

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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WATSEKA IL 60970

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MASSSES: 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

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering:	\$ 570.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (2,630.00)
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering:	\$ 0.00

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- Staff Sgt. (USAF) Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- PV2 Austin Grosvenor, great-grandson of Leona Shafer

St. Edmund's WE ROCK Project

As a way to connect with our parishioners, both young and old, we are inviting everyone to help add some color to the grounds of St. Edmund's by painting a rock (or rocks) and on the rock, write something that you are thankful for on it. This is a time to get those creative juices flowing! These will be a nice added touch for those out on their walks and especially for when we can attend Mass again.

You can bring your rocks to the Rectory (they can be set on the front porch of the Rectory if I am not here when you drop them off) and I will place them around the grounds in our newly landscaped areas for all to see.

Let's get St. Edmund's ROCKIN'!

Colette

RE-OPENING OF OUR CHURCHES

While we have not yet been told when we will be able to hold public Mass again, we must still have a plan in place in order to re-open that MUST BE APPROVED BY THE DIOCESE.

We currently have a **Re-opening Leadership Team** comprised of Fr., Mike, Diane Buswell, Mary Jane LaFond, Margaret Ochs and Colette Elliott. We're technically supposed to have 6 members on this team plus the pastor, so if there is anyone else who is not part of the "vulnerable population" (no underlying medical conditions, no undergoing of cancer treatment, etc.) who would like to volunteer, we sure could use you!

Within the next week, you will be getting a mailing from us with more specific information. While we could use a couple more members for our leadership team, we will also be asking for volunteers to help with being an usher/greeter, cleaning/disinfecting the Church after each Mass, and Money Counters. Some of our current Money Counters may fall in the "vulnerable population" so we want to make sure we have enough. Also, if any of our current Money Counters do NOT wish to be a counter at this time, please let us know.

We also would like to ask for your feedback. We're not sure yet just how many Masses we will be offering....it may depend on how many volunteers we end up with. Please let us know if you plan on coming back to Mass once we re-open. Please let us know what you think might be good Mass times to have (Saturday night & Sunday morning). Because of social distancing, we will have diminished capacity at Church.

Please email Colette at churchlady97@sbcglobal.net and let her know if you're willing to volunteer, if you have any suggestions, etc. Thank you.

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 25—31, 2020

Monday, May 25

Deceased Members of the Daszko & Tuelp Families by Chris Daszko

Tuesday, May 26

Wednesday, May 27

Thursday, May 28

Friday, May 29

Saturday, May 30

Sunday, 31

7:30 AM: Amy Custardo by Christine Ryan

9:00 AM: Dennis McTaggart by Jean & Ty Herron

10:30 AM: Dr. John Martin Birthday Remembrance by the Martin Family

There will be NO PUBLIC MASSES for the unforeseeable future, but Mass intentions already scheduled will be honored by Fr. Mike who will offer them up in a private Mass.

For Your Information . . .

The *Proposed Multiple Phase Plan for Resumption of Worship in Our Churches* can be found on the Diocese of Joliet's website, which is www.dioceseofjoliet.org.

Please feel free to call the Rectory with any questions you might have. We will answer your question to the best of our ability, but this is a learning experience for us, too!

PLEASE NOTE: Per our diocese, we are no longer allowed to print out any bulletins as this could be a way to spread the COVID-19 virus. Even when we are able to attend Mass again, there will be NO PRINTED BULLETINS.

The bulletin will still be put on our website, so therefore, those of you with family who do not have internet access, maybe you could see that they get the information from the bulletin somehow.

PARISHIONERS WITH KEYS TO CHURCH or PARISH CENTER:

At this time we are asking any parishioners with keys to the Church or Parish Center to NOT ENTER EITHER BUILDING for any reason without first getting permission from Fr. Mike, Colette or Patti. With current diocesan provisions in place, areas where people congregate MUST BE CLEANED and DISINFECTED AFTER EACH USE. So, as a way to keep everyone as safe as possible, we ask that those with keys refrain from entering either building.

A Note from Colette: Those who received their ministerial schedules for June—August, 2020, those will probably have to be put on hold for a while and possibly not used at all. Once we are able to attend Mass again, it will be a whole different ball game for everyone! We are just now beginning the planning stages of being able to hold weekly public Mass again, once we get the OK from the diocese, and there are a LOT of things that will need to be addressed and dealt with before that can happen. Please be patient with us...we are as eager as all of you are to be able to attend Mass again!

Thank you!

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity "A"

John 3:16—18

"The Father sent the Son through the Holy Spirit!"

- God the Father has created the heavens and the Earth, how do I use natural resources responsibly?
- God the Son is the Redeemer of all peoples, how do I live out that redemption in my life?
- God the Holy Spirit is the Lord and giver of life, the source of all holiness, how can I grow in holiness?

Prayer: Praise to the Father, all gracious and Lord of creation; praise to his Son, the Redeemer, who wrought our salvation; O Heavenly Dove, praise to Thee, fruit of their love, giver of all consolation! Amen!

From the Office of the Bishop . . .

A Prayer for the Diocese of Joliet

God of all ages,
in these challenging times
deepen our faith as we grow into
Missionary Disciples.

Your Son, walked among us blessing
the poor in spirit, the merciful and the peacemakers.
You call us today to be witnesses of His loving mercy
and to be people of service and abiding peace.

Grant us the courage to walk as people of faith
who continue the work of bringing about your kingdom
in the Diocese of Joliet.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer For A New Bishop

Good and gracious God,
You have always been present to your Church
giving it a Shepherd's care.

Our Diocese has been blessed again and again
with generous, wise, and loving Bishops.
In Your kindness, we ask abundant blessings
be bestowed upon Bishop Conlon
for the years he served
the people of the Diocese of Joliet
with a heart of a Missionary Disciple.

We come once again in need of a shepherd.
Send your Spirit to guide the deliberations
that will lead to the appointment of a shepherd
with a heart like Your Son.

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ,
Your Son, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.