

**Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal 2014**  
**"Trust in the Father's Care"**

The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) provides funding for the ministries and services offered by the Diocese of Joliet. This annual campaign provides financial support for the education of seminarians, scholarships for Catholic Schools, the work of Catholic Charities and many more of the ministries and services provided by our Diocese.

Those who have contributed to the CMAA in the past but have not done so yet in 2014 have or will soon receive a letter asking them to make a gift in support of the many good works underwritten by the CMAA.

We encourage our parishioners to make a generous gift. Also, we remind those of you that have already pledged your support, to continue to make your pledge payments. After our parish reaches its goal in the amount paid, 60% of any additional funds received are returned to the parish to help with our needs.

Below are our current stats :

**2014 CMAA PLEDGE REPORT**

	<b>ST. EDMUND</b>	<b>ST. JOSEPH</b>
<b>PARISH GOAL:</b>	\$ 12,272.00	\$ 2,351.00
<b>AMOUNT PLEDGED:</b>	\$ 6,870.00	\$ 2,324.00
<b>AMOUNT PAID:</b>	\$ 5,466.00	\$ 1,802.00
<b>BALANCE DUE:</b>	\$ 1,404.00	\$523.00
<b># DONORS:</b>	42	10

**ST. EDMUND'S PRAYER LINE**

With the summer vacation season upon us, those wanting or needing prayer requests can still call Bernadine Buswell, 432-3217, but if you are unable to talk to her, please call Colette at the rectory (432-3274) with your request. Thank you.

**Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program**  
 (Sponsored by Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital, Charleston, IL)

We in Iroquois and Ford Counties are fortunate to be able to offer the **Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program** to anyone age 60 or older, with spouse regardless of age. If you have ever considered participating in this program the **4 places in Iroquois County** that offer congregate meals are the **Farmer Convention Center** in **Cissna Park** (815-457-2994), the **Milford Community Center** in **Milford** (815-889-4698), the **Family Table Restaurant** in **Watseka** (815-432-2727) and the **Willow Estates Multi-Purpose Center** in **Beaverville** (815-435-2333). The **3 places in Ford County** that offer congregate meals are the **Senior Service Center** in **Gibson City** (217-784-4891), the **Paxton Nutrition Site** in **Paxton** (217-379-4203) and the **Lyman Community Building** in **Roberts** (217-395-6492).

Meals are also available to those who are unable to attend a nutrition site. An assessment is made by a qualified staff person. Meals are available on a temporary or long term basis. Not only will clients receive a meal, but they will also have daily contact with a driver.

Peace Meal requests a donation of \$3.50 per meal. Participants are encouraged to contribute as they are able but no one will be turned away based on an inability to donate. The fresh meal served contains 1/3 of the recommended nutrients for older adults. Careful consideration is given to sodium, cholesterol and sugar content. Menus are approved by a Registered Dietician.

You can visit [www.sarahbush.org/peacemeal](http://www.sarahbush.org/peacemeal) for information on serving times and to double-check on nutrition site locations in our area. You can also call their office, **1-800-543-1770** Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. If anyone is interested in more information on volunteer opportunities in our community, you may also call the number above. Peace Meals is always looking for volunteers to help with delivery of meals to homebound clients.

**ST. EDMUND CHURCH**  
 219 EAST LOCUST STREET  
 WATSEKA IL 60970

**PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell**

**Rectory: 815-432-3274**  
**Religious Education Office: 815-432-5569**  
**Website: www.stedstjoe.org**

**MASSES:**

<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, JULY 13, 2014

Mon.	7/14	7:30 AM	Warren Shafer Anniversary Remembrance by His Family
Tue.	7/15	NO MASS	
Wed.	7/16	NO MASS	
Thur.	7/17	7:30 AM	Kathy Shafer Birthday Remembrance by Her Family
Fri.	7/18	7:30 AM	Chris Hallock Birthday Remembrance by Her Family
Sat.	7/19	5:00 PM	Liz Neill
Sun.	7/20	7:30 AM	Mary Ann Lurgio by Her Family
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Pauline Culkin by Our Parish Family



<b>Weekly Parish Need for Operation:</b>	<b>\$ 3,200.00</b>
Sunday Offering July 5/6, 2014:	\$ 3,099.00
<b>DEFICIT For the Week:</b>	<b>\$ (101.00)</b>
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<b>Total Roof Fund Donations:</b>	<b>\$ 113,770.53</b>
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<b>Offering at St. Joseph's, July 6, 2014:</b>	
Sunday:	\$

**Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:**  
**16th Sunday Ordinary Time "A"**  
 Matthew 13:24-43  
*"The Kingdom of Heaven is like..."*

- How can I better be "good seed" in the Kingdom of Heaven? How can I not be a "weed" in the Kingdom of Heaven?
- I certainly am a "small seed" in the Kingdom of Heaven, how can I, strengthened and nourished by God, become, like the largest of plants? How can I better be a sanctuary for others, strengthening and nourishing them in the faith?
- Am I truly like "yeast" that helps the whole batch of dough truly be "leavened"?

**Prayer:** Father, Jesus your Son has given us beautiful images to encourage us to grow stronger in faith, hope and love. Help me open my heart to learn from them and then to live out those values in my life. Amen!

**Please remember in your prayers Helene O'Brien, who was called home to our Lord.**

*May God's peace be with her.*

*Welcome St. Martin community.*

*With the change in status of the St. Martin Church to a Chapel we here at St. Edmund know that you will be rescheduling your place and time of Mass. I imagine many will attend St. Mary and some St. Anne. If our location here in Watseka and our Mass schedule (including the 9:00 Mass at St. Joseph in Crescent City) is convenient, we look forward to welcoming you.*

## LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

July 19/20	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
<b>LECTOR</b>	Doug Geiger	RaDonna Hasselbring	Steve Westrick
<b>SERVERS</b>	Katie & Justin McTaggart	Wyatt Claire	Gabriel & Miryam Bevelle
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Diana Wessels	Lynette Moyer	Barb Quigley
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	M/M Mike Schuler M/M Steve McCullough	M/M Leonard Tuttle M/M Jim LaFond	M/M Gene Ochs Linda Hunt & Carolyn Oster

Are you looking to deepen your prayer life? "Lord Teach Me to Pray" is an Ignatian prayer series that allows the Lord to do just that. Learn how to begin this powerful prayer series in your parish, or register for our Fall session for women. This series was recently adapted for men; be the first in this area to begin a men's group!

A "Lord Teach Me to Pray" Information Night will be held on Wednesday, July 16 from 7-8 p.m. at the Kankakee Public Library (3rd floor). To register please call Mary Causer, 815-922-0228 or Teri Doehring, 815-939-0134.

**A "tip o' the hat" to our Knights of Columbus for an awesome fireworks display last Sunday night...not too shabby for our little ol' town! Thanks guys!!**

**Please pray for our Service Members . . .**

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

**Please pray for . . .**  
 Francis Melson

"My mother said I must always be intolerant of ignorance but understanding of illiteracy. That some people, unable to go to school, were more educated and more intelligent than college professors."

*Maya Angelou*

**ST. ANNE'S DAY FESTIVAL**  
 St. Anne Church in St. Anne, IL

St. Anne Catholic Church announces the **134th Annual St. Anne Novena, Friday, July 18—St. Anne's Day, Saturday, July 26**. On weekdays, Mass with novena prayers is celebrated at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday the 19th, Mass is celebrated at 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday, the 20th, at 9:00 a.m. This year's presenter is Fr. Jason Nesbit, CSV, parochial vicar at Maternity BVM Church in Bourbonnais. St. Anne's Day activities include a conference, "Earthen Vessels," by Marilyn Mulcahy, the traditional outdoor Mass with Anointing of the Sick, the parishioners' production of "A Scriptural Rosary," and a "Children's Hour," where the children will take part in a production of *Jonah and the Whale*. There are booths to browse and dinner is available.

**MASS INTENTIONS NEEDED**

St. Edmund's is in need of Mass Intentions. This is a wonderful way to remember a loved one, living or deceased, in prayer. A stipend of \$10 is usually given, but whatever you feel you can afford is fine too. Please call Colette, 815-432-3274, to schedule your Masses. Thank you.

**REMINDER:** Our Church office hours are 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. M-F, unless your Church secretary needs to take a day off.