

APRIL 28, 2013

Mon.	4/29	7:30 AM	Brent McTaggart by Knights of Columbus Council #4391
Tue.	4/30	NO MASS	
Wed.	5/1	7:30 AM	Liz Neill Birthday Remembrance by Bob & Phyllis Tonner
Thurs.	5/2	7:30 AM	Bruce Williamson Birthday Remembrance by Bob & Phyllis Tonner
Fri.	5/3	7:30 AM	Philip Tuelp Birthday Remembrance by Christina Daszko
Sat.	5/4	5:00 PM	Charles LaMotte Birthday Remembrance by Sam & Sue Stepp
Sun.	5/5	7:30 AM	Louis Claire by Ira & Mary Claire
		9:00 AM	Paul & Ann Lola Kelly by Paul Kelly
		10:30 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		1:00 PM	FIRST COMMUNION—Judy Krones by Her Parish Family



Dates to Remember in May . . .

- 4/5 Food Pantry
- 5 First Communion: 1 p.m.
- 6 CCW May Banquet: 6 p.m. @ Church Basement
- 8 Last Day of RE Classes
- 9 Euchre Party: 1 p.m. @ Parish Center
Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
- 12 ASCENSION
Mother's Day
May Crowning @ the 9:00 & 10:30 Masses
- 16 Parish Council Meeting: 7 p.m. @ Parish Center
- 19 PENTECOST
Graduate's Mass
- 27 Memorial Day Observed—Church Office Closed

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—MAY	
5	Helen Bruens (Krones Family)
12	Julie Arseneau & Cole
19	Doug & Cheryl Geiger
26	Mary Decker



Offerings at St. Edmund's, April 20/21:	
Sunday:	\$ 2803.00
Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 301.00

Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 64860.59

Offering at St. Joseph's, April 21:	
Sunday:	\$ 712.00

ST. EDMUND CCW SPRING BANQUET

Don't forget to sign up to attend our Spring Banquet being held on Monday, May 6, at 6 p.m. in the Church basement. Since our meal is being provided, we need as specific a head count as possible. Thank you.

Money Counters for May are:
Bill Janssen & Rosemary Nixon

May's items needed for Harbor House are: **Coffee, Tea, Frozen and Bottled Juice, Juice Boxes, Kool-Aid & Sugar. And don't forget that paper products of any kind are always welcome. Thank you.**

REMINDER: On Friday, May 3, after 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for one-half hour with Benediction at 8:00 a.m.

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

May 4/5	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Steve McCullough	Doug Geiger	Nancy Cowan
SERVERS	S. & M. Gooding	W. Lyznicki & H. Fickett	C. Bossong & C. Curry
COMMUNION	Diana Wessels	Julie Schippert	Lorraine Smith
HOSPITALITY	Helen Bruens, Louise Bruens Sheila Harman & Devon	M/M Richard Ryan M/M Jim LaFond	M/M Pat Snyder Lyn Dean & Carolyn Oster

Liturgical Appointments for the First Communion Mass May 5 at 1:00 p.m.	
LECTOR	Doug Duffy
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Mary Claire & Diana Wessels
ALTAR SERVERS	
HOSPITALITY	Sarah Klump & Jacob Sparling

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

6th Sunday of Easter "C"
John 14:23-29
"The Holy Spirit will teach you all things!"

- How can I grow stronger in loving Jesus and in keeping his words?
- How could I keep a novena of prayer to the Holy Spirit to prepare for Pentecost?
- How does the peace of Jesus come to me when I am troubled or afraid?

Prayer: God our Father, on the night before he gave his life for us, Jesus, your Son, promised us your peace, your love and your Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in all things. May that same Holy Spirit strengthen us to always be a beloved disciple of Jesus. Amen!

The DOJ Office for Human Dignity, Relief and Development, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) coordinator would like to thank us for our donation of \$483.48 (\$415.04 for 2013 & \$268.44 for 2012) for the CRS **Rice Bowl** this year. Our gift supports CRS global efforts to help people in poverty survive and help themselves out of poverty. Our generosity does make a difference!

2013 CMAA PLEDGE REPORT		
<i>"The Lord Sustains His People"</i>		
The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal provides crucial funding to the Diocese of Joliet. These funds help provide education, ministry and services that sustain the people of God. From Catholic Charities to Catholic Schools, to Religious Education, seminarian education and vocations, money donated to the CMAA helps support the work of our Diocese.		
Bishop Conlon has sent a letter and a campaign brochure to past CMAA contributors asking that they consider making a gift to the 2013 CMAA. We ask our parishioners who receive this mailing to read it carefully and to prayerfully consider a generous gift and/or pledge.		
Please keep in mind that our parish receives a 50% rebate of all funds received over our parish goal. We can then use this money to support our parish priorities.		
Thank you to all who have contributed to the 2013 CMAA and to all who are still paying their pledges.		
	ST. EDMUND	ST. JOSEPH
PARISH GOAL:	\$12747.00	\$2137.00
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$ 4725.00	\$1627.60
AMOUNT PAID:	\$ 3067.50	\$1129.82
% OF GOAL:	37.07%	76.16%
# DONORS:	34/171	12/18

A Note From Fr. Mike . . .

Some of you have been wondering who purchased the 2 new angel banners hanging on either side of the Crucifix. It was I who purchased them as an Easter gift to St. Edmund's. No parish money was used to purchase them.

Bishop McNamara Catholic High School
"An Evening in Innisfree" Dinner Auction & Raffle

Bishop McNamara Catholic High School in Kankakee has raffle tickets available at a cost of \$100 each. 1st prize is \$75,000 with 1 prize of \$5,000, 5 prizes of \$1000 each, and 5 prizes of \$500 each. Only 2000 tickets will be sold. Winners will be drawn at the Dinner Auction on **May 3, 2013** and you need NOT be present to win. Tickets may be purchased online at www.bishopmac.com or by calling the Advancement Office, 815-933-7620.

DOJ Vocations Office . . .

MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP: On **Sunday, May 12, from 2-4 p.m.** all men age 17 and older are welcome to our **Men's Discernment Group**. We will be using the book, "To Save A Thousand Souls" by Fr. Brett Brannen to discuss relevant topics to discern a priestly vocation. Books will be provided for those who do not already have one. These meetings will take place at the John Paul II House, 430 N. Center St., Joliet. We will be discussing Chapter 10, *Practical Ideas for Discernment*. Please RSVP to Fr. Burke at 815-834-4004 or email at vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org.

ORDINATIONS: Bishop Conlon will be ordaining five new priests and one transitional deacon on **Saturday, May 18, 2013 at 10 a.m.** at the Cathedral in Joliet. All are welcome to this wonderful event! No tickets are required. Ordination Masses are powerful experiences for the whole family as you see these men literally laying down their lives for Jesus and the Church.

In today's Gospel Jesus commanded his disciples to love one another as He had loved them. He still continues to give us this same command over 2000 years later. Do we reflect this love in our lives and relationships, especially our marriage relationship, so that our children, family, friends and even strangers see us as followers of Jesus? Let God show you how to love your spouse and others as He loves you. Attend the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** on **June 7-9, 2013**. Contact Jim & Kris McCulloch, 630-577-0778. For more information visit our website at: wwmejoliet.org.

RUMMAGE & PLANT SALE

A Rummage & Plant Sale to benefit the restoration of St. Mary's Church in Beaverville will be held on **Friday, May 3** from 7a.m.—3 p.m. & **Saturday, May 4** from 8 a.m.—12 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center
 2041 W. Route 113, Kankakee

Please join us at our **Prayer Breakfast** as we begin our day in prayerful reflection on relevant topics to our lives on Thursday, **May 2, 2013** from 7-8:30 a.m. Our topic that morning is **"Art in Worship—Signs of the Sacred"** presented by Steve Remmert who owns and operates a woodworking studio in rural St. Anne, IL. From his experience of creating sacred spaces and designs, Steve will share with us his love of both. Steve will also share with us how we can create space for worship and prayer. His presentation will be of special interest for Liturgy Committees.

Cost is a free-will donation and a Continental Breakfast will be available. To register or for more information, please call Sister Mary Stella, 815-935-0800.

FEED THE HUNGRY

Catholic Charities has a special opportunity to raise funds for those who are hungry in your community. Alan Shawn Feinstein, a philanthropist dedicated to eliminating hunger in our country, has issued a challenge that says that he will add some of his own money for each donation we receive to feed the hungry. The challenge runs through April 30. The more money Catholic Charities raises, the more of his money we will receive—and he has one million dollars to give away! Last year this challenge helped raise over \$26,000, which was used to feed the hungry in your community! This is a way for you to make a greater impact in the efforts to feed God's children. God bless you for your generosity!

Please send all donations to: Catholic Charities
 Feinstein Challenge
 203 N. Ottawa Street
 Joliet IL 60432

Or, to donate online, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

1 John 3:17-18

The Saints Speak to Us . . .

As long as there remains a drop of blood in our body, there will be a struggle between right and wrong.

-St. Padre Pio

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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)

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MASS: SUNDAY 9:00 AM