

**2015 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL**  
**Please Make a Generous Gift—Consider Pledging**

This weekend at each Mass we are privileged to participate in our diocesan-wide **Commitment/In-Pew Weekend** for the 2015 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). The CMAA is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a pledge and pay it in 10 payments.

A significant gift to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way. The Annual Appeal provides a significant portion of the budget of our Diocese of Joliet. Most dioceses in the country conduct an appeal, once a year, to help with the costs of providing services and programs to their parishes and people. The Diocese of Joliet is no exception.

As you prayerfully consider a pledge to the CMAA, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the diocese and to the work of the church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you. God extends His mercy to us each day, and you can be a part of "Extending God's Mercy" to others through the CMAA.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our diocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference, because all parishes participate in the campaign, and the gifts of many enable our diocese to deliver needed education, ministry and services. Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our diocese.

For those of you who were unable to make a decision about your commitment this weekend, please prayerfully consider doing so online at [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org) or by returning a **Commitment/In-Pew Weekend** envelope to the parish next week. If you received a pledge form in the mail, you may return it via mail.

**St. Edmund's goal is \$13,270 and St. Joseph's goal is \$2,245.** After our parishes exceed their goals in **paid pledges**, 65 % of any additional funds are returned for use in our parishes.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

**Please pray for our Service Members . . .**

- Sr. Airman Thomas Westrick, son of Steve & Sharon Westrick
- Airman 1st Class Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Kelnhofer
- Hm3 Richard Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Kelnhofer
- Sgt. Erik Shepherd, son-in-law of Michelle Kelnhofer
- PFC Allison Shepherd, daughter of Michelle Kelnhofer
- Lance Corporal Samuel Gross, grandson of Linda Hunt

**Please pray for . . .**

Francis Melson

**ST. EDMUND CCW**

St. Edmund CCW will hold their next meeting on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center. Lonnie Dirks and Mary Cahoe from IMH Hospice will be our guest speakers. We will also be electing our Woman of the Year. Refreshments will be provided by Julie Schippert and Mary Claire. See you there!

**PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Thursday, March 5, 2015  
7:30-9:00 a.m.

**One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center**

Sponsored by Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

Join us as we begin our day in prayerful reflection on relevant topics to our lives. **Our topic this time is "Tai Chi"**. The presenter, Gary Paruszkiewicz, is a Certified Stress Management Educator and will discuss the benefits and effects of the mind-body practice that originated in ancient China.

The cost is a free-will donation and a Continental Breakfast will be available.

**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

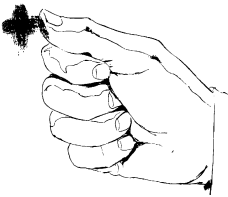
MASS:

SUNDAY

9:00 AM

# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2015

Mon.	2/16	7:30 AM	Isabelle German Slife by Nick & Roxanne Adsit & Family
Tue.	2/17	NO MASS	
Wed.	2/18	7:30 AM	Landon Miller by Knights of Columbus Council # 4391
Thur.	2/19	7:30 AM	Chester & Pauline Williams
Fri.	2/20	7:30 AM	Valerie Carson's Birthday by M/M Richard Ryan
Sat.	2/21	5:00 PM	Merrill Lareau by Our Church Family
Sun.	2/22	7:30 AM	Delores Kaufman Wedding Anniversary Remembrance by Gail Kaufman
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Kelli Hendryx by Our Church Family



<b>Weekly Parish Need for Operation:</b>	<b>\$ 3,200.00</b>
Sunday Offering Feb. 7/8, 2015:	\$ 3,704.86
<b>BONUS For the Week:</b>	<b>\$ 504.86</b>
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<b>Total Roof Fund Donations:</b>	<b>\$ 131,670.00</b>
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<b>Offering at St. Joseph's, Feb. 8, 2015:</b>	
Sunday:	\$ 825.00

**Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent "B"**  
**Mark 1:12-15**  
**"The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, believe!"**

- Do I make time and space for God in my life as Jesus did in the desert?
- How am I tempted in my life?
- How can I use this Lenten season to more strongly repent and believe in the Gospel?

**Prayer:** As I begin my Lenten journey with you Jesus, help me resist evil as you did in the desert. Open my ears to hear your message and to repent and believe you and your Gospel message. Amen!

## YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Our Youth Group will meet **Sunday, March 1st**, from **7-8 p.m.** at the **Parish Center**.

## ADULT ENRICHMENT

Fr. Mike's next Adult Enrichment session will be **Thursday, February 19** at **7 p.m.** at the **Parish Center**.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**FISH FRIES**  
**March 6 & March 27, 2015**  
**5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**St. Edmund's Church Basement**

Deep Fried Cod ~ Baked Cod ~ Baked Beans ~  
 Cole Slaw ~ Onion Rings ~ Dessert ~ Drinks

Adults: \$9.00  
 Children 10 & under: Free

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

**ALL YOU CAN EAT!!**  
**PUBLIC INVITED**

## Did You Know . . .

The Mantellate Sisters Servants of Mary were founded in 1891 in Treppio, Italy (near Pistoia).

## LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Feb. 21/22	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
<b>LECTOR</b>	John Gooding	Rhonda Pence	Amy Curry
<b>SERVERS</b>	Max & Raegan Gooding	Wyatt Claire	Landon & Trenton Hemp
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Host: Rosann Miller Cup: Laura Stepp & Chris Bossong	Host: Ira Claire Cup: Lynette Moyer & Paul McTaggart	Host: Kevin Hemp Cup: Pam Verkler & Anne Zumwalt
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Jan Dillman, Bernadine Buswell, Helen Bruens, Louise Bruens	M/M Dick Arie M/M Nick Arie Family	M/M Kenneth Thiele & Autumn Julie Arseneau & Cole

This **Wednesday, February 18**, is **Ash Wednesday**. There will be **Masses at 7:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.**, with ashes being administered after each Mass. **Ashes Only** will be administered at **5 p.m.**

There were no liturgical appointments scheduled this year for the 7 p.m. Mass (Lent kind of snuck up on us!), so volunteers needed are: **1 Lector, 1 Eucharistic Minister, 2 Altar Servers and Hospitality Ministers** (mainly just to take up the collection and the gifts). Anyone willing to help out with this, please call the Rectory, 432-3274, and let us know. Thank you.

**Lenten Services will be offered each Friday during Lent at St. Edmund's beginning at 7 p.m. We are alternating between a Mass and Stations of the Cross with Benediction. The schedule is as follows:**

February 20	Mass
February 27	Stations of the Cross/Benediction
March 6	Mass
March 13	Stations of the Cross/Benediction
March 20	Mass
March 27	Stations of the Cross/Benediction

**St. Edmund's Church will be open for private prayer each Friday during Lent from 11 a.m.—1 p.m.**

## LENTEN REGULATIONS AND THE EASTER TRIDUUM . .

Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

**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.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** On **Thursday, March 19**, which is the **Feast of St. Joseph**, instead of Stations of the Cross/Benediction, there will be a **Feast of St. Joseph Mass at 5:30 p.m.** with a **St. Joseph Table** following Mass. All are welcome!

