

MARCH 27, 2016

Mon.	3/28	7:30 AM	Bob Tonner by Bernadine Buswell
Tue.	3/29	NO MASS	
Wed.	3/30	7:30 AM	Bob Tonner by Knights of Columbus
Thurs.	3/31	7:30 AM	Chester & Pauline Williams
Fri.	4/1	7:30 AM	Justo, Leonila & Junior Florido by The Florido Family
Sat.	4/2	5:00 PM	Vivian Lovelass by Sam & Sue Stepp
Sun.	4/3	7:30 AM	Jack & Gloria Lynch by Dr. William & Peg Burwell
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Delores Gullquist Anniversary Remembrance by Her Family



DATES TO REMEMBER IN APRIL . . .

- 1 First Friday: After 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for 1/2 hour with Benediction at 8:00 a.m.
- 2/3 Food Pantry
- 4 CCW Meeting: 7 p.m. @ Parish Center
- 6 Youth Group: 7 p.m. @ Parish Center
- 9 Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast: 6—10 a.m.
- 14 Euchre Party: 1 p.m. @ Parish Center
Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
- 20 CCW & Robert Haas/Knights of Columbus Scholarship Applications Due
First Communion Practice
- 21 CCW Deanery Meeting: 2 p.m. @ Parish Center
- 27 First Communion Practice with Parents: 4:30 @ Church

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, Mar. 19/20, 2016:	\$ 2,739.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (461.00)

Roof Fund Donations Mar. 19/20, 2016:	\$ 190.00
Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 174,035.01

<i>St. Joseph's Offering</i>	
Sunday, March 20, 2016:	\$ 704.00

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—APRIL	
3	Chris Daszko
10	Beatrice Joseph
17	Chris Daszko
24	Margaret & Gene Ochs



YOUTH GROUP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

For those in grades 8-12
7 p.m. @ Parish Center

Come one, come all & bring a friend!

ST. EDMUND CCW

The next meeting of St. Edmund's CCW will be Monday, April 4 at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center. Kris Lundquist will offer a craft presentation.

Refreshments will be provided by Cheryl Geiger and Anne Zumwalt.

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Dick Arie	Doug Geiger	Ericka Clark
SERVERS	Conner & Claire Curry		Cole Arseneau & Aden Quick
COMMUNION	Diana Wessels	Lynette Moyer	Kevin Hemp
HOSPITALITY	Mary Sorensen; Jan Dillman Jeanette Reifel; Bernadine Buswell	M/M Andrew Knapp M/M Sam Ochs	M/M Sam Stepp Laura Stepp

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
Octave of Easter
John 20:19-31

- On Easter night Jesus gave me the gift of peace, how can I be a better beacon of peace?
- On Easter night Jesus gave me the gift of the Holy Spirit, how can I be a better vessel of the Holy Spirit?
- On Easter night Jesus gave me the gift of forgiveness, how can I better benefit from the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

Prayer: Risen Lord, on Easter night you poured your gifts of peace, the Holy Spirit and forgiveness on your disciples in the Upper Room. Help me to graciously welcome these gifts into my life and by them to grow deeper in my discipleship during this Easter Season. *Amen!*

Welcome through the Sacrament of Initiation!

Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are the three Sacraments of Christian Initiation. On this happy Easter Day we rejoice in receiving, through the waters of Baptism, through Confirmation in the Holy Spirit and through sharing in the Eucharist, **Dr. Daniel Huh** into the Mystical Body of Christ. **Sydney Farris** entered our Catholic family through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and Holy Communion and **Janet and Anna Gayton** have finished their Sacraments of Initiation and are confirmed in their faith. We welcome them into our parish family and pledge that by word and example we will journey with them in growing in faith.

On this quiet Easter Day
When first the women went their way
To chrisom Jesus' Body cold
With myrrh of sadness, as foretold.

On this day when morning bright
Witnessed new creations light,
Let us not, by weakness led,
Seek the living with the dead!

May the Risen Lord of Life
Now free us from all sin and strife,
And may his gift of peace, shalom
Reign within our heart and home.

May the promised Paraclete
Make Jesus' saving act complete
And may this gift the Lord imparts
Now fill our minds and flood our hearts!

May forgiveness of our sin
Sure strengthen us to now begin
New lives filled with Easter grace
Until we see Christ's risen face!

Easter blessings to all today and throughout this blessed season. Christ is risen, truly he has risen!

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From the Diocese . . .

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: Upcoming *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in 2016* are: **April 8-10, June 10-12 and August 12-14** at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call **Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778** or contact them at <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

Joyful Again! (A Widowed Ministry): The next *Joyful Again Widowed Retreats/Workshops* in 2016 will be: **April 9/10** at Holy Family Medical Center (now Presence/Resurrection) in Des Plaines (Sponsored by Rainbow Hospice). To register or for more information, call **708-354-7211** or email them at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com. Visit their website at www.joyfulagain.org. Space is limited so please register early.

APRIL'S items needed for the **WATSEKA AREA FOOD PANTRY** are: **Canned Meat (Tuna, Chicken, Spam, Sloppy Joe)**. These are only suggestions...any items with current dates are welcome. *Thank you.*

APRIL'S items needed for **HARBOR HOUSE** are: **CLEANING SUPPLIES (Laundry Soap, Dishwasher Soap, Bleach, Glass Cleaner, Dusting Spray, Air Fresheners, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Disinfecting Wipes)**. Paper Products of all kinds are always appreciated! *Thank you.*

MONEY COUNTERS FOR APRIL ARE:

3	Nick Harvey & Sam Ochs
10	Barb Mayotte & Bette Maxheimer
17	Julie Schippert & Steve McCullough
24	Elsie Hankey & Jennifer Dixon

REMINDER: On **Friday, April 1st**, after 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for 1/2 hour with Benediction at 8:00 a.m.

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- * Sr. Airman Thomas Westrick, son of Steve & Sharon Westrick
- * Sr. Airman Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- * Hmz 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 Rori Sorensen, granddaughter of Mary Sorensen

Please pray for . . .

- * Francis Melson

ADULT ENRICHMENT SESSION THREE

Our **third session** on Bishop Robert Barron's "**Catholicism**" series will be this **Thursday, March 31** at **7 p.m.** at our **Parish Center**. This would be a great way to continue our Easter Season celebration. All are invited to join us in growing in our faith.

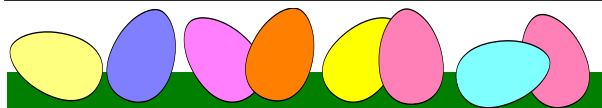
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Session 3, Part 1 "I am who I am"

This episode is about God. The first part focuses on who God is and how we can talk about him. There are many profound concepts introduced by Bishop Barron in this episode. The central point is that God is not a thing or even a being that can be defined or pinned down. We can talk about God, but only because of what we infer about him through Creation and what he has revealed, especially through Jesus, his only begotten Son. God is not a being; God is the ground of our being, and we seek him, not by pursuing a far-off object, but by "sinking into him."

Session 3, Part 2 "God is Love"

The second part of this episode teaches us more about God, specifically why God permits evil, and how to understand God as Trinity. Evil is really the absence of good, or the absence of what is supposed to be as God designed. The Trinity is a relationship of love between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit because God is, most importantly, love.



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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

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MASS: SUNDAY 9:00 AM