

NOVEMBER 30, 2014


Mon.	12/1	7:30 AM	Grace Hardesty by M/M Richard Ryan
Tue.	12/2	NO MASS	
Wed.	12/3	7:30 AM	Lillian Hobl Anniversary Remembrance by the Dorothy Barlow Family
Thurs.	12/4	7:30 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Tonner Family by Bob & Phyllis Tonner
Fri.	12/5	7:30 AM	Soul of Frank Coughenour by the Florido Family
Sat.	12/6	5:00 PM	Warner Rulien Birthday Remembrance by Lorraine Rulien
Sun.	12/7	7:30 AM	Charles Arie by His Family
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Clementine Noel by Marion Jaworski

Dates to Remember in December . . .

- 3 RE All Student Mass
- 5 **First Friday:** Adoration for 1/2 hour following 7:30 Mass w/Benediction at 8:00
- 6/7 Food Pantry
CCW Bake Sale
- 7 **2nd Sunday of Advent**
- 8 Immaculate Conception of Mary
- 11 **Euchre Party/Potluck: 12:30 p.m. @ Parish Center**
Finance Council Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
Parish Council Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
- 13/14 Retired Religious DOJ Collection
- 14 **3rd Sunday of Advent**
- 17 Individual Confessions: 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
First Reconciliation: 2nd Grade Class
Penance Service: 7 p.m.
- 21 Church Decorating after 10:30 Mass
- 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE:** Masses at 4 & 6 p.m.
- 25 **CHRISTMAS:** Masses at 9 a.m. (St. Joseph's) & 10:30 a.m. (St. Edmund's)
- 31 **New Year's Eve: Mass @ 5 p.m.**
- Jan. 1 **New Year's Day: Mass @ 10:30 a.m.**

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—DECEMBER

7	The Martin Family
14	The Martin Family
21	St. Edmund's
28	St. Edmund's



ST. EDMUND CCW

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 Christmas Poinsettia** and place it in the collection basket. **Checks are to be made out to St. Edmund CCW.** The poinsettias will be tagged with the names of your loved ones and after the Christmas season, you will be able to take the poinsettias home with you, if you wish.

DON'T FORGET our **BAKE SALE** will be held **NEXT WEEKEND** at **ALL MASSES**. All women of St. Edmund's are asked to bring a baked good to whatever Mass they attend. If you are unable to bring a baked good or purchase a baked good, free-will donations will also be accepted. Thank you.

REMINDER: Our Youth Group will meet tonight (Sunday, Nov. 30) at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center.

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

December 6/7	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Mary Decker	Julie Schippert	Erica Clark
SERVERS	Samantha & Max Gooding	Will Lyznicki	M. Bevelle & K. Jaworski
COMMUNION	Chris Bossong	Diane Buswell	Julie Arseneau
HOSPITALITY	Sheila Harman & Devon Helen Bruens, Louise Bruens	M/M Terry Pence M/M Rich Moyer	M/M Bill Nutter Family

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
2nd Sunday of Advent
Mark 1:1-8
"Prepare the way of the Lord!"

- How can I, like John the Baptist, join in preparing a way for the Lord?
- How can I, as challenged by John the Baptist, better live out the Sacrament of Baptism in my life?
- How can I, like John the Baptist, proclaim that One mightier than I, is coming?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, your messenger, John the Baptist, went before you to prepare a people worthy to welcome you. Help me imitate him in bringing people to you by what I say and what I do. Amen!

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, Nov. 22/23, 2014:	\$ 2,397.26
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (802.74)

Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 123,355.00

St. Joseph's Offering	
Sunday, November 23, 2014:	\$ 512.00

Money Counters for December are:

Dick Arie & Julie Schippert

"The Year of St. Mark"

With this Sunday's Gospel reading we begin the second year in the three year cycle of Gospel readings. Year "B" relies heavily on the Gospel according to Mark. Mark is the oldest and shortest of Gospel versions. One of the major themes of this Gospel is the question: why did Jesus, the royal Messiah, have to die. Perhaps a good way to prepare for both Christmas and the new Liturgical year would be to read the Gospel according to Mark in maybe two or three sittings to get the power of its message. With today as a special "New Years Day," we have the opportunity to grow in our knowledge and understanding of this crucial document!

Fr. Mike

The new 2015 *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 you would like to provide flowers for Mary's Altar.

You may also get your 2015 Mass requests in to Colette at the Rectory, 815-432-3274.

From the desk of Patti Duffy . . .

Religious Education class resumes this Wednesday, December 3rd, with our ALL STUDENT MASS. Parents are welcome to attend.

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

Please pray for . . .
Francis Melson

DECEMBER'S items needed for the **Watseka Area Food Pantry** are: **Canned Meat Products**. This is only a guideline—ALL donations are welcome, as well as monetary donations. *Thank you.*

DECEMBER'S items needed for **Harbor House** are: **Canned Soup, Canned Pastas, Spaghetti, Macaroni & Cheese and Canned Fruits**. As usual, **Paper Products of any kind are always needed.** *Thank you.*

Our Christmas and New Year's Mass schedule is as follows:

Wednesday	December 24	4:00 & 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	December 25	9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday	December 31	5:00 p.m.
Thursday	January 1, 2015	10:30 a.m.

On **Wednesday, December 17, Individual Confessions** will be heard from **11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.** There will also be a **Penance Service** that evening at **7 p.m.**

REMINDER: On **Friday, December 5th**, after 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for one-half hour with Benediction at 8:00 a.m.

EUCHRE PARTY & POTLUCK LUNCHEON

St. Edmund's Senior Citizens will hold their next Euchre Party, along with a Potluck Luncheon on **Thursday, December 11th**, at **12:30 p.m.** at the **Parish Center**. Parishioners, as well as non-parishioners are welcome to attend. Besides a covered dish to share, all attendees are asked to please bring an item for our local food pantry. Thank you.

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, December 11, 2014**

Our **Finance Council** will meet on Thursday, December 11th at **6:30 p.m.** at the **Parish Center**. One of the items on the agenda will be to go over the recommendations from our diocesan audit in July and the changes that have been implemented.

Our **Parish Council** will meet on Thursday, December 11th at **7 p.m.** at the **Parish Center**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next meeting of our Knights of Columbus will be **Thursday, December 11th** at **7:30 p.m.** in the Church basement.

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

Are you able to devote about 1 hour every 3 months to your Church? **Hospitality Ministers are needed at ALL weekend Masses.** If you are willing to help, you would be paired with experienced hospitality ministers who would teach you this very easy ministry. **This is an excellent opportunity for those needing service hours like our Confirmation Candidates or National Honor Society members.** The next schedule will be for March, April & May, 2015. Please call the Rectory and leave your name and phone number, if you are interested. **St. Edmund's needs 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

“Transforming the world in which we live by bringing the teachings of Jesus Christ to every living person.”

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MASS: SUNDAY 9:00 AM