

From the Diocese . . .

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: Up-coming *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends* are: **December 11-13, 2015, February 12-14, 2016** and **April 8-10, 2016** at **Elk Grove Village, IL**. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, contact **Jim & Kris** at **630-577-0778** or at <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

Joyful Again! (A Widowed Ministry): The next *Joyful Again Widowed Retreats/Workshops* in 2016 will be: **January 16/17** and **March 5/6**, at **Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer** in **Lemont**. Contact them at **708-354-7211** or email joyfulagain7211@gmail.com. Visit their website at www.joyfulagain.org. Space is limited so please register early.

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- Sr. Airman Thomas Westrick, son of Steve & Sharon Westrick
- AFC Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- Hm3 Richard Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- Sgt. Erik Shepherd, son-in-law of Michelle Hastings
- Sgt. Allison Shepherd, daughter of Michelle Hastings
- Lance Corporal Samuel Gross, grandson of Linda Hunt
- Sr. Airman Rorie Sorensen, granddaughter of Mary Sorensen

Please pray for . . .

- Francis Melson
- Those affected in any way by the recent terrorist attacks in Paris, France...especially those killed and the family and friends they left behind
- The first responders and those giving aid in the immediate aftermath of the terrorist attacks in Paris, France.

11/12/15

"St. Edmund's Church

Thank you for donating toward our 2015 Christmas Basket program. This year we will present 400 baskets throughout Iroquois County to families in need—hoping to make their holiday more joyful. Our heartfelt thanks—May God bless you!

Food From the Heart Team"

One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center
A TIME OF PRAYER
"Listening Prayer"

WHEN: Thursday, December 10, from 9 a.m.—12 p.m.

SPONSORED BY: Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

PRESENTERS: Sister Loretta Finn, SSCM & Sister Anne Jaeger, SSCM

COST: \$5, if possible. If not, come anyway.

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call 815-935-0800 or just stop by.

Treat Yourself to a Time of Prayer

ADVENT DAY RETREAT

This *Advent Day Retreat* is a day retreat open to BOTH WOMEN & MEN who desire to enrich their spiritual growth during the Advent Season.

SPONSORED BY: Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

WHERE: One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center in Kankakee

WHEN: Saturday, December 5; 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. (Registration deadline is Wednesday, December 2.)

COST: \$20/person (Lunch is provided)

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER: Call Sister Mary Stella at 815-935-0800, M-F.

The collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. CCHD's grants improve education, support economic development and create affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to protect human dignity and build communities of solidarity. Please consider contributing to the CCHD Collection.

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

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

Religious Education 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

"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, NOVEMBER 22, 2015



Mon.	11/23	7:30 AM	Irvin "Ray" Busick by Our Church Family
Tue.	11/24	NO MASS	
Wed.	11/25	7:30 AM	Lydia Rivera Ortiz by Frank Ortiz
Thur.	11/26	8:00 AM	Walter Smolucha by M/M David Rogers
Fri.	11/27	7:30 AM	Gloria Zirkle by John D. Zirkle
Sat.	11/28	5:00 PM	Roger Cooke Anniversary Remembrance by Christina Daszko
Sun.	11/29	7:30 AM	Delores Kaufman by Myron & Linda Cailteux
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Emma Yarneau by Bob & Joann Yarneau

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel: First Sunday of Advent "C" Luke 21:25-36 "Be vigilant at all times!"

- How have I become "drowsy" in being a disciple of Jesus?
- Are "anxieties of daily life" clouding my spiritual vision?
- How can I indeed become more "vigilant" in my life as a Catholic?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you came in time many years ago; you come in Word and Sacrament to me today, and you will come in glory at the end of ages. Help me to remember, to welcome you into my life. Amen!

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$	3,200.00
Sunday Offering Nov. 14/15, 2015:	\$	2,621.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$	(579.00)

Roof Fund Donations Nov. 14/15, 2015:	\$	85.00
Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$	152,114.00

Offering at St. Joseph's, Nov. 15, 2015	\$	552.00

PLEASE NOTE the change in the Mass time for Thanksgiving Day.

A big "thank" you to all our parishioners who stepped up to the plate last Saturday and gave hours to our parish family beautifying our parish grounds. This is our parish and it's up to all of us to care for and maintain this gift God has given us. Kudos!

Fr. Mike

Sacred time, Sacred actions

It's hard to believe that Advent is one week away. Let's use this gift from the Church to prepare our hearts, minds, homes and family for the great feast of Christmas.

Fr. Mike

Welcoming into the Church

With the start of the new year we will again offer an opportunity to those who wish to join us in faith and to Catholic adults who would like to be Confirmed. Preparation sessions will begin in January (about four or five sessions in all). Please contact the rectory by the end of the year to join in this journey of faith.

Fr. Mike

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Nov. 28/29	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Steve McCullough	Rhonda Pence	Ericka Clark
SERVERS	Max Gooding		Meredith & Mallory Drake
COMMUNION	Rosann Miller	Paul McTaggart	Jane Zummallen
HOSPITALITY	M/M Wade Bell Family	M/M Ira Claire DR/M William Burwell	M/M Kevin Verkler Marion Jaworski Family

Faith Enrichment

All of us are just first graders in learning about our faith. We will follow the wonderful series: "Catholicism" prepared by Robert Barron who was a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago and as of September is the Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles! A review of this journey says that: "This engaging and interesting formation program uses the art, architecture, literature, music and all the treasures of the Catholic tradition to illuminate the timeless teachings of the Church." I am so looking forward to grow in my own faith and life as a Catholic. I invite all of our parish family to consider joining us. We will begin this adventure in January. More details to come....

Fr. Mike

A reminder from St. Joseph's CCW....

DON'T FORGET OUR CCW BAKE SALE AFTER MASS TODAY!

St. Edmund's office hours for this week are:

Monday, November 23: 8 a.m.—4. p.m.

Tuesday, November 24: 8 a.m.—12 p.m.

CLOSED: Wednesday-Friday, Nov. 25-27

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

NOTES FROM ST. EDMUND'S 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 (providing they're still in decent shape), if you wish.

DON'T FORGET our **BAKE SALE** will be held the weekend of **December 5/6 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 purchase a baked good, free-will donations will also be accepted. Thank you.

There will be NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES on **Wednesday, November 25** due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Classes will resume on **Wednesday, December 2**.

Everyone have a safe & blessed Thanksgiving.

The new 2016 *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 2016 Mass requests in to Collette at the Rectory, 815-432-3274.