

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019

Mon.	3/18	7:30 AM	Francis Melson by Phyllis Thornton
Tue.	3/19	NO MASS	
Wed.	3/20	7:30 AM	Dale Carley by Knights of Columbus Council 4391
Thur.	3/21	7:30 AM	Jean Lareau by Knights of Columbus Council 4391
Fri.	3/22	7:30 AM 7:00 PM	Lorraine Smith by Gene & Margaret Ochs Rosemary German Reeves by Nick & Roxanne Adsit & Family
Sat.	3/23	5:00 PM	Max Gooding by John Gooding & Family
Sun.	3/24	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Marybeth Claire by Marvin & Beverly Stair Francis Kane by Jim & Mary Hamilton Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's



Weekly Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, Mar. 9/10, 2019:	\$ 2,407.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ 793.00
Offering at St. Joseph's, Mar. 10, 2019:	\$ 378.00

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
3rd Sunday of Lent "C"
Luke 13:1-9
"This is my chosen Son; listen to him!"

- How have I responded when misfortune or violence has been part of my life?
- What sins of commission or omission do I need to repent?
- How can I bear more "fruit" in my discipleship?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you call me to repent of my past failures and to follow you in newness of life. Help me to see the things I can do to strengthen my spiritual life during this Lent. Amen!

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, March 20, 2019**

Our Finance Council will meet on Wednesday, March 20th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. Our Parish Council meeting will follow at 7 p.m.

Lenten Services at St. Edmund's at 7 p.m. every Friday:

March 22	Mass
March 29	Stations of the Cross/Benediction
April 5	Mass
April 12	Stations of the Cross/Benediction

With us this weekend . . .

"I am Br. John Ronaldo G. Abulag. I was born and grew up in the Philippines. I have 5 brothers and 1 sister. My mom passed away 2 years ago. I have relatives here in the US on both sides (Father and Mother). I belong to the Dominican Missionaries for the Deaf Apostolate in New Britain, Connecticut in which I am a Perpetually Professed Brother. Our community is just too young so, for this reason, our Bishop advised our founder to spread out the Temporary and Perpetually Brothers all over in the US, be ordained and work for the Deaf Community in a particular Diocese. Presently, I am assigned here at St. Mary Church in Mokena for my Pastoral Year prior to ordination (God willing). I am no longer in the seminary because I already finished my Theology. But every Tuesday and Thursday I am at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills for my Sign Language Class."

We are happy to welcome Br. John and have him share his vocation story with us. Let's always pray for more priests and Religious Brothers and Sisters!

Fr. Mike

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Mar. 23/24	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Steve McCullough	RaDonna Hasselbring	Steve Westrick
SERVERS	Raegan Gooding		Olivia & Mallory Drake
CUP	Debbie McCullough & Patti Duffy	Ira Claire & Paul McTaggart	Pam Verkler & Jane Zummallen
HOSPITALITY	Jeanette Reifel Mary Sorensen	M/M Nathan McTaggart M/M Corey McTaggart	Linda Hunt & Sheila Harman

ANNUAL BLESSING OF SOIL & SEED MASS Sunday, March 24th ~ 2:00 p.m. St. John the Baptist Church in L'Erable



The Annual Blessing of Soil & Seed Mass, sponsored by the Ford-Iroquois Deanery CCW and celebrated by Bishop R. Daniel Conlon, will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 24th, at St. John the Baptist Church in L'Erable. Attendees are encouraged to present soil and seeds from their farm or flower and vegetable gardens during the Mass, to be blessed by Bishop Conlon. The parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church welcome all "green thumb" gardeners and farmers alike, and everyone who encourages and supports them, to attend the Mass to raise up prayers for their agricultural efforts, and to the light reception which will follow the celebration.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2019 FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN FISH FRY April 12 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. St. Edmund's Church Basement

MENU
Deep Fried Cod ~ Baked Cod ~ Baked Beans
Cole Slaw ~ Onion Rings ~ Dessert ~ Drinks

Adults: \$9.00
Children (10 & under): Free
Carry-Outs Available
Call 815-432-5569
(Day/Hours of Event Only)

PUBLIC INVITED ALL YOU CAN EAT!!

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP CONLON

EXTREME Abortion Bills Introduced in IL Legislature. House Bill 2467 & Senate Bill 1594: Repeals Illinois Parental Notification of Abortion Act. Current law requires a parent or legal guardian be notified when a minor seeks an abortion. Includes a waiver for children physically or sexually abused. Passed in 1995 but not implemented until 2013 by a unanimous Illinois Supreme Court ruling.

House Bill 2495 & Senate Bill 1942: Repeals current state ban on partial-birth abortions. Defines abortion as a fundamental right. Removes abortion clinics from regulations for serious medical procedures. Removes the requirement that only doctors can perform abortions. We are studying the bill for further impact.

We will keep you updated at www.ilcatholic.org and via emails sent through our Illinois Catholic Advocacy Network (I-CAN).

Contact your state House and Senate lawmakers and urge them to vote "no" on HB 2467, SB 1594, HB 2495 & SB 1942. Go to www.ilcatholic.org for more info.

Sign up for I-CAN at:
www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/join-i-can

Parishioners are also invited to join Bishop Conlon on April 3rd to meet with legislators in Springfield to encourage them to vote "No" towards the horrific anti-life legislation. Bus transportation is available. Flyers with a registration form can be found on the table in the vestibule of the Church.

**One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center
A TIME OF PRAYER
"AHA: God Moments in Our Lives"**

An "AHA" moment is a point in time, an event, or experience when one has a sudden insight or realization about something that surprises us. It's a moment when God gets our attention through some ordinary everyday things: nature, friends, books, cooking, relaxing or praying. It can be an experience that lifts up our spirit, makes us smile or leads to changes in our lives. It can also be an insight into problems or concerns that weigh us down. It might even be a sudden revelation.

WHEN: Thursday, April 11, 2019

SPONSORED BY: Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

PRESENTER: Sr. Loretta Finn, SSCM

COST: Free-Will Offering

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call Sr. Mary Stella at 815-935-0800

Fr. John M. Sebahar Servant Leadership Award

The Joliet Diocesan CCW has established the *Fr. John M. Sebahar Servant Leadership Award* to thank our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. John M. Sebahar, and to honor him for his many years of faithful service and support of the Joliet Diocesan CCW. The award also recognizes Fr. Sebahar's pastoral care and his encouragement of the call to Christian service in our young women and men.

Two annual awards of \$500 each will be given to one young woman and one young man residing in the Diocese of Joliet. However, if ALL applicants are of only one gender, two students of that gender will be awarded. **Applicants must be current high school seniors who plan on entering college in the fall of 2019.**

An application form and information sheet can be found on the table in the vestibule of the Church for those interested in applying. **Deadline for submissions is April 14, 2019.**

Please remember in your prayers Larry Kimble, uncle of Joy (Scott) Yarneau, who was called home to our Lord.

May God's peace be with him.

**CCW SCHOLARSHIP
&
ROBERT HAAS MEMORIAL/
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP**

Applications are now available for the St. Edmund CCW Scholarship and the Robert Haas Memorial/Knights of Columbus St. Teresa of Avila Council #4391 Scholarship.

CCW Scholarship

- Must be a current, active, registered member of St. Edmund's.
- Must have already been accepted by a college/university/trade school.

Robert Haas Mem./Knights of Columbus Scholarship

- Must be a current, active, registered member of any Parish served by our Knights of Columbus St. Teresa of Avila Council #4391.
- Must have already been accepted by a college/university/trade school.

NOTE: Current, active, registered members of St. Edmund's may apply for BOTH scholarships. Xeroxed copies of your Letters of Recommendation may be used.

Applications may be picked up from the table in the vestibule of St. Edmund's Church or from the Rectory. There are also a couple of copies of each scholarship at St. Joseph's in Crescent City. The Knights of Columbus will distribute copies of the Robert Haas Memorial/Knights of Columbus St. Teresa of Avila Council #4391 Scholarship to other parishes to which members belong.

ALL applications are to be returned by WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH, 2019. If mailing them back, they must be post-marked no later than April 24th. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. They may be dropped off at St. Edmund's Rectory between the hours of 8 a.m.—12 p.m. M-F or mailed to: St. Edmund Catholic Church; ATTN: Scholarship Committee; 219 E. Locust Street; Watseka, IL, 60970. **Please note on your return envelope which organization's scholarship application it is.** Both organizations will have their own Scholarship Committee to screen applications.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL APPLICANTS!

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

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

219 EAST LOCUST STREET
WATSEKA IL 60970

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

Rectory: 815-432-3274 ~ **Office Hours:** 8 a.m.—12 p.m. M-F

RE Office: 815-432-5569

Website: www.stedstjoe.org

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)

307 UNION STREET
CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

MASS: SUNDAY 9:00 AM