

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- Sr. Airman Thomas Westrick, son of Steve & Sharon Westrick
- Airman 1st Class Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Kelnhofer
- Hm3 Richard Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Kelnhofer
- Sgt. Erik Shepherd, son-in-law of Michelle Kelnhofer
- PFC Allison Shepherd, daughter of Michelle Kelnhofer
- Lance Corporal Samuel Gross, grandson of Linda Hunt

Please pray for . . .
Francis Melson

2015 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

"EXTENDING GOD'S MERCY"

The 2015 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal begins with a mailing that many of our parishioners have received or will soon receive. This is a mailing from Bishop Conlon asking for a pledge to the 2015 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is "Extending God's Mercy." The greatest act of God's Mercy toward humankind was to send His Son. People lost the way to God, the truth about God and a life in God by our own fault. Jesus came to give us the Way, the Truth and a new Life. Jesus taught us to be MERCIFUL as His Father is MERCIFUL. (Luke: 6:36)

How do we acknowledge God's mercy and show Him our gratitude? One way that we can show our gratitude is by giving back to God the gifts He shared with us. We can support our parish, our diocese and the Church throughout the world with gifts of time, talent and treasure. The gifts we give enable ministries, education and services that touch thousand of lives.

St. Edmund's parish goal is \$13,270 and St. Joseph's goal is \$2,245. With your financial support, we can exceed these goals. When we exceed our goals in **paid pledges**, we will receive 65% of the amount over these goals for use in our parish.

Please answer Bishop Conlon's request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be paid in 10 installments. Thank you in advance for your support.

From the Diocese . . .

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** in 2015 will be **February 13-15, April 17-19 or June 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 **www.wmjeoliet.org.**

Joyful Again! (A Widowed Ministry): The next **Joyful Again Widowed Retreat/Workshop** will be **March 7/8, 2015** at **Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer**, located in **Lemont on Alvernia Manor's campus.** An additional program will be held **March 21/22, 2015** at **Holy Family Medical Center** (now Presence) located at **Golf Road & River Road in Des Plaines.** To register or for more information, call **708-354-7211** or email them at **joyfulagain7211@gmail.com.** Space is limited so please register early.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

It is anticipated that 100-125 teaching positions and 5-7 administrative positions will be available in Diocese of Joliet Catholic Elementary and High Schools during the coming (2015-2016) school year. Teachers in the Diocese of Joliet are required to hold current Illinois Professional Educator Licenses, while substitute teachers must have current Illinois Substitute Licensure. December college graduates and all individuals who are interested in pursuing these positions are encouraged to apply as soon as possible online at: www.applitrack.com/diocesefojoliet/onlineapp. Thank you for your interest in pursuing an instructional career in the Diocese of Joliet, where **"We TEACH More."**

DID YOU KNOW?

This *Year of Consecrated Life, 2015*, is the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate in Joliet, also referred to as the Joliet Franciscans. They were the first group of Franciscan sisters incorporated in the State of Illinois, which was in 1874.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Kevin (Chris) Bossong whose grandfather, *Homer Frank Bossong*, was called home to our Lord.

May his soul rest in peace.

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

**219 EAST LOCUST STREET
WATSEKA IL 60970**

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

**Rectory: 815-432-3274
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Website: www.stedstjoe.org**

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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, JANUARY 18, 2015

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| Mon. | 1/19 | NO MASS | |
| Tue. | 1/20 | NO MASS | |
| Wed. | 1/21 | 7:30 AM | Lawrence Corbin 10th Anniversary Remembrance by His Family |
| Thur. | 1/22 | 7:30 AM | Landon Miller by M/M Robert Tonner |
| Fri. | 1/23 | 7:30 AM | Lawrence & Richard Corbin by M/M Robert |
| Sat. | 1/24 | 5:00 PM | Landon Miller by St. Edmund's RE Staff |
| Sun. | 1/25 | 7:30 AM | Rosemary German Reeves by Nick & Roxanne Adsit & Family |
| | | 9:00 AM | Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's |
| | | 10:30 AM | Glenn Smith Anniversary Remembrance by Lorraine Smith |



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| Weekly Parish Need for Operation: | \$ 3,200.00 |
| Sunday Offering Jan. 10/11, 2015: | \$ 2,612.75 |
| DEFICIT For the Week: | \$ (587.25) |
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| Total Roof Fund Donations: | \$ 131,005.00 |
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| Offering at St. Joseph's, Jan. 11, 2015: | |
| Sunday: | \$ 472.00 |

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time "B"
 Mark 1:14-20
"The Kingdom of God is at hand!"

- How can I more sincerely repent and believe in Jesus' Gospel?
- Do I, like a fisherman, bring people to Jesus?
- Simon and Andrew, James and John risked leaving all behind to follow Jesus. What keeps me from following Jesus with them?

Prayer: Jesus, you called your first apostles to follow you and they did. You call me to follow you as well, help their example teach me how to be your disciple. Amen!

THANK YOU to all who helped take down the Church decorations last week....it was a small but mighty group!

From the desk of Patti Duffy . . .

Our Confirmation Retreat will be held next Saturday, January 24th, beginning at 12:30 p.m. with lunch for the Confirmation Candidates and a meeting for the parents. Shortly before 5 p.m. we will go over to Church to attend our 5 p.m. Mass. Parents, of course, are welcome to attend this Mass, too.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Fr. Mike will offer **Adult Enrichment Sessions** to those interested in reception into the Church or anyone else wishing to grow in faith formation.

Sessions are scheduled for Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center. Dates of sessions are February 5th & 19th and March 5th & 26th.

Those who wish to be received into the Church would need to attend all four sessions. Should there be a scheduling conflict, private sessions could be offered, but please mark these dates on your calendar.

Please contact the Rectory to register, 815-432-3274.

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

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| Jan. 24/25 | 5:00 PM | 7:30 AM | 10:30 AM |
| LECTOR | Steve McCullough | RaDonna Hasselbring | Ericka Clark |
| SERVERS | Conner & Claire Curry | | M. Bevelle & K. Jaworski |
| COMMUNION | Host: Chris Bossong Cup: L. Stepp & R. Miller | Host: Lynette Moyer Cup: I. Claire & P. McTaggart | Host: Patti Duffy Cup: A. Zumwalt & J. Zummallen |
| HOSPITALITY | Confirmation Candidates | M/M Kyle Cluver Family M/M Rick McTaggart | M/M John Martin Family |

PLEASE NOTE . . .

This is the LAST WEEKEND that the 2015 Church envelope packets can be picked up from the table in the vestibule of the Church. After that, they may be picked up at the Rectory.

 New parishioners, newly married couples or long-time parishioners who have never officially registered at St. Edmund's are asked to please do so. Registration forms can be found on the table in the vestibule of the Church or can be picked up at the Rectory. Please return them to the Rectory at your earliest convenience.

 Anyone whose address or phone number has changed, but is still a parishioner of St. Edmund's, please call the Rectory with these changes, 815-432-3274. Thank you.

 Also, ladies of St. Edmund's, if you have brought a salad or dessert to any of our funeral dinners within the past few months, don't forget to pick up your bowls from the shelves located in the southwest corner of the Church basement.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Weekend - January 24/25, 2015

Next weekend's 2nd collection is for the **Church in Latin America**. Your donation will help the faithful, especially young people, by funding youth ministry programs and catechesis, among other things.

WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

Week of Christian Unity will be held the week of **January 26-29**, from **12-1 p.m.** at an area Church. The schedule is as follows:

| DAY | CHURCH | SPEAKER |
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| Mon. | Methodist Church | Rev. Tom McCann |
| Tue. | First Christian Church | Fr. Michael Powell |
| Wed. | First Presbyterian Church | Rev. Robert Rixman |
| Thur. | St. Edmund Parish | Rev. Robert Sabo |

MORNING OFFERING PRAYER . . .

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvations of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month. Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER . . .

Universal: Peace

That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good-will may work together for peace.

Evangelization: Consecrated Life

That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.