

From the Diocese . . .

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends:** Upcoming *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in 2016* are: April 8-10, June 10-12 and August 12-14 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](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com). Visit their website at [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org). Space is limited so please register early.

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 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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.

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

**2016 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL**

**Follow-Up Process will be next weekend**

If you made a gift or pledge to the 2016 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, thank you!!

If you have not made your contribution to the 2016 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, please consider doing so online at [www.jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://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

**ST. EDMUND CHURCH**

219 EAST LOCUST STREET  
WATSEKA IL 60970

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

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Religious Education Office: 815-432-5569  
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<b>MASSES:</b>	<b>M-W-TH-F</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>7:30 &amp; 10:30 AM</b>

**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 14, 2016

Mon.	2/15	7:30 AM	George, Antoinette & Harold Markovitch by the Florido Family
Tue.	2/16	NO MASS	
Wed.	2/17	7:30 AM	Bertha LeClair by Our Church Family
Thur.	2/18	7:30 AM	Bob Tonner by Leona Shafer
Fri.	2/19	7:30 AM	Judy Kroner by the Florido Family
		7:00 PM	Gloria Zirkle by John D. Zirkle
Sat.	2/20	5:00 PM	Valerie Carson by Christine Ryan
Sun.	2/21	7:30 AM	Delores Kaufman Wedding Anniversary Remembrance by Gail Kaufman
		9:00 AM	Fred Schmitt by Joan Bolls
		10:30 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's



Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering Feb. 6/7, 2016:	\$ 3,074.00
<b>DEFICIT For the Week:</b>	<b>\$ ( 126.00)</b>
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Roof Fund Donations Feb. 6/7, 2016:	\$ 90.00
<b>Total Amount of Roof Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 172,175.01</b>
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Offering at St. Joseph's, Feb. 7, 2016	\$ 1,391.10

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent "C"**  
 Luke 9:28-36  
*"Master it is good that we are here!"*

- Moses and Elijah helped prepare a people to welcome Jesus. How can I better receive Jesus into my life?
- Peter, James and John knew that time spent with Jesus was very good. How can I spend more time with Jesus this Lent?
- How can I better prepare to follow Jesus to Jerusalem for Holy Week?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, help me see you as you truly are in your resplendent glory. Like Moses, Elijah and the apostles, give me the grace of time spent with you. Strengthen me in my Lenten journey with you. Amen!

### JDCCW BISHOP BLANCHETTE SCHOLARSHIP

Application information for the *Joliet Diocesan Bishop Blanchette Scholarship* is currently available. This is for students in grades 8-11 interested in attending a Catholic school. If you have questions regarding the application process, information may be found at [dioceseofjoliet.org/ccw](http://dioceseofjoliet.org/ccw) or you may contact Diane Buswell, 815-383-2223.

## LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Feb. 20/21	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	John Gooding	RaDonna Hasselbring	Amy Curry
SERVERS	Kaitlyn & Conner Bell		Trenton & Sam Hemp
COMMUNION	Patti Duffy	Diane Buswell	Barb Quigley
HOSPITALITY	M/M Sam Stepp Laura Stepp	M/M Joe Lyznicki Family	M/M John Martin Family

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

February 19	Mass
February 26	Stations of the Cross/Benediction
March 4	Mass— <b>CANCELED</b>
March 11	Stations of the Cross/Benediction
March 18	Mass

### THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

One of the most important aspects of Lent is our expression of sorrow, repentance and resolve to amend. One event our Diocese has planned for the year is a special opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) at the Pilgrimage Shrine Church for our deanery. Hence, a special opportunity for this sacrament of strength and healing will be at Immaculate Conception Church in Gilman on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Since I will need to cover the Friday night confessions, there will be NO 7:00 PM MASS that evening. Since Immaculate Conception Church is the Pilgrimage Shrine Church, that visit could be your "pilgrimage" for the Holy Year with all the graces of the Holy Year of Mercy.

Fr. Mike

### "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

### 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)

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ALL YOU CAN EAT!!