

From the Diocese . . .

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: Upcoming *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in 2016* are: **August 12-14, October 7-9** and **Dec. 9-11** 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: **August 13/14** at Mary Queen of Heaven Parish in Elmhurst (No overnight availability) and **October 22/23** at the Nazareth Retreat House in Batavia (Overnight—no commuters). To register or for more information, call **708-354-721** or email them at joyfulagain721@gmail.com. Visit their website at www.joyfulagain.org. Space is limited so please register early.

Prayer for Policemen

O Almighty God, whose great power and eternal wisdom embraces the universe, watch over all policemen and law enforcement officers everywhere. Protect them from harm in the performance of their duty to stop crime, robbery, riots and violence. We pray, help them keep our streets and homes safe, day and night. We commend them to your loving care because their duty is dangerous. Grant them strength and courage in their daily assignments. Dear God, protect these brave men and women. Grant them your almighty protection, unite them safely with their families after duty has ended. Please God, grant this wish. Amen.

*Contributed by Steve Westrick
From: www.catholic.org*

Saints of the Week . . .

Monday, July 25:

St. James, Apostle

Tuesday, July 26:

St. Joachim & St. Anne

(Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Friday, July 29:

St. Martha

Saturday, July 30:

St. Peter Chrysologus

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- Staff Sgt. 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 Rori Sorensen, granddaughter of Mary Sorensen

Please pray for . . .

- Francis Melson
- Mark Smith

2016 CATHOLIC CHARITIES BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAIR

The Kankakee and Iroquois County **Back-to-School Fair**, coordinated by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, will be held on **Saturday, July 30, 2016** from **10:30 a.m.—4 p.m.** at **Olivet Nazarene University's Chalfant Hall**.

This annual summer event is a major county-wide effort sponsored by *Bears Care* (Chicago Bears) to help families who are living on low-incomes access important services to begin the school year on a positive note. Children who attend the fair will receive free medical and dental services; vital information about local programs and services; and school supplies!

All participants **MUST** pre-register for this even by July 26.

You can register in person at:

Catholic Charities

249 S. Schuyler Ave.; Kankakee

Monday—Friday

8:30 a.m.—noon or 1:00—3:30 p.m.

NOTE: Parents must bring a photo ID, medical card for each child and proof of income in order to register.

Online pre-registration and more information about the Back-to-School Fair is also available at:

catholiccharitiesjoliet.org. Other questions? Call 815-933-7791, ext. 9904.

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, JULY 24, 2016



Mon.	7/25	7:30 AM	Fr. Lee Ryan by Christine Ryan
Tue.	7/26	NO MASS	
Wed.	7/27	NO MASS	
Thur.	7/28	7:30 AM	Bob Tonner by Phyllis Tonner
Fri.	7/29	7:30 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory by Phyllis Tonner
Sat.	7/30	5:00 PM	Sharon Shafer Birthday Remembrance by Her Family
Sun.	7/31	7:30 AM	Orby & Mary Rose Curby by Their Family
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Charles & Marie Garfield 10th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering July 16/17, 2016:	\$ 2,508.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (692.00)
Offering at St. Joseph's, July 17, 2016:	\$ 683.00

We prepare for those who will come after us!

We often remember the self-sacrificing generation from the time our current Church was built. We have dedicated ourselves to continuing that work. The generosity of our parishioners over the last several years has brought the Roofing Fund to over \$180,000.00. The bid from Filotto Construction has come in at right under \$175,000.00 and we hope to begin the project early next month. Let's congratulate ourselves, the Roofing Fund has been quite successful! Our monthly envelope will now serve as our *Building Fund*. We heard earlier about the upcoming needs for our parish plant and slowly but surely we will make sure that we pass onto a generation yet unborn a vibrant St. Edmund Parish.

Many thanks,
Fr. Mike

A JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY (Diocese of Springfield in Illinois) 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ask. Seek. Knock. Do you know someone who is just so relentless? He tirelessly makes his point! She keeps at it and does not back down. They ask...and ask again...and yet again! Abraham, the merciful one, is just like that – reread of his persistence in Genesis 18:20-32. The friend is just like that, too, in Luke 11:1-13. And Jesus tells all who hear, and that is us today as well, be just like that in addressing God. Ask. Seek. Knock. Few words, fewer actions, great persistence.

- How will my prayer be persistent this week?
- For whom and for what will I pray?
- How can I respond like God and open my door (and my heart), give food to the hungry, bargain for the innocent?

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Copies of St. Joseph's 2015-2016 Fiscal Year-End Report are available for pick-up from the table in the back of the Church.

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

July 30/31	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	John Gooding	Debbie Ochs	Lorraine Smith
SERVERS	Conner & Claire Curry	Wyatt Claire	Autumn Haskins & Dane Martin
COMMUNION	Patti Duffy	Ira Claire	Pam Verkler
HOSPITALITY	M/M Dale Ronna M/M Steve McCullough	M/M Jim LaFond M/M Myron Cailteux	M/M Richard Mayotte Virginia Foster; Julie Ladd

ADULT ENRICHMENT SESSION SEVEN

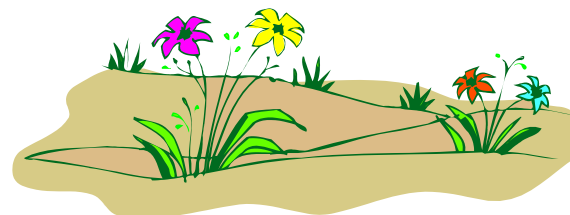
Fr. Mike's seventh session on Bishop Robert Barron's "Catholicism" series will be this Thursday, July 28th, at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center.

Session 7, Part 1: "Worship the Father in spirit and truth." - John 4:23

The Eucharist, or the Mass, is the "source and summit" of Catholic life. In this episode, Father Barron walks viewers through the Mass. He explains the meaning and purpose of the Mass and how it expresses the right order of life in God, both here on Earth and looking forward to the Heavenly Kingdom. In the first part of the episode, Father Barron explains the first half of the Mass: *the Liturgy of the Word*.

Session 7, Part 2: "I am the Bread of Life." - John 6:35

In the second part of this episode, Father Barron focuses on *the Liturgy of the Eucharist*. We will learn about the deep meaning and importance of the Catholic belief about the Eucharist, a belief that goes back to the words of Jesus, the Bread of Life, himself. He also explains our fundamental Christian prayer, the Our Father, and the blessing and sending forth at the end of Mass.



One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center A TIME OF PRAYER "Listening With the Ear of the Heart"

WHEN: Thursday, August 11th; 9 a.m.—12 p.m.

SPONSORED BY: Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

PRESENTED BY: Sister Anne Jaeger, sscm

COST: \$5 if possible. If not, come anyway.

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call 815-935-0800 or just stop by.

Come away for a Time of Prayer.

Let the silence and atmosphere of peace bring you to a deeper place within yourself.
Treat Yourself to a Time of Prayer.

Stress in Your Marriage? - Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage.

For confidential information about or to register for the September program beginning with a weekend on September 9-11, call 815-246-2080 or email: retrouvaillejoliet@gmail.com or visit the website at <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com>.