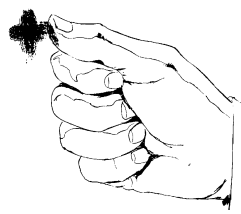


FEBRUARY 26, 2017

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| Mon. | 2/27 | 7:30 AM | Elizabeth Rogers by Eileen & Dave Rogers |
| Tue. | 2/28 | NO MASS | |
| Wed. | 3/1 | 7:30 AM 7:00 PM | Carol Hilden by Leona Shafer Marybeth Claire by Marvyn & Beverly Stair |
| Thurs. | 3/2 | 7:30 AM | Joyce Donohue Anniversary Remembrance by Her Family |
| Fri. | 3/3 | 7:30 AM | George & Antoinette Markovitch by Dr. & Mrs. Florido |
| Sat. | 3/4 | 5:00 PM | Tim Carson by Christine Ryan |
| Sun. | 3/5 | 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM | Fr. Lee Ryan by the Knights of Columbus Council #4391 Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's Ida Brown by Myron & Dorothy Lemenager |



DATES TO REMEMBER IN MARCH . .

- 1 **ASH WEDNESDAY**
RE Student Lenten Service: 4 p.m.
- 4/5 Food Pantry
- 6 CCW Meeting: 7 p.m. @ Parish Center
- 9 Euchre Party: 1-3 p.m. @ Parish Center
Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Knights of Columbus Fish Fry: 5-7 p.m.
- 12 *Daylight Saving Time Begins*
- 15 Finance Council Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
Parish Council Meeting: 7 p.m.
- 19 CONFIRMATION: 2 p.m.
- 25/26 DOJ CRS 2nd Collection

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| Weekly Parish Need for Operation: | \$ 3,200.00 |
| Sunday Offering, Feb. 18/19, 2017: | \$ 2,541.00 |
| DEFICIT For the Week: | \$ (659.00) |
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| <i>St. Joseph's Offering</i> | |
| Sunday, February 19, 2017: | \$ 1,495.00 |

| FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—MARCH | |
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| 5 | Chris Daszko |
| 12 | Margaret & Gene Ochs |
| 19 | Dr. & Mrs. Gonzalo Florido |
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ST. EDMUND CCW

St. Edmund's CCW will meet on Monday, March 6th at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center. Crystal Rabe will present the program, *Essential Oils... The What & How*. We will also be electing our **Woman of the Year**. Refreshments will be provided by Linda McTaggart & Gwen McTaggart.

| LENTEN FISH FRY | |
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| Our Knights of Columbus will host the first of their 2 Lenten Fish Fries on Friday, March 10 th from 5-7 p.m. in the Church Basement. Cost is \$9.00 and Children 10 & under eat for FREE. Carry-Outs are available. The public is invited and it is ALL YOU CAN EAT! | |



PLEASE NOTE: The following weekends are still available for which to provide flowers for Mary's Altar:

- March 25/26
- April 1/2
- June 3/4
- July 8/9
- July 22/23
- September 9/10
- Sept. 30/Oct. 1
- November 4/5
- November 11/12

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

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| March 4/5 | 5:00 PM | 7:30 AM | 10:30 AM |
| LECTOR | John Gooding | Debbie Ochs | Steve Westrick |
| SERVERS | Conner & Claire Curry | | Meredith & Mallory Drake |
| COMMUNION | Diana Wessels | Kevin Bohlmann | Cup: Lorraine Smith & Barb Quigley |
| HOSPITALITY | Pat King Family Mary Sorensen | M/M Terry Pence M/M Rich Moyer | M/M Robert Zummallen Ericka Clark Family |

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
1st Sunday of Lent "A"
Matthew 4:1-11
"The Lord, your God alone shall you worship and serve!"

- Have I ever been tempted to place wealth and pleasure ahead of living by the words that come from the mouth of God?
- Have I ever been tempted to make myself seem special and greater than others?
- Have I ever been tempted to worship any kind of false gods?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you were tempted in every way that I am and yet did not sin. During this Lenten Season help me to name the temptations in my life and with prayer and your help never to succumb to them. May my Lenten observance prepare me for the Feast of Easter. Amen!

This Wednesday, March 1st, is Ash Wednesday. There will be Masses at 7:30 a.m. & 7 p.m., with ashes being administered after each Mass. Ashes Only will be administered at 5 p.m.

The Liturgical Appointments for the 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass are:

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| LECTOR | RaDonna Hasselbring |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | Rosann Miller |
| ALTAR SERVERS | Trenton & Sam Hemp |
| HOSPITALITY | Volunteers |

Lenten Services will be offered each FRIDAY during Lent at St. Edmund's beginning at 7 p.m. We are alternating between *Mass* and *Stations of the Cross with Benediction*. The schedule is as follows:

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| March 3 | Mass |
| March 10 | Stations of the Cross/Benediction |
| March 17 | Mass |
| March 24 | Stations of the Cross/Benediction |
| March 31 | Mass |
| April 7 | Stations of the Cross/Benediction |

REMINDER: On Friday, March 3rd, after 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for 1/2 hour with Benediction at 8:00 a.m.

MONEY COUNTERS FOR MARCH ARE:

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| 5 | Brittany Cluver & Elsie Hankey |
| 12 | Jennifer Dixon & Bill Janssen |
| 19 | Jamie Knapp & Steve McCullough |
| 26 | Joe Lyznicki & Barb Mayotte |

Stations of the Cross with Benediction will also be held at St. Joseph's in Crescent City every THURSDAY during Lent beginning at 5:30 p.m.

MARCH'S items needed for **HARBOR HOUSE** are: **Disposable Diapers (Various Sizes), Baby Wipes, Baby Shampoo/Lotion & Baby Clothes (Various Sizes)** Thank you.

LENTEN REGULATIONS AND THE EASTER TRIDUUM . . .

Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

From the desk of Fr. Burke Masters, DOJ Vocation Dir.

The Diocese of Joliet has several seminarians who do not have cars. We currently have a few cars that the seminarians share, but there are times when more cars are needed.

If you, or anyone you know, has a car that is no longer being used but still in good driving condition, please consider donating it to the Diocese for use by the seminarians. PLEASE NOTE: Cars must be in good condition; otherwise it costs the diocese more money to maintain them.

Those wanting to donate a car may contact my assistant, Tami, at 815-221-6171. We can arrange for someone to check the condition of the car and then transfer the title. The Diocese will provide a letter for tax purposes to the donor if it is accepted.

Please Participate!
Your gift makes a difference!



This weekend at each Mass you will be asked to participate in our diocesan-wide Commitment/In-Pew Weekend for the 2017 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Through the CMAA, our ministries spread the Gospel message to others by bringing comfort, hope and aid to our friends and neighbors. As you listen to Bishop Conlon's homily today, please reflect on God's gifts to you and give thanks to Him through a gift to the CMAA.

After our parishes exceed their CMAA goals (St. Edmund: \$13,189; St. Joseph: \$2,717) in paid pledges, 70% of any additional funds are returned for use in our parish. Together, we can continue to spread the Gospel message in our Diocese through our ministries and help God hold us in His hands. Thank you in advance for your support.

For those of you who were unable to make a decision about your commitment this weekend, please prayerfully consider doing so online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or by returning a Commitment/In-Pew Weekend envelope to our parish next week. If you received a pledge form in the mail, you may return it via mail.

From the desk of Patti Duffy . . .

At the 2016 Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Biennial Convention, the **Father John M. Sebahar Servant Leadership Award** was established as a tribute of gratitude to Father Sebahar for his many years of spiritual guidance and support to the council.

This award will present \$500 to a high school senior boy and a senior girl planning to attend a college or university this coming fall. There are several criteria that must be met in order to apply. Previous recipients of the award cannot apply again.

Any high school senior from St. Edmund's or St. Joseph's who is planning on furthering their education at a college or university this coming fall who would like to apply for this award, please contact Patti Duffy at 432-5569 as soon as possible.

The deadline for submission is April 14th, 2017. The award will be presented on Monday, May 22nd, 2017 at the Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill.

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MASSES:

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| 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

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MASS: SUNDAY 9:00 AM