

From the Diocese . . .

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: Upcoming *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in 2016* are: February 12-14, April 8-10, and June 10-12 at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact them at <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

Joyful Again! (A Widowed Ministry): The next *Joyful Again Widowed Retreats/Workshops* in 2016 will be: March 5/6, at Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer in Lemont and April 9/10 at Holy Family Medical Center (now Presence/Resurrection) in DesPlaines (Sponsored by Rainbow Hospice). To register or for more information, call 708-354-7211 or email them at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com. Visit their website at www.joyfulagain.org. Space is limited so please register early.

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

LENTEN DAY RETREAT

WHAT: A Lenten Day Retreat open to BOTH WOMEN AND MEN who desire to enrich their spiritual growth during the Lenten Season.

SPONSORED BY: Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

WHERE: One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center

WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016.....8 a.m.—5 p.m.
(Registration Deadline: Wed. Feb. 10)

COST: \$20/person.....Lunch provided

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

THE 2016 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

Please Participate! Your Gift Makes a Difference!

This weekend at each Mass you will be asked to participate in our diocesan-wide Commitment/In-Pew Weekend for the 2016 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 one-time gift or pledge your gift over ten (10) months to support the good works of the diocese.

A gift to the CMAA will touch the lives of many in our diocese in a positive way. Each gift makes a difference! Together, the gifts of many enable our diocese to deliver needed education, ministry and services to those who need it most. As you take the time to review the tabloid and see all the work enabled by the CMAA, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. We were "Chosen by God's Grace" and together we can give thanks to Him for our blessings through a gift to the CMAA.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and put it in the mail. For those of you who have not received the mailing, we will conduct our Commitment/In-Pew Weekend process at all Masses next weekend.

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 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 \$13,082 and St. Joseph's goal is \$2,470. When we exceed our goals in paid pledges, we will receive 65% of the amount over goals for use in our parishes.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

PLEASE NOTE: Those of you who attend our 5 p.m. Mass and normally go out the east side doors, we are aware that the lights have not been working properly and we are working on getting them fixed. We apologize for any difficulty this may cause.

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

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, FEBRUARY 7, 2016

Mon.	2/8	7:30 AM	Doris Matuszewski by Eileen & Dave Rogers
Tue.	2/9	NO MASS	
Wed.	2/10	7:30 AM	Bob Tonner by Knights of Columbus Council #4391
		7:00 PM	Robert Amschler by Our Parish Family
Thur.	2/11	7:30 AM	Vivian Lovelass by Marianna Song
Fri.	2/12	7:30 AM	Doris Duensing by Leona Shafer
Sat.	2/13	5:00 PM	Dennis Duffy by Our Church Family
Sun.	2/14	7:30 AM	Ollie & Vivian Lovelass by Kent & Julie Schippert
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Conner McTaggart by Knights of Columbus Council #4391



Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering Jan. 30/31, 2016:	\$ 2,981.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (219.00)

Roof Fund Donations Jan. 30/31, 2016:	\$ 0.00
Total Amount of Roof Fund:	\$ 172,085.01

Offering at St. Joseph's, Jan. 31, 2016	\$ 590.00

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FISH FRIES**
February 19 & March 18, 2016
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)

PUBLIC INVITED ALL YOU CAN EAT!!

**Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
1st Sunday of Lent "C"**
Luke 4:1-13
"The Spirit led Jesus out into the desert!"

- How does concern for material things make me forget that I do not live on bread alone?
- Do I ever worship anything else in my life instead of truly worshipping God?
- Have I ever put God to the test in my life?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, in the desert you were confronted by the evil one yet you were not deterred from your sacred mission. Let the Holy Spirit lead me through this Lenten journey so that, with you, I may better glorify the Father. May your passion and cross bring me to Easter joy. Amen!

Saints of the Week . . .

Monday, February 8:
St. Jerome Emiliani
St. Josephine Bakhita

Thursday, February 11:
Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday, February 14:
St. Valentine

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Feb. 13/14	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Doug Duffy	Rhonda Pence	Mary Decker
SERVERS	Conner & Claire Curry	Will Lyznicki	Autumn Haskins & Dane Martin
COMMUNION	Diana Wessels	Julie Schippert	Kevin Hemp
HOSPITALITY	John Gooding Family	M/M Nathan McTaggart M/M Corey McTaggart	M/M Gene Ochs

This **Wednesday, February 10**, 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.**

The Liturgical Appointments for the Ash Wednesday Mass are:

- **LECTOR:** Doug Geiger
- **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Jane Zummallen

We still need at least one altar server and volunteers to take up the collection that night. *Thank you.*

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

February 12	Stations of the Cross/Benediction
February 19	Mass
February 26	Stations of the Cross/Benediction
March 4	Mass
March 11	Stations of the Cross/Benediction
March 18	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.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CHILI COOK-OFF

The next meeting of our Knights of Columbus is **Thursday, February 11**, at **7:30 p.m.** in the Church basement. This is our **Chili Cook-Off** meeting so, make up your best pot of chili and enter it in the contest. May the best chili win!