

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, March 3rd** from **7:30—9:00 a.m.** This is sponsored by the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary.

Our topic will be *Answering Our Call to Welcome the Stranger: Immigration Issues in the U.S.* Presenter will be Kayla S. Jacobs, Justice and Peace Coordinator and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator for the Diocese of Joliet. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies from St. Xavier University in Chicago. Kayla has served in a variety of ministerial settings including Mercy Students for Peace and Justice in Chicago, Nazareth Farm in West Virginia and Su Casa Catholic Worker in Chicago. She has worked on many projects and campaigns regarding environmental issues, prison reform, worker's rights, hunger, homelessness and immigration.

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.

**ONE HEART, ONE SOUL SPIRITUALITY CENTER
LENTEN MOVIE**

Please join us **March 3 and/or March 10** from **6:30-8:30 p.m.** for discussion and prayer on our Lenten movie, **HARVEST OF EMPIRE** (2 part series).

The media showers us with information about proposed immigration reform. Our government differs concerning what that reform is meant to be. We see the struggle of our Latino brothers and sisters striving to find homes for their families and pursue the happiness that is the hope of all God's children.

Please join us at One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center to view and discuss the powerful documentary **HARVEST OF EMPIRE**. The film tells the story of an epic human saga that is largely unknown to the great majority of citizens in the US, but must become part of our national conversation about immigration. We are **ONE HUMAN FAMILY**.

There is no cost to attend, but a free-will offering will be accepted. Please call Sr. Mary Stella, 815-935-0800 to register.

2016 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

Follow-Up Process will be next weekend

If you have not made your contribution to the 2016 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, please consider doing so online at www.jolietdioceseappeal.org, via mail, or by returning one of our Commitment/In-Pew Weekend envelopes at Mass. We will also conduct a Follow-Up Weekend process to give everyone an opportunity to participate.

One pledge can make a difference, especially when combined with all of the other pledges made throughout the diocese. Please prayerfully consider providing your financial support to this Appeal "*Chosen by God's Grace.*" You can make a real difference!

St. Edmund's goal is \$13,082 and St. Joseph's goal is \$2,470. 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
- 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

Saints of the Week . . .

Tuesday, February 23:
St. Polycarp

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

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Website: www.stedstjoe.org

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 21, 2016



Mon.	2/22	7:30 AM	Lillian Custardo by Christine Ryan
Tue.	2/23	NO MASS	
Wed.	2/24	7:30 AM	Rebecca Ryan by Christine Ryan
Thur.	2/25	7:30 AM	Elizabeth Rogers by Eileen & Dave Rogers
Fri.	2/26	7:30 AM	Bob Tonner by Knights of Columbus
Sat.	2/27	5:00 PM	Phyllis Davenport 1 st Anniversary Remembrance by Mary Sorensen
Sun.	2/28	7:30 AM	Linda Smith by Her Family
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Landon Miller Birthday Remembrance by His Family

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering Feb. 13/14, 2016:	\$ 2,455.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (745.00)

Roof Fund Donations Feb. 13/14, 2016:	\$ 700.00
Total Amount of Roof Fund:	\$ 172,875.01

Offering at St. Joseph's, Feb. 14, 2016:	\$ 517.00

Assumption B.V.M. Council of Catholic Women's
ANNUAL BRUNCH

Sunday, March 6, 2016
8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
Ashkum Coliseum

Adults: \$7.50
Children (6-12 years): \$3.50
Children under 6 years: Free

Menu: Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Ham, Sausage, French Toast, Coffee Cake & Drinks

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

For those in grades 8-12
7 p.m. @ Parish Center

Come one, come all & bring a friend!

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
3rd Sunday of Lent "C"
Luke 13:1-9
"If you do not repent, you will perish!"

- As a Christian, how do I handle disasters in my life?
- Do I, like the gardener in the parable, stay faithful to the mission God has given me?
- Like that gardener, am I staying faithful to my Lenten observance?

Prayer: Almighty God and Father, your Son Jesus calls us to follow him in working tirelessly for the sake of others. Help me to cultivate the Kingdom your Son came to establish. Strengthen all those preparing for Baptism and reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Amen!

ST. EDMUND CCW

The next meeting of St. Edmund's CCW will be **Monday, March 7 at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center.** Carmie Spenn will present a program about her mission trip to Uganda. We will also be electing our *Woman of the Year*.

Refreshments will be provided by Sara McTaggart and Rhonda Pence.

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Feb. 27/28	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Steve McCullough	Doug Geiger	Steve Westrick
SERVERS	R. Gooding & O. Simons	Wyatt Claire	Meredith & Mallory Drake
COMMUNION	Cup: Debbie McCullough & Rosann Miller	Cup: Paul McTaggart & Lynette Moyer	Cup: Lorraine Smith & Jane Zummallen
HOSPITALITY	DR/M Phil Zumwalt Mark Zumwalt	M/M Kent Schippert M/M Terry McTaggart	M/M Kenneth Thiele & Autumn Julie Arseneau & Cole

The schedule for our 7 p.m. Friday Lenten Services is as follows:

February 26	Stations of the Cross/Benediction
March 4	Mass— CANCELED
March 11	Stations of the Cross/Benediction
March 18	Mass

"I think we too are the people who, on the one hand want to listen to Jesus, but on the other hand, at times, like to find a stick to beat others with, to condemn others. And Jesus has this message for us: mercy. I think—and I say it with humility—that this is the Lord's most powerful message: mercy."

- Pope Francis

Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father. . .

Universal: Care for Creation
That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

Evangelization: Asia
That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

St. Joseph's in Crescent City is offering Stations of the Cross with Benediction every THURSDAY during Lent at 5:30 p.m.

"Catholicism": Evening 2
By Bishop Robert Barron

Our first "Catholicism" was well attended and special night session 2 will be at 7 p.m. on **Thursday, February 25** at the **Parish Center**. Bishop Barron will reflect on...

Session 2: "Happy are We"
The person of Jesus—who Jesus is—is at the center of Christian belief and commitment. The creed we proclaim makes that clear. His teachings are vital; they are, as Fr. Barron says, "fascinating, disconcerting, confounding, transformative and unforgettable." In this episode, we travel with Fr. Barron to Ireland, Uganda, Poland and India as he explores these teachings. He will focus on the Sermon on the Mount, which contains the Beatitudes, as he points out the call to joy, true freedom and immersion in the life-giving love of God that is the heart of Jesus' invitation to each of us.

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount gave us the Beatitudes, rules that help us be more than merely "just" to our neighbor; they enable us to be "virtuous." What does it mean to be virtuous? It means going beyond doing what is right and instead doing what is both right and beautiful. It means allowing ourselves to be loved by God and to reflect God's love to others. This love gives us complete freedom to do his will. We will see how the Beatitudes can be visible in our lives by looking at what non-violence means and listening to Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son.

*Hope to see you there,
Fr. Mike*