

HARD TIMES

People in Jesus' time thought that bad things happened as punishment for something they had done wrong. Jesus dismissed that idea. To him, hard times were like pruning a tree. They were an opportunity to become better.

I still persist in thinking of unpleasant things as setbacks or hard times. When I can let go of that and hear Jesus, I'll be taking a giant stride toward wisdom and fullness of life. rfe ©

Perhaps it will bear fruit. If not, it shall be cut down. Luke 13:9

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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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.”

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, MARCH 3, 2013

Mon.	3/4	7:30 AM	Timothy Carson by M/M Richard Ryan
Tue.	3/5	NO MASS	
Wed.	3/6	7:30 AM	Clint Lottinville Anniversary Remembrance by His Family
Thur.	3/7	7:30 AM	Alanna Readus-Brown, Leon Brown & Eileen Ford by the Donohue Family
		5:30 PM	Stations of the Cross/ Benediction at St. Joseph's
Fri.	3/8	7:30 AM	Jim Krones by Pat Ward
		7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross/Benediction
Sat.	3/9	5:00 PM	Darryl Suver by Ken & Evelyn Brown
Sun.	3/10	7:30 AM	Julia Ryan by M/M Richard Ryan
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Lucile Koets by Mary Anne Graeber
		2:00 PM	CONFIRMATION - Jim & Judy Krones by Knight of Columbus Council # 4391



Offerings at St. Edmund's, Feb. 23/24:

Sunday:	\$ 3096.00
Catholic Home Missions:	\$ 10.00
Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 1240.00
Mass Stipends:	\$ 80.00
Donation (Watseka Lion's Club):	\$ 100.00

Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 60577.59

Offering at St. Joseph's, Feb. 23/24:

Sunday:	\$ 633.00
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Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
4th Sunday of Lent "C"
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you."

- How have I squandered gifts that God has given me?
- Am I sincere in my contrition and purpose of amendment?
- How do I welcome back people who have let me down when they are sorry?

Prayer: God, our merciful Father, Jesus has taught us that you rejoice in the return of the penitent sinner. Help me to honestly admit my sinfulness and to return to you for forgiveness and reconciliation. Amen!

ST. ANNE LENTEN FISH FRY

St. Anne Catholic Church will have a Fish Fry on March 8 serving from 5-7 p.m. \$8.00 for Adults, Children 12 & Under are \$4.00. Besides fish, they will also be offering 1/4 Cheese Pizza with chips & dessert for \$4.00.

All women of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's are cordially invited to attend the Watseka United Methodist Women's March 6 meeting at 7 p.m. in their Fellowship Hall. Guest speaker, Kami Garrison, Preventive Educator for Iroquois Sexual Assault Services, will present a program that will be of interest to all women in our community.

ST. EDMUND CCW

St. Edmund CCW will meet on Monday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. A representative from our local Food Pantry will be our guest speaker. **All attendees are asked to please bring a non-perishable item for the Food Pantry.** Refreshments will be provided by Diane Buswell and Linda Hunt.

St. Joseph's CCW will meet today after the 9 a.m. Mass. Pam Fink will present a program in regards to St. Patrick. Our regular meeting will follow the presentation.

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

March 9/10	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	John Gooding	Lorraine Smith	Steve Westrick
SERVERS	K. & J. McTaggart	W. Lyznicki & H. Fickett	N. & B. Castonguay
COMMUNION	Diana Wessels	Diane Buswell	Michael Bevelle
HOSPITALITY	M/M Steve McCullough M/M Gene Ochs	M/M Dick Arie M/M Nick Arie & Karsyn	M/M Chris Curry Family

Lenten Services Schedule at St. Edmund's:

March 8	Stations of the Cross/Benediction
March 15	Mass
March 22	Stations of the Cross/Benediction

St. Edmund's Church will be open for private prayer each Friday during Lent from 11 a.m.—1 p.m.

As we proceed with estate planning, let us remember our St. Edmund and St. Joseph Parishes. This generosity enables us to continue bringing the Good News of Jesus to our friends and neighbors.

One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center Upcoming Events
 (Sponsored by *The Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary*)

Catholicism Video Study Program: Sunday, March 3, Sunday, March 10 and Sunday, March 17 from 2-4 p.m. Cost is \$5 for each Sunday you are able to attend.

Prayer Breakfast: Thursday, March 7, from 7-8:30 a.m. Our topic, *Long Term Care—How to Choose an Appropriate Place* will be presented by Connie March, President & CEO of Presence Health Continuum of Care. Free-will donation.

For more information or to register for either of these events, please call Sister Mary Stella, 815-935-0800.

You are invited to come pray with us, *Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary*, on the **2nd Friday** of every month from 7-8 p.m. for **Adoration for Vocations** in the chapel at One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center in Kankakee.

DON'T FORGET: Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. next Sunday, March 10. Set your clocks ahead 1 hour when you go to bed Saturday night.

Sts. Mary & Joseph Catholic Church in Chebanse would like to invite all of you to their **Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance** on **Saturday, March 16** at the Chebanse Civic Center, 180 W. First S. Street. They will be serving Corned Beef & Cabbage or Chicken Dinner done the Irish way! There will also be some Irish dancers performing! Please remember to wear your green that evening!

A Cash Bar and Basket Auction will begin at 6 p.m. with the dinner to follow at 6:30 p.m. and the dance will run from 7-10 pm.

Tickets are \$20 each. Please call Bridget Berggren for tickets or information at 815-697-2895.

The Knights of Columbus Council 13495 (Chebanse, Clifton, Ashkum & L'Erable) will hold their **5th Annual Pancake & Sausage and Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast** from 8 a.m.—12 p.m. on **Sunday, March 10**, at **St. Peter's Parish Hall**, 450 W. 3rd Avenue, Clifton. Admission to the breakfast is a free-will donation of canned and non-perishable foods, as well as household items and/or cash. **All products and profits generated by the breakfast will be donated to the Central Area Food Pantry.**

The Pantry is again participating in the Fundraising Challenge issued by Mr. Alan Feinstein, CEO of the Feinstein Foundation, an anti-hunger philanthropist. Any donations of cash or items to the Pantry designated to the Foundation between March 1 and April 30 will trigger an additional donation from the Feinstein Foundation.

CONDOLENCES TO Richard Ryan whose mother, Julia Ryan, was called home to the Lord.

May her soul rest in peace.