

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Thursday, January 9, 2014

7:00-8:30 a.m.

One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center
(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 *Grandparents as Parents* and our presenter will be Glendal Kilbride.

Glendal has been married to Roger for 37 years and they have 3 grown children. They also have 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren and 2 more on the way. She feels so blessed to have this big wonderful family. In 2001, they adopted 3 of their grandsons, age 9, 10 and 12. Glendal and Roger have also helped raise several other children in the family. Glendal was the sole caregiver of her 93 year old mother until her passing a year ago. Glendal is very active in the community. She says that her strong faith will get her through anything, along with a sense of humor.

There is no cost but free-will donations will be accepted. A Continental Breakfast will also be available. To register or for more information call please call Sister Mary Stella at 815-935-0800.

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(The Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary)

You are invited to come pray with us, *Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary*, on the **2nd Friday** of every month from 7-8 p.m. for **Adoration for Vocations** in the chapel at One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center in Kankakee.

If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.

-Booker T. Washington

Next Sunday, January 12, is the last day of the Church's Christmas season. We will take down the Christmas decorations that day after 10:30 Mass for anyone willing to help with this task.

Anyone wanting Mass intentions on specific dates for the coming year, please call Colette with your requests, 815-432-3274. Please remember that we can no longer accept Mass intentions for "Special Intention". They must be for a specific person or purpose.

The 2014 Flowers for Mary sheets are now up on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the Church. There are still plenty of openings if you have a special date you would like to provide flowers for Mary's Altar.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2, 2014 . . .

All Diocesan offices will be moved into their new place of business, which is now the:

Blanchette Catholic Center
1655 Weber Road
Crest Hill IL 60403
Phone: 815-221-6100
Fax: 815-221-6101

CONDOLENCES TO the family of Lucille Marcier, who was called home to our Lord.

May God's peace be with her.

ST. JOSEPH CCW

The next meeting of St. Joseph's CCW is **Sunday, January 19**, following their 9 a.m. Mass. All women of St. Joseph's are invited to attend.

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

219 EAST LOCUST STREET
WATSEKA IL 60970

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

Rectory: 815-432-3274

Religious Education Office: 815-432-5569

Website: www.stedstjoe.org

MASSSES:	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, JANUARY 5, 2014

Mon.	1/6	7:30 AM	Christine Hallock by Marvin & Joan Mear
Tue.	1/7	NO MASS	
Wed.	1/8	7:30 AM	Archie White Birthday Remembrance by His Family
Thurs.	1/9	7:30 AM	Helen Miller by Knights of Columbus Council #4391
Fri.	1/10	7:30 AM	Donna Guimond by Knights of Columbus Council #4391
Sat.	1/11	5:00 PM	Jack Dillman Birthday Remembrance by His Family
Sun.	1/12	7:30 AM	Liz Neill
		9:00 AM	Parish Family of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Greta Burns by Mick & Sherry Oilar

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

	JAN. 11/12	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR		Sue Butler	Lorraine Smith	Steve Westrick
SERVERS		Kaitlyn & Conner Bell	Olivia Claire	Natalie & Blake Castonguay
COMMUNION		Chris Bossong	Diane Buswell	Julie Arseneau
HOSPITALITLY		Pat King Family Mary Sorensen	M/M Richard Ryan M/M Ira Claire	Erica Clark Family M/M Robert Zummallen

Weekly Parish Need for Operation: \$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering Dec. 28/29, 2013: \$ 4,648.00
BONUS For the Week: \$ 1,448.00

Total Roof Fund Donations: \$ 94,550.59

Offerings at St. Joseph's, Dec. 29, 2013:
Sunday: \$ 341.00

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

Major Saul Decker, son of Mary Decker

Please pray for . . .

Landon Miller
Chris Hallock
Joann Yarneau

**Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord "A"
Matthew 3:13-17
"Jesus came to be baptized."**

- How do I live out my Baptismal commitment?
- Do I invite the Holy Spirit into my life?
- How can I be a better disciple of Jesus, the Father's beloved Son?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you came to the Jordan to be baptized by John. Help me to better understand and to live out more authentically the covenant of my own baptism into the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen!

From the desk of Patti Duffy . . .

Religious Education classes resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 4 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus is **Thursday, January 9, at 7:30 p.m.** in the Church basement. **REMINDER:** Our Chili Cook-Off will be coming up in February.

EUCHRE PARTY

St. Edmund's Senior Citizens will be having their next **Euchre Party, on Thursday, January 9, at 1p.m.** at the Parish Center. Parishioners, as well as non-parishioners, are welcome to attend. All attendees are asked to please bring an item for our local Food Pantry.

Dear St. Edmund & St. Joseph Family,

What a wonderful Christmas season we are experiencing here. Many thanks to all those who gave time and talent to make our Churches and Christmas Masses so beautiful. Thanks to those who decorated, practiced and contributed in so many ways.

Our choir, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, servers, hospitality teams, collection counters and so many others made our Christmas a time of praise and thanksgiving to Jesus who humbled himself for us.

Also, thank you all for your kind generosity to our parish family finances.

Finally, on a personal note, your kind thoughts, prayers, and Christmas generosity to me have once again made me so aware of what a privilege it is for me to be your pastor.

Here's to 2014, with God's grace we'll make this a true year of grace!

Fr. Mike

PLEASE NOTE . . .

Anyone wanting a statement of their 2013 Church contributions for tax purposes, please call the Rectory, 815-432-3274 and leave a message on Colette's voicemail, if necessary. **Those who normally receive one each year DO NOT have to call.**

The 2014 Church envelope packets can now be picked up from the table in the vestibule of the Church. PLEASE remember to write your name on the front of the envelope for the first few weeks of the new year, especially those who took envelopes that did not already have their names on them. Also, PLEASE USE THE CURRENT YEAR'S ENVELOPES ONLY, not ones from previous years. If you wish to keep receiving envelopes, please use them. Those who take envelopes, but do not use them, probably will not get a box next year.

New parishioners, newly married couples or longtime parishioners who have never officially registered at St. Edmund's are asked to please do so. Registration forms can be found on the table in the vestibule of the Church or can be picked up at the Rectory. Please return them to the Rectory at your earliest convenience.

Anyone whose address or phone number has changed but is still a parishioner of St. Edmund's, please call the Rectory with these changes, 815-432-3274. Thank you.

PROSPECTIVE BRIDES & GROOMS OF 2014: Please contact Fr. Mike Powell six months prior to the date you wish to be married.