

**Watseka First United Methodist Church
Watseka Area Food Pantry**

Beginning Monday, July 20, the Watseka Area Food Pantry will begin to distribute food to area flood victims. They are asking for 4 things from our Church family:

- 1) **Pray** that our combined efforts would be a clear witness to the community.
- 2) **Request volunteers from our Church to assist with the effort.** People will be needed to help organize food items, record needed information from those who receive the food and assist in the distribution of the food. PLEASE CALL THE FOOD PANTRY IF YOU WISH TO VOLUNTEER—815-432-0122. More people will be needed in the afternoon than morning. It is hopeful individuals can work for 2 hours at a time, but would welcome any assistance.
- 3) **Request food donations** (see the list below). Donations could either be dropped off here at the Church like usual or taken directly to the Methodist Church between the hours of 8 a.m.—12 p.m. beginning Monday, July 20. Distribution of food hours are 12—6 p.m.
- 4) **Help get the word out** to our parishioners and the community that food will be available to those affected by the flood. It would be helpful (but not necessary) for those in need to call before coming to pick up food/items.

REQUESTED ITEMS:

Boxed Goods	Toilet Tissue
Canned Vegetables	Kleenex
Canned Fruit	Napkins
Soups	Personal Items
Canned Meats	

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
- Those affected in any way by the recent flooding
- A reprieve from the rains

From the Diocese . . .

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: The next *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends* in 2015 will be **August 7-9, October 16-18 and December 11-13** 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 2015 will be:

- **July 25/26** at **Holy Family Parish**; 2515 Palatine Road, **Inverness**
- **August 1/2** at **Mary Queen of Heaven Parish**, 426 N. West Avenue, **Elmhurst**
- **October 24/25** at **Nazareth Retreat House**, 717 N. Batavia Avenue, **Batavia**.

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.

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

**219 EAST LOCUST STREET
WATSEKA IL 60970**

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

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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 19, 2015

Mon.	7/20	7:30 AM	Sharon Shafer Birthday Remembrance by Her Family
Tue.	7/21	NO MASS	
Wed.	7/22	NO MASS	
Thur.	7/23	7:30 AM	Chester & Pauline Williams
Fri.	7/24	7:30 AM	Chester & Pauline Williams
Sat.	7/25	5:00 PM	Kathy Shafer Birthday Remembrance by Her Family
Sun.	7/26	7:30 AM	Richard Ryan by Knights of Columbus Council #4391
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Bruce Williamson Anniversary Remembrance by His Family



Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
 17th Sunday Ordinary Time "B"
 John 6:1-15
 "Five barley loaves and two fish!"

- Jesus showed concern for those who were hungry. How can I better care for those who are in real need?
- Jesus took the loaves and fish and gave thanks. How can I be a better thankful person before God?
- Jesus is the Prophet and King. How can I better welcome him into my life?

Prayer: Lord Jesus you showed your concern for the hunger of the crowd; for their physical hunger and even more for their spiritual hunger. Fill my heart with love for your brothers and sisters and fill my mind and heart with your love. Amen!

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering July 11/12, 2015:	\$ 2,412.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (788.00)
Roof Fund Donations July 11/12, 2015:	\$ 1,275.00
Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 146,807.00
Offering at St. Joseph's, July 12, 2015:	\$ 440.00

Please remember in your prayers:

Gloria Zirkle, mother of Jodi (Mike) Schuler and John (Dianne) Zirkle, who was called home to our Lord.
 and
 Jim Butler, husband of Sue Butler, who was called home to our Lord.

May God's peace be with them

A Helping Hand

We here at St. Edmund's would like to help our "own", if possible so, if any of our parishioners have been adversely affected by the recent flooding and need some monetary assistance, or you know of a parishioner in need, please call the Rectory and let us know. We would be happy to help out any of our fellow parish family members in need. Information would be kept confidential. Thank you.

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

July 25/26	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Jeanette Reifel	RaDonna Hasselbring	Mary Decker
SERVERS			
COMMUNION	Host: Laura Stepp Cup: Diana Wessels & Patti Duffy	Host: Kevin Bohlmann Cup: Ira Claire & Diane Buswell	Host: Barb Quigley Cup: Pam Verkler & Lorraine Smith
HOSPITALITY	Ray Gullquist M/M Carl Gullquist	Christine Ryan; Carol Haas M/M Jim LaFond	M/M John Martin Family

JDCCW LEADERSHIP TRAINING DAY

All women of our parish are invited to a **Leadership Training Day** sponsored by the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women on **Saturday, August 1** at **St. Ambrose Parish in Crest Hill** (1711 Burry Circle). Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. and the program begins at 9:00. You'll be on your way home by 1:00 p.m.

To cover the cost of food and supplies for the day, there will be a \$5.00 per person charge payable at registration. **In order to help them prepare, please notify Diane Buswell or Rhonda Pence BEFORE July 24th if you would like to attend.**

PLEASE NOTE:

- The Ford-Iroquois Deanery CCW would cover the \$5.00 fee to attend.
- If you would like to carpool, please contact Mary Jane LaFond.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR LOCAL RED CROSS Next Weekend ~ July 25/26, 2015

All area churches who have not been affected by the flooding have been asked by the local Red Cross to help with providing meals, etc. for those evacuees who have been staying at Trinity Church.

Because only pre-packaged food or food provided by institutions with Vendor licenses can be accepted, next weekend, July 25/26, we will have a **SECOND COLLECTION** to give to the local Red Cross to be used specifically at Trinity Church for the area evacuees. Please be as generous as you feel you can. **THANK YOU!**

One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center A TIME OF PRAYER "Beatitudes and Be-Attitudes"

WHEN: Thursday, August 13th, from 9 a.m.—12 p.m.

SPONSORED BY: Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

PRESENTED BY: Mrs. Judy Bumbul, Director of Spiritual Ministries for the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

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.

Volunteers are not paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.

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