

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

*Jesus said, "Do you understand what I have done for you?"*

**March 6, 2015 ~ 1:30 p.m.**

**Watseka First United Methodist Church**  
(Refreshments will follow the service.)

The 2015 World Day of Prayer service will begin at the first sunrise on March 6, 2015, in the Pacific region, and following the Earth's orbit, will spread all around the world....

This year, the women of the WDP Committee of the Bahamas calls us to consider Jesus' words to the disciples after washing their feet: "Do you understand what I have done for you?" The women of The Bahamas describe what Jesus does when he washes the disciples' feet as "radical love." To them, radical love comes from humility, compassion and commitment. God's radical love is not static or self-centered; it reaches out and draws others in.

The Bahamas is a place of beauty. The beautiful colors gifted by nature are reflected in the worship service and the artwork. The islands give voice to the people of The Bahamas who invite the world to "come and be washed in God's ever-flowing ocean of grace: to bask in the iridescent light of Christ's love, and to be embraced by [God's] Holy Spirit with the cooling trade-winds of transformation."

As we listen to our Bahamian sisters throughout the worship service, we realize that transformation is seen when a teen mother does not feel alone as she finds support to continue her education and to raise her child, when a breast cancer survivor or people living with HIV and AIDS find strength to live out their journey, and when the chains of oppression and enslavement are broken. Through this service, the women of WDP Bahamas give us an invitation to beauty and love in the name of the transformative radical love that Jesus brings to us all.

**COMMUNITY COFFEE EVENTS**

**Crescent City Grade School will be holding 3 Community Coffee Events open to the public on March 11, March 18 and March 25 at 3 p.m. in the school cafeteria.** This is a great opportunity to get involved and show your support of your community!

**DON'T FORGET** to turn your clocks **AHEAD** one hour before going to bed next Saturday night, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**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

**WATSEKA AREA FOOD PANTRY**

The Watseka Area Food Pantry thanks St. Edmund's for supporting this program. There were 5,938 individuals served in 2014, including 2,012 children.

*Pastor Bob Sabo*

*Lou Ellen Strong, Food Pantry Volunteer*

**STS. MARY & JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Chebanse, IL

**ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER & DANCE**

Saturday, March 14, 2015 ~ 6-10 p.m.

We would like to invite all of you and your friends and family to our Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance! The evening will start at 6 p.m. with a Cash Bar and Basket Auction followed by the dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the dance from 7-10 p.m., with the JD KING Band providing the music. Come enjoy some Corned Beef and Cabbage or Chicken Dinner the Irish Way! Please wear your **GREEN** that evening.

**Tickets are \$20 each and you must be 21 or older to attend.** This event will be held at the Chebanse Civic Center, 180 W. First South Street, Chebanse.

**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**

**Religious Education Office: 815-432-5569**

**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, MARCH 1, 2015

Mon.	3/2	7:30 AM	Brett Barragree by Our Church Family
Tue.	3/3	NO MASS	
Wed.	3/4	7:30 AM	Timothy Carson's Birthday by M/M Richard Ryan
Thur.	3/5	7:30 AM 5:30 PM	Joyce Donohue Anniversary Remembrance by Her Family Stations of the Cross with Benediction at St. Joseph's
Fri.	3/6	7:30 AM 7:00 PM	Souls of George & Antoinette Markovitch by the Florido Family Doris Matuszewski by Eileen & David Rogers
Sat.	3/7	5:00 PM	Landon Miller by Sam & Sue Stepp
Sun.	3/8	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Robert Haas Birthday Remembrance by His Family Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's George Sr. and Fannie Nixon by Daughter, Rosemary Nixon



<b>Weekly Parish Need for Operation:</b>	<b>\$ 3,200.00</b>
Sunday Offering Feb. 21/22, 2015:	\$ 2,593.08
<b>DEFICIT For the Week:</b>	<b>\$ 606.92</b>
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<b>Total Roof Fund Donations:</b>	<b>\$ 132,055.00</b>
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<b>Offering at St. Joseph's, Feb. 22, 2015:</b>	
Sunday:	\$ 514.00

**Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent "B"**  
**John 2:13-25**  
**"Zeal for your house consumes me!"**

- Our Church is a sacred place: how can I better show respect for the house of God?
- Sunday is a sacred time: how can I make this holy day more special?
- The Mass and the other sacraments are sacred actions: how can I better benefit from these events?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, by your words and actions you taught me about the holiness of the Temple and after your death and resurrection you became the new and eternal living Temple. Help me to grow ever stronger in my faith through sacred places, sacred times and sacred actions. Amen!

### ADULT ENRICHMENT

Fr. Mike's next Adult Enrichment sessions will be **Thursday, March 5th and Wednesday, March 18** 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**

CONDOLENCES TO family and friends, whose loved one, Marjorie Houser, was called home to our Lord.  
*May her soul rest in peace.*

## LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

<b>March 7/8</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>LECTOR</b>	Debbie Ochs	Julie Schippert	Amy Curry
<b>SERVERS</b>	Kaitlyn & Conner Bell	Wyatt Claire	A. Haskins & K. Jaworski
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Diana Wessels	Diane Buswell	Mary Decker
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	M/M Sam Stepp Laura Stepp Jeanette Reifel	Carol Haas, Pat McTaggart Nick Harvey	M/M Bill Nutter Family

### The Lenten Services schedule is as follows:

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.**

**ANNUAL BLESSING OF SOIL & SEED MASS**  
 (Sponsored by the Ford-Iroquois Deanery CCW)

On **Sunday, March 15**, at 2 p.m. the **Annual Blessing of Soil and Seed Mass** will be held at **St. Joseph Parish in Crescent City**. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop R. Daniel Conlon, with host Pastor, Fr. Michael Powell; Fr. Vern Arseneau, CCW Deanery Spiritual Advisor; and Parish Spiritual Advisors as concelebrants.

Attendees are asked to bring farm or garden soil and seeds to be blessed.

Following Mass there will be a reception in the Church hosted by St. Joseph's CCW.

All are invited to attend this special deanery event...it is not just for farmers. This is your opportunity to show support of our rural farmers and to show appreciation for the contribution they make to our lives. Make this a family outing; give your children the experience of living their faith and witnessing this special event.

### ST. JOSEPH CCW WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Angela "Angi" Taylor of Iroquois has been named 2015 *Woman of the Year* by St. Joseph's Parish of Crescent City's Council of Catholic Women.

Angi Taylor and Pamela Fink of Onarga will be honored at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph Siegel at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet on Saturday, April 18, 2015, along with their counterparts from throughout the Deaneries of the Diocese. The theme of the Mass and luncheon to follow is "Exult in the Lord."

We would like to thank Angela for her years of service and she is currently serving as CCW secretary, a reader for our parish, she co-chaired the 2014 Silent Auction and also prepares the schedule for our readers, greeters, altar servers and hospitality. Congratulations Angi, you have earned this honor!

### ST. EDMUND CCW

**St. Edmund CCW will meet 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!

**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!