

NOVEMBER 27, 2016



Mon.	11/28	NO MASS	FR.
Tue.	11/29	NO MASS	MIKE
Wed.	11/30	NO MASS	GONE
Thurs.	12/1	NO MASS	ON
Fri.	12/2	NO MASS	VACATION
Sat.	12/3	5:00 PM	Landon Miller Anniversary Remembrance by His Family
Sun.	12/4	7:30 AM	Marybeth Claire by Knights of Columbus
		9:00 AM	Fr. Lee Ryan by Knights of Columbus
		10:30 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's

DATES TO REMEMBER IN DECEMBER. . .

3/4	2nd Sunday of Advent CCW BAKE SALE Food Pantry
7	Finance Council Meeting: 6:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting: 7 p.m.
8	Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
10/11	3rd Sunday of Advent DOJ Retired Religious Collection
14	Individual Confessions: 11:30 am.—12:30 p.m. Penance Service: 7 p.m.
18	4th Sunday of Advent Church Decorating after 10:30 Mass
21	First Day of Winter Last day of RE Classes for 2016
24	CHRISTMAS EVE: Masses at 4 & 6 p.m.
25	CHRISTMAS: Masses at 9 a.m. (St. Joseph's) & 10:30 a.m. (St. Edmund's)

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, Nov. 19/20, 2016:	\$ 3,261.15
BONUS For the Week:	\$ 61.15

St. Joseph's Offering Sunday, November 20, 2016:	\$ 619.00

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—DECEMBER

4	Jeanette Reifel
11	M/M Doug Duffy
18	St. Edmund's
25	St. Edmund's



FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday, December 7th, 2016

Our Finance Council will meet on Wednesday, December 7th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center.

Our Parish Council will meet on Wednesday, December 7th, at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center.

Offering Mass for us and St. Joseph's this weekend is Fr. Ernest Norbeck. Please make him feel welcome!

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

December 3/4	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Doug Duffy	Rhonda Pence	Nancy Cowan
SERVERS	Conner & Claire Curry	Wyatt Claire	Cole Arseneau & Aden Quick
COMMUNION	Patti Duffy	Julie Schippert	Cup: S. Westrick & J. Arseneau
HOSPITALITY	Pat King Family Mary Sorensen	M/M Terry Pence M/M Rich Moyer	M/M Robert Zummallen Ericka Clark Family

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
2nd Sunday of Advent "A"
Matthew 3:1-12
"Prepare the way of the Lord!"

- John the Baptist said, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." What sinfulness in my life calls me to repentance?
- John the Baptist said, "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance." How can I improve on doing what is right and just?
- John the Baptist said, "I am not worthy to carry Jesus' sandals." Am I aware of my complete unworthiness before Jesus?

Prayer: God, our Father, you sent your servant John as the Prophet to point out the advent of Jesus your Son. Help me to hear his call to repentance and grow as a stronger follower of Jesus. Amen!

The new 2017 *Flowers for Mary* sign-up sheets are now up on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the Church. Please sign up early if you have a special date for which you would like to provide flowers for Mary's Altar.

You may also get your 2017 Mass requests in to Colette at the Rectory, 815-432-3274.

"We should to keep our hearts open to the suffering and wretchedness of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God."

-St. Vincent de Paul

ST. EDMUND'S CCW

Our ANNUAL BAKE SALE will be held on DECEMBER 3/4 AFTER ALL MASSES. All women of St. Edmund's are asked to bring a baked good to the basement at whatever Mass you attend. *If you are unable to bring a baked good or purchase a baked good, free-will donations will also be accepted. Proceeds from the Bake Sale will go towards the cost of the new flooring that was recently installed in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you!*

If anyone would like to make a donation to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please put your donation in an envelope marked *CCW Christmas Poinsettia* and place it in the collection basket. **Check are to be made out to ST. EDMUND CCW.** Thank you!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	December 24	4:00 & 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	December 25	9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

On Wednesday, December 14th, Individual Confessions will be heard from 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. There will also be a Penance Service that evening at 7 p.m. followed by Individual Confessions.

Because New Year's Eve & New Year's Day fall on a weekend, we will just have our normal weekend Mass schedule.

DECEMBER'S items needed for the **WATSEKA AREA FOOD PANTRY** are: **Canned Pumpkin, Brownie Mixes, Pie Fillings, Cake Mixes.** This is only a suggestion...any items with current dates are welcome. *Thank you.*

DECEMBER'S items needed for **HARBOR HOUSE** are: **Canned Soup, Canned Pastas, Spaghetti, Macaron & Cheese, Canned Fruit. Paper Products of all kinds are always appreciated!** *Thank you.*

From the Diocese . . .

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are: **Dec. 9-11, 2016, February 17-19, 2017 & April 7-9, 2017** 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** will be: **January 21/22, 2017** at Alvernia Manor, Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer Evangelization Center in Lemont (Overnight—no commuters). To register or for more information, call **708-354-721** or email them at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com. Visit their website at www.joyfulagain.org. Space is limited so please register early.

ADVENT DAY RETREAT

This **Advent Day Retreat** is a day retreat open to BOTH, WOMEN & MEN who desire to enrich their spiritual growth during this Advent Season.

- **SPONSORED BY:** Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary
- **WHERE:** One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center
- **WHEN:** Saturday, December 3; 8 a.m.—5 p.m.
- **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Monday, Nov, 28

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$25/person—Lunch provided. If unable to afford the \$25 fee, please contact Linda Isleib, 630-879-1296, to apply to our Retreat Fund.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER: Call Sister Mary Stella, 815-935-0800, Monday—Friday.

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- Staff Sgt. Thomas Westrick, son of Steve & Sharon Westrick
- Sr. Airman Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- Hm2 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
- Staff Sargent Rori Sorensen, granddaughter of Mary Sorensen

Please pray for . . .

- Francis Melson
- The children who died in the bus crash in Chattanooga, TN and their families and friends

One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center
A TIME OF PRAYER
"Trust or Rust: Mary Trusted"

WHEN: Thursday, December 8th; 9 a.m.—12 p.m.

SPONSORED BY: Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

PRESENTED BY: Sister Mary Stella Schellenberger, sscm

COST: Free-Will Offering

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call 815-935-0800 or just stop by.

Come away for a Time of Prayer.

Let the silence and atmosphere of peace bring you to a deeper place within yourself.
Treat Yourself to a Time of Prayer!

MONEY COUNTERS FOR DECEMBER ARE:

4	Julie Schippert & Dick Arie
11	Pat McTaggart & Bette Maxheimer
18	Sam Ochs & Julie Arseneau
25	Elsie Hankey & Nick Harvey

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Website: www.stedstjoe.org

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