

From the Diocese . . .

**Operation Andrew Dinners:** These dinners with Bishop Conlon are open to all men who are high school age or older. The evening begins at 6 p.m. and ends by 8 p.m. Participants will have the chance to have dinner with Bishop Conlon and Fr. Burke, hear a vocation story, ask questions and meet other young men interested in knowing more about the priesthood. Please contact your pastor or RSVP to Fr. Burke at [vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org) or call 815-221-6171 if you are interested coming to the next Andrew Dinner on **April 30, 2014** at **St. Jude in Joliet**.

**2014 Diocese of Joliet Catholic Men's Conference:** Please mark your calendar for the diocesan-wide men's conference which will take place on **Saturday, May 31st** at **Providence Catholic High School in New Lenox**. Bishop Conlon will be celebrating Mass at 7:30 a.m. The day continues until 4:30 p.m. with excellent keynote speakers, various breakout sessions, and an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation; it will be a day of spiritual renewal for men of all ages. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. For more information and registration please go to [fishersofmenonline.com](http://fishersofmenonline.com) or contact Tim at 877-605-7713 or [timbotka@fishersofmenonline.com](mailto:timbotka@fishersofmenonline.com).

**Global Solidarity Event:** Fr. Tom McQuaid of Catholic Relief Services will present "Animating Your Parish in Global Solidarity" on **Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** from **10 a.m.—3 p.m.** at the **Blanchette Catholic Center**, 16555 Weber Road, **Crest Hill**. Through his awareness and engagement with the global community, Fr. McQuaid will inspire parishioners, religious and administrators to rekindle global awareness and solidarity in their parish. The day will provide the opportunity to network and build community with parishioners in the diocese, to discover useful resources, and in the words of Pope Francis, "to Put Faith Into Action". The day will include prayer, presentations, table discussions, lunch and table exhibits. Registration and Hospitality will begin at 9 a.m. There is no cost but a free-will offering will be accepted for the meal. For reservations call 815-221-6251 by Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Thursday, May 1, 2014

7:00-8:30 a.m.

**One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center**

Sponsored By: Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

Join us as we begin our day in prayerful reflection on relevant topics to our lives. **Our topic this time is *Spiritual Direction* and our presenters will be Sister Mary K. Himens and Sister Theresa Galvan, CND.**

There is no cost for this but free-will donations will be accepted. A Continental Breakfast will be available.

Please call Sister Mary Stella at 815-935-0800 to register or for more information.

**RUMMAGE & PLANT SALE**

St. Mary's Parish ~ Beaverville

A Rummage & Plant Sale to benefit the restoration of St. Mary's Church in Beaverville will be held on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8 a.m.—7 p.m. and Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8 a.m.—12 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

All donations may be dropped off at St. Mary's Parish Hall on either Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m.—12 p.m. or Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.—12 p.m.



**ST. EDMUND CHURCH**

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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, APRIL 20, 2014

Mon.	4/21	7:30 AM	Ray & Joan Doud by the Kevin Hemp Family	<i>Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!</i> 
Tue.	4/22	NO MASS		
Wed.	4/23	7:30 AM	Vern W. Gross by His Family	
Thur.	4/24	7:30 AM	David Hardesty by M/M Richard Ryan	
Fri.	4/25	7:30 AM	Robert Redman by St. Edmund's Church Family	
Sat.	4/26	5:00 PM	Ryan Bedeker Anniversary Remembrance by Jo Ann White	
Sun.	4/27	7:30 AM	Mary Ann Lurgio by Her Family	
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's	
		10:30 AM	Moore Family by Dorothy Barlow	

<b>Weekly Parish Need for Operation:</b>	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering April 12/13, 2014:	\$ 2,922.60
<b>DEFICIT For the Week:</b>	\$ (277.40)
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<b>Total Roof Fund Donations:</b>	\$ 110,583.00
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<b>Offering at St. Joseph's, April 13, 2014:</b>	
Sunday:	\$

**Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:**  
**2nd Sunday of Easter "A"**  
 John 20:19-31  
*"My Lord and my God!"*

- The Risen Lord gave me the gift of peace; how can I be a better instrument of that peace?
- The Risen Lord gave me the gift of the Holy Spirit; how can I better welcome the Holy Spirit into my life?
- The Risen Lord gave me the gift of forgiveness; how can I better take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

**Prayer:** Risen Lord Jesus, help me truly receive the Easter gifts you give me, help my unbelief with the gift of sure faith that I may carry the good news of your resurrection to all I meet. Amen! Alleluia!

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE**

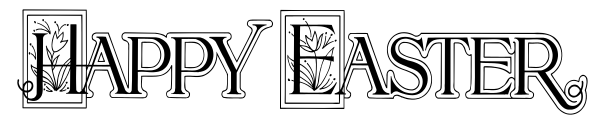
**DON'T FORGET:** The CCW Scholarship Application and the Robert Haas Memorial/Knight of Columbus Council #4391 Scholarship Application are both due back to St. Edmund's Rectory by **NOON on Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

**ST. EDMUND CCW**

Our **Spring Banquet** is **Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**, at 6 p.m. in the **Church basement**. Patricia Milchuck from Pat's Hats in Paxton will provide our entertainment for the evening. **Sign-up sheets for our CCW Spring Banquet are up in the vestibule of the Church.**

Baptized here this weekend was **Colton Patrick McTaggart**, son of **Corey and Elizabeth (Brock) McTaggart**.

*We warmly welcome Colton into our Church family.*



## LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

April 26/27	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
<b>LECTOR</b>	Doug Duffy	Julie Schippert	Steve Westrick
<b>SERVERS</b>	Austin Kidwell & Conner Bell	Olivia Claire	Conner & Claire Curry
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Diana Wessels	Paul McTaggart	Barb Quigley
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	M/M Mike Schuler M/M Steve McCullough	M/M Andrew Knapp M/M Sam Ochs	M/M Pat Snyder Lyn Dean

**An Easter Hymn**

A massive stone that walled in death  
 Is rolled away with ease  
 A dark dank tomb is sweetened by  
 A crisp refreshing breeze.

A First Day's morning greets the sun  
 And shines in glory bright  
 An Eighth Day's morning ushers in  
 A new creation's light.

And Mary saddened by the death  
 Of Him whom she adored  
 Greeted the great Gardener of love,  
 A newer Eden's Lord.

He calls her with a tender voice  
 She welcomes him with joy  
 There is no need to cling to him  
 Whom death could not destroy.


The risen Savior sends her forth  
 Our faith now to renew  
 Jesus' own Father now is ours  
 His God is our God too!

Now that we have observed 40 days of Lenten penance, we enter into 50 days of Easter joy. May all of us here at St. Edmund and St. Joseph revel in the gift of the eternal life that only Jesus, risen from the dead, can give. A blessed Eastertide to all of you and to your family and friends. Christ is Risen, truly he is risen!

~Fr. Mike

*Please pray for our Service Members . . .*

- Sr. Airman Thomas Westrick, son of Steve & Sharon Westrick

*Please pray for . . .*  
  
 Francis Melson

**ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Iroquois Memorial Hospice, Iroquois Memorial Hospital and Iroquois Resident Home invite you to attend their **Annual Memorial Service on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** at **St. Paul Lutheran Church**; 116 N. Thomas Street; **Gilman, IL**. Feel free to bring a remembrance of your loved one to display on the Memorial Table. Refreshments will follow the ceremony. Please RSVP 815-432-0185 if attending and indicate if your loved one was a Veteran. The names of those who died in 2013 will be read during the service. Please call the above number if you do NOT wish your loved one's name to be read.

**As we joyfully prepare for the Canonization of Blessed John XXIII and Blessed John Paul II, let us remember their words and their wisdom:**

"To humanity, which sometimes seems to be lost and dominated by the power of evil, selfishness and fear, the risen Lord gives the gift of His love which forgives, reconciles and reopens the soul to hope."

*Pope John Paul II*