~ Onion Rings
Coleslaw ~ Desert ~ Beverage

COST:

Adults: \$9.00
Children (10 & Under): Free



Carry-Outs Available
Call 815-432-5569 (Day/Hours of Event Only)

PUBLIC INVITED

ALL YOU CAN EAT!!

ANNUAL BLESSING OF SOIL & SEED MASS
Sunday, March 15, 2020 ~ 2:00 p.m.
Immaculate Conception Church in Gilman



The *Annual Blessing of Soil & Seed Mass*, sponsored by the Ford-Iroquois Deanery CCW and celebrated by Fr. Mike Powell, will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 15th, at Immaculate Conception Church in Gilman.

Attendees are encouraged to present soil and seeds from their farm or flower and vegetable gardens during Mass, to be blessed by Fr. Mike. All "green thumb" gardeners and farmers, and everyone who encourages and supports them, are invited to attend and raise up prayers for their agricultural efforts. A light reception will follow the celebration.



**One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center
DAY OF REFLECTION
"Quiet Moments"**

WHEN: Thursday, April 2, 2020; 9 a.m.—12 p.m.

SPONSORED BY: Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

PRESENTER: Sr. Loretta Finn, sscm

COST: Free-Will Donation

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call Sister Mary Stella, 815-935-0800

Do you have quiet moments each day? If not, where could you find a special place or time to sneak in a few magical quiet moments? We need pauses to take in, digest our experiences and get "in touch" with ourselves.

2020 CMAA....Be Kind and Merciful

We are pleased that so many parishioners have already pledged a gift to the 2020 CMAA. Your support will allow us to *Be Kind and Merciful*, as together, we do God's work here on earth.

Every gift brings us closer to our parishes' goals of \$3,600 for St. Joseph's and \$13,400 for St. Edmund's. If we raise more than our goals, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our needs. This is an amazing opportunity for our parishes.

Please prayerfully reflect on your pledge to this year's CMAA and make your gift today. Pledge envelopes are still available in our pews. You can also return the pledge card you received in the mail from the diocese, make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or text "Donate" to 815-205-1949 from your mobile phone.

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- Staff Sgt. (USAF) Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- PV2 Austin Grosvenor, great-grandson of Leona Shafer

CCW SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now available for the St. Edmund CCW Scholarship.

Criteria That Must Be Met

- Must be an current, active, registered member of St. Edmund's.
- Must have already been accepted by a college/ university/trade school.

Applications may be picked up from the table in the vestibule of St. Edmund's Church or from the Rectory. There are also a couple of copies of the scholarship at St. Joseph's in Crescent City.

ALL applications are to be returned by WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND, 2020. If mailing them back, they must be postmarked no later than April 21ST. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. They may be dropped off at St. Edmund's Rectory between the hours of 8 a.m.—12 p.m. M-F or mailed to: St. Edmund Catholic Church; ATTN: Scholarship Committee; 219 E. Locust Street; Watseka, IL, 60970.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL APPLICANTS!

A NOTE FOR OUR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS....

With the directive from our diocese regarding NOT offering the Cup until further notice (which, as of right now, includes Easter, too), those of you who are on the current schedule to do the Cup, could one of you please step up and help give the Host, like usual? I'm sure Fr. Mike would appreciate it. You might want to remind him before Mass that you will be helping give the Host. Thank you!

FINANCE COUNCIL & PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Our Finance & Parish Council will meet on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. We have a lot to discuss, so we hope all members can make it.

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