

NOVEMBER 25, 2018

Mon.	11/26	7:30 AM	Walter Smolucha by Eileen & Dave Rogers	<i>Morning</i>
Tue.	11/27	NO MASS		<i>Mass...</i>
Wed.	11/28	7:30 AM	Peggy Hauck by Linda & Paul McTaggart	<i>What a way</i>
Thurs.	11/29	7:30 AM	Military in Harm's Way & Their Families by Bill & Peggy Burwell	
Fri.	11/30	7:30 AM	Joan Martin by Bill & Peggy Burwell	<i>to start your day!</i>
Sat.	12/1	5:00 PM	Grace Hardesty by Christine Ryan	
Sun.	12/2	7:30 AM	Michael Caise by Family & Friends	
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's	
		10:30 AM	Bonnie Lynch by Gregory & Julia Azzarelli	

DATES TO REMEMBER IN DECEMBER...

- 1/2 **1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
CCW Bake Sale: *After ALL Masses*
Food Pantry
- 8 **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary**
- 8/9 **2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
DOJ Retirement Fund for Religious 2nd Collection
- 12 Finance Council Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
Parish Council Meeting: 7 p.m.
- 13 Euchre Party: 1-3 p.m. at the Parish Center
Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
- 15/16 **3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- 16 Church Decorating after 10:30 Mass
- 19 Individual Confessions: 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
Last Day of RE Class for 2018
Penance Service: 7 p.m.
- 21 **First Day of Winter**
- 22/23 **4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE:** Masses at 4 & 6 p.m.
- 25 **CHRISTMAS:** Masses at 9 a.m. (St. Joseph) & 10:30 a.m. (St. Edmund)
- 31 **New Year's Eve**

St. Edmund's Weekly Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, Nov. 17/18, 2018:	\$ 2,235.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (965.00)
St. Joseph's Offering, Nov. 18, 2018:	\$ 705.00

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—DECEMBER	
2	Jeanette Reifel
9	The Martin Family
16	The Martin Family
23	St. Edmund
30	St. Edmund



MONEY COUNTERS FOR DECEMBER ARE:

2	Steve McCullough & Sam Ochs
9	Jennifer Dixon & Brittany Cluver
16	Julie Arseneau & Sue Stepp
23	Bill Janssen & Bette Maxheimer
30	Joe Lyznicki & Elsie Hankey

RE Classes resume on Wednesday, November 28th.

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Dec. 1/2	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Steve McCullough	Kristy or Nick Arie	Ericka Clark
SERVERS	Max Gooding	Justin McTaggart	Abby & Aden Quick
COMMUNION	Debbie McCullough	Kevin Bohlmann	Julie Arseneau
HOSPITALITY	M/M Mike Schuler Nick Harvey	M/M Joe Lyznicki Family	M/M Johnny Martin Family

Help Wanted

When I arrived here in January of 2011 we averaged about 12-14 people at daily Mass. Now, almost eight years later, several have died and others have moved away or are no longer capable of attending daily Mass. The most important thing that happened in Watseka is the offering of Mass. Jesus said that it only takes two or three to gather in his name, promising them that he would be in their midst. Still, the greater our participation in the Mass, the greater its effect in our lives, our homes, our town, our country, indeed, the entire world. Perhaps those who are able might choose one day a week (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) to join in this wondrous event. It has been my experience that those who begin this way find themselves coming more and more often. So again, "Help Wanted!"

Fr. Mike

The new 2019 *Flowers for Mary* sign-up sheets are now up on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the Church. Please sign up early if you have a special date for which you would like to provide flowers for Mary's altar.

You may also get your 2019 Mass intentions in to Colette at the Rectory.

A Note from St. Joseph's . . .

Our 2019 Church Envelope Packets are in the back of the Church. Please take those with your name on them. Those wanting envelopes for next year, please sign your name next to a number on the list and take the same numbered box of envelopes. Thank you!

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel: 1st Sunday of Advent "C" Luke 21:25-36

"They will see the Son of Man coming in power and glory!"

- What signs might I have of Jesus coming into my life?
- What may be causing me to be "drowsy" in my discipleship??
- How can I live a life that is more prayerful and vigilant??

Prayer: O come, thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things mightily
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.

O come, O come, though Lord of Might
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Israel
To thee shall come Emmanuel

MASS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 24/25, 2018 CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS

Monday	December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE	4:00 p.m. (St. Edmund) 6:00 p.m. (St. Edmund)
Tuesday	December 25 CHRISTMAS	9:00 a.m. (St. Joseph) 10:30 a.m. (St. Edmund)

On Wednesday, December 19th, Individual Confessions will be heard from 11:30 a.m.—12 p.m. There will also be a Penance Service that evening at 7 p.m. followed by Individual Confessions.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR HARBOR HOUSE

Below is a list of items urgently needed at Harbor House:
Size 7 & 8 Women's Underwear ~ Baby Shampoo/Bath Wash ~ Gas Cards ~ Walmart Cards
These may be brought to the Church at any time and placed in the basket for Harbor House. *Thank you!*

DECEMBER'S items requested by the *Watseka Area Food Pantry* are: Cereals, Pancake Mix, Syrup.

Catholicism: The Pivotal Players
By: Bishop Robert Barron
Presented by: Fr. Mike Powell

The final episode in this film series, focusing on *Michelangelo, the Artist*, will be presented on **Thursday, November 29th** at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center.

ST. EDMUND CCCW



Our **ANNUAL BAKE SALE** will be held on **DECEMBER 1/2 AFTER ALL MASSES**. All women of St. Edmund's are asked to bring a baked good to the basement at whatever Mass you attend. If you are unable to bring a baked good or make a purchase, free-will donations will gladly be accepted. Proceeds from the Bake Sale will go towards the purchase of new Christmas trees for the Church. Thank you!

If anyone would like to make a donation to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please put your donation in an envelope marked **CCW Poinsettia** and place it in the collection basket.



Checks for both of the above are made payable to **ST. EDMUND CCW**. Thank you!

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- Staff Sgt. (USAF) Andrew Kelnhofner, son of Michelle Hastings
- Staff Sgt. Army Reserves Allison Shepherd, daughter of Michelle Hastings
- Staff Sgt. Rori Sorensen, granddaughter of Mary Sorensen

YEAR-END GIFTING TO ST. EDMUND'S

Recent Federal Tax Law Changes
It may be advantageous to donate directly from your IRA to St. Edmund's.

If you are over 70 1/2, you can make contributions (up to \$100,000) from your IRA to qualified charities **tax-free**. IRA distributions are typically federally taxed at your ordinary income tax rate. However, distributions are **tax-free** if made payable directly to a qualified charity.

Please consider donating to St. Edmund's directly from your IRA. It is a great way to support the parish and provide tax savings for you. Consult your tax or investment advisor to determine the tax advantages for you and to authorize the distribution.

That said, **below is a list of some major renovations and repairs needed at St. Edmunds:**

- The waterproofing and laying of tile along the Church is still ongoing and once that is done, landscaping will need to be done, as well as concrete work.
- The Church itself needs to be tuck pointed. That was supposed to happen this year, but will probably have to be put off until next spring.
- We still have plaster work inside the Church that needs to be done and painting, once the plaster is repaired.
- The air conditioning units for the Church need to be replaced before next summer.
- The elevator is another issue. We are having to make more and more costly repairs on it, as it gets older. So, a new elevator may be in our future, sooner rather than later.
- Replacing the carpet in the Church basement with some kind of flooring is something we'd also like to get done eventually.
- All the wooden doors on the Church (which are the original doors) need to be replaced. They are old and not at all energy efficient.

So, you see, there is quite a bit of updating that needs to be done to St. Edmund's. If able, please consider an end-of-the-year gift to St. Edmund's. Monies given will be deposited into our Building Fund at the Diocese. We currently have approximately \$96,000.00 in our account, but as you can see by what needs to be done to our Church, this will not cover all the expenses. A gift to St. Edmund's now is an investment in our future. Thank you!

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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

“Let us be built as living stones.”

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

(A mission of St. Edmund Church)

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MASS: SUNDAY 9:00 AM