

From the Diocese . . .

Joyful Again!, a Widowed Ministry has an upcoming week-end in 2013 for their program, **November 16/17** at Our Lady of the Angels (13820 Main Street; Lemont, IL) , which includes an overnight stay. Early registration is encouraged. For more information call 708-354-7211 or email joyfulagain7211@gmail.com. Please check out their website at www.joyfulagain.org.

Today shows us another example of Jesus' love and compassion for all people. God still loves us with that unconditional love. He loves you so much and also calls us to love one another. God wants us to treat others with compassion and kindness that he shows us. Are you walking in Jesus' example in your relationship with others, especially your marriage relationship? Attend the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** on **December 6-8, 2013**. Contact Jim and Kris McCulloch, 630-577-0778. For more information visit our website at: wwmejoliet.org.

VOCATIONS OFFICE

MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP: Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, October 13** from **2-4 p. m.** at the John Paul II House, 430 N. Center St. in Joliet. This is for all men age 17 and older. We will be discussing Chapter 16 from the book "To Save A Thousand Souls" by Fr. Brett Brannen. RSVP to Fr. Burke at vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org or 815-834-4004. No time to RSVP, please come anyway.

OPERATION ELIZABETH DINNER: All single Catholic women ages 17-30 are invited to a dinner with Bishop Siegel and several religious Sisters on **Thursday, October 17, 2013** from **6-8 p.m.** at St. Francis Woods, 9201 W. St. Francis Road in Frankfort, IL. You will have the opportunity to hear Bishop Siegel and the Sisters speak about vocation and call, have a nice meal and ask any questions you may have about religious life. **Please RSVP by October 14** to Sr. Maria Brizuela, OSF at maria.brizuelasr@presencehealth.org. or 815-464-3873.

COLLEGE SEMINARY VISITS: The Vocations Office is sponsoring a trip for all men age 16 and older to St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul, MN. There is no cost for this trip. **We will leave Thursday morning at 8 a.m. on October 31 and return about 7 p.m. on Saturday, November 2.** RSVP to Fr. Burke at vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org or 815-834-4004 by October 24th if interested in going. Each participant will need to fill out a permission form and waiver.

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OFFICE FOR HUMAN DIGNITY
DIOCESAN WHITE MASS: The *White Mass* at **11 a.m.** will be held on **Sunday, October 27**, at the Cathedral. This Mass celebrates The Guardians and Servants of Human Life. Physicians, nurses, health-care providers, along with their family and friends are invited to attend. A rosary will be prayed at 10:30 a.m., with the special intentions for health-care professionals. Refreshments in the Commons will follow Mass. If interested in attending, please contact Mary Scholp, 815-834-4065 or prolife@dioceseofjoliet.org.

Mission to Bolivia: The Office for Human Dignity—Partnership in Mission announces the formation of a medical, construction and education mission to Sucre, Bolivia, **March 29-April 12, 2014**. This will mark the 20th anniversary of our mission to Bolivia. We need doctors, nurses, handy-people, educators or simply people with a heart to serve. Are you called? Learn more at an **Information Meeting** to be held on **November 12 at 7 p.m.** at the **St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville**. For more information contact Bruce Carlson, 815-834-4017 or email him at bcarlson@dioceseofjoliet.org.

OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY
TREE OF LIGHT INFANT MEMORIAL MASS: On **Sunday, November 3**, all families and individuals are welcome to attend this diocesan Mass at St. Raphael Parish, 1215 Modaff Road in Naperville. This beautiful liturgy, celebrated by Bishop Siegel, will remember babies who have been lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, other pregnancy losses or early childhood death. At **2 p.m.**, a special outdoor ceremony for family members to commemorate these babies will precede the Mass. Family members may wish to arrive at 1:30 p.m. to sign in and to gather in the Church. A reception with light refreshments will be served immediately following. Please call 815-838-5334 to indicate the number of those planning to attend or see our website for registration information, www.dioceseofjoliet.org/familyministry. If you are not able to attend but would like your baby remembered, please call us.



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WATSEKA IL 60970

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

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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, OCTOBER 13, 2013

Mon.	10/14	7:30 AM	Annalea Carson by M/M Richard Ryan
Tue.	10/15	NO MASS	
Wed.	10/16	7:30 AM	Herbert & Pauline Ringle by Phyllis Tonner
Thur.	10/17	7:30 AM	Marilyn McGuire by Pat Sharify
Fri.	10/18	7:30 AM	Judi Bowers by Ron & Dolores Bowers
Sat.	10/19	5:00 PM	Warner Rulien 3rd Anniversary Remembrance by Lorraine Rulien
Sun.	10/20	7:30 AM	Hedda Lautenschlager by Roxanne Adsit & Kim Bohlmann
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Judy Krones by Friends & Family



Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering Oct. 5/6, 2013:	\$ 2,993.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ 207.00

Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 76,935.61

Offering at St. Joseph's, October 6, 2013:	
Sunday:	\$ 250.00

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
29th Sunday Ordinary Time "C"
 Luke 18:1-8
"Pray always, without becoming weary!"

- Do I make time in my life for meditation and prayer?
- What do I pray for, who do I pray for and why do I pray?
- When I meet Jesus face to face, will he find full and genuine faith in me?

Prayer: Teach me Lord how to truly pray. May my prayer be thanksgiving, praise, contrition, petition and adoration. Fill my heart with faith in your promise to hear me when I call out to you. Amen!

ST. JOSEPH CCW

St. Joseph's CCW will be holding their Annual Silent Auction beginning Sunday, October 27 and running through November 17. Items may be viewed and bid on following Mass each weekend.

Donations of **new items with a value of at least \$20** can be brought to the Church anytime before October 20 or dropped off to Rosemary Blaha. If you have any questions, please call Rosemary at 815-683-2350. Thank you.

FORD-IROQUOIS DEANERY CCW FALL COFFEE

Thursday, October 17, 2013
2:00 p.m.
St. John's Church in L'Erable

2:00 p.m. Mass
 Registration at St. John's Parish Hall Following Mass

 Musical Entertainment by Calley Kaeb

 Refreshments and Fellowship to follow

We are continuing to collect school supplies and will accept donations that day.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

REMINDER: We will be selling our Tootsie Rolls after ALL Masses next weekend. A box of 50 is \$8.00. The banks are \$3.00 each or 4/\$10.00 and come in either chocolate or fruit flavors. Stock up now, Halloween is right around the corner!

Choir practice for Christmas is every Sunday morning from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the choir loft. We have an exciting musical adventure planned so please join us!

Michelle Kelnhofner
 Choir Director

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

October 19/20	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Steve McCullough	Doug Geiger	Gemma Bevelle
SERVERS	N. King & B. Seabert	Wyatt Claire	H. Lazarov & C. Bossong
COMMUNION	Debbie McCullough	Ira Claire	Lorraine Smith
HOSPITALITY	M/M Sam Stepp, Laura Stepp Jeanette Reifel	M/M Joe Lyznicki Family	M/M Pat Snyder Lyn Dean, Peg Hofbauer

St. Edmund CCW
ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER
 (St. Edmund's Church Basement)
Sunday, October 20, 2013
2:00—6:00 p.m.

Menu

Turkey, Dressing, Potatoes, Gravy, Beans, Rolls, Cole Slaw, Cranberries, Beverage & Dessert

Adults: \$10.00
Children 12 & Under: \$5.00
Children 5 & Under: Free
Carry-Outs: \$10.00

Phone 815-432-5569 for carry-outs DAY OF EVENT.

Our Turkey Dinner is next Sunday and WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF TURKEY BAKERS, DESSERT MAKERS & WORKERS. Please sign up today and come help out next weekend. If you are unable to contribute food items or your time, monetary donations are always appreciated! Donations can be mailed to the Church or put in an envelope labeled "Turkey Dinner" and put in the collection basket. Checks are to be made payable to *St. Edmund CCW*. Profits from past Turkey Dinners have helped us to purchase our keyboard, replace part of the basement floor, and of course, fund our yearly Scholarship Award.

Those who signed up to bake turkeys may pick them up from the downstairs freezers this weekend. Don't forget!!

We will also be conducting our **50/50 Raffle** to benefit the Roof Fund **this weekend and next**. The winner's name will be drawn at the Turkey Dinner. You need not be present to win.

FOOD FROM THE HEART
Second Collection—October 26/27, 2013

The weekend of October 26/27 we will take up a second collection for Iroquois County's Food Basket Program, **Food From the Heart** (which is now a 501C3 not-for-profit organization). They are planning on distributing 400 food baskets the week before Christmas in cooperation with Iroquois County's TOYS FOR TOTS.

The cost of a basket is approximately \$25, but any amount of donation is very much appreciated. **Checks are to be made payable to Food From the Heart** (NOT St. Edmund's) and can be sent directly to them at **301 S. Fourth Street, Watseka IL 60970**. THEY ASK THAT YOU AVOID GIVING CASH, IF POSSIBLE. Any donations we collect will be sent directly to them (which means they will not show up on the year-end statements that several parishioners receive).

SECOND COLLECTION
Next Weekend—October 19/20
World Mission Sunday

Next week's second collection for World Mission Sunday is distributed in the Pope's name for the Propagation of the Faith among the missions and missionaries of the world.

Things to Remember . . .

Heroes are the people who do what has to be done, when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.

Maturity has more to do with what types of experiences you've had and what you've learned from them and less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated.