

From the Diocese . . .

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: Upcoming *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in 2016* are: February 12-14, April 8-10, and June 10-12 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: March 5/6, at Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer in Lemont and April 9/10 at Holy Family Medical Center (now Presence/Resurrection) in DesPlaines (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.

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- Sr. Airman 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
- Sr. Airman Rorie Sorensen, granddaughter of Mary Sorensen

LENTEN DAY RETREAT

WHAT: A Lenten Day Retreat open to BOTH WOMEN AND MEN who desire to enrich their spiritual growth during the Lenten Season.

SPONSORED BY: Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

WHERE: One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center

WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016.....8 a.m.—5 p.m.
(Registration Deadline: Wed. Feb. 10)

COST: \$20/person.....Lunch provided

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER: Call Sister Mary Stella, 815-935-0800, M-F.

THE 2016 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL "Chosen by God's Grace"

The 2016 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 2016 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.

The Appeal not only funds many of the operations of the diocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is "Chosen by God's Grace." What a wonderful thought! The Almighty God of the Universe has chosen you, His precious child. Can you imagine anything more unbelievable than being "Chosen by God's Grace?" God has a destiny for you. His plan for you is as individual as you are. You have been uniquely created for a purpose and God wants to see you passionately live His plan out.

How do we acknowledge God's Grace and show Him our gratitude? One way that we can show our gratitude is by giving back to God the gifts He shares 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 thousands of lives.

St. Edmund's goal is \$13082 and St. Joseph's goal is \$2470. 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 goals for use in our parishes.

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

Universal: *Interreligious Dialogue*

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Evangelization: *Christian Unity*

That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

219 EAST LOCUST STREET
WATSEKA IL 60970

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

Rectory: 815-432-3274 ~ Office Hours: 8 a.m.—12 p.m. M-F
Religious Education Office: 815-432-5569
Website: www.stedstjoe.org

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016



Mon. 1/18 7:30 AM Surprise Blessings on the M/M Randy Chaplinski Family by M/M Paul Pruchnicki
Tue. 1/19 NO MASS
Wed. 1/20 7:30 AM Bob Tonner by Roger Bard
Thur. 1/21 7:30 AM Jim Butler by Knights of Columbus Council #4391
Fri. 1/22 7:30 AM Zelma Bowers by Her Family
Sat. 1/23 5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Lanie Sheridan Family by Mary Sorensen
Sun. 1/24 7:30 AM Vivian Lovelass by Linda Hunt
9:00 AM Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
10:30 AM Pamela Thomason by Her Family

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering Jan. 9/10, 2016:	\$ 2,093.00
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Roof Fund Donations Jan. 9/10, 2016:	\$ 710.00
Roof Fund Interest (9/15-12/15):	\$ 1,005.46
Total Amount of Roof Fund:	\$ 172,010.01

Offering at St. Joseph's, Jan. 10, 2016	\$ 557.00

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
3rd Sunday Ordinary Time "C"
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21
"Jesus' Inaugural Address!"

- How can I deepen my realization of the certainty of the teachings from the Gospel according to Luke?
- If I was at the synagogue in Nazareth what would my reaction to Jesus have been?
- Do I truly hear and understand this scripture passage that Jesus assures me "is fulfilled in my hearing"?

Prayer: Lord Jesus you returned to your hometown of Nazareth and proclaimed the words of the Prophet Isaiah. In a wonderful and profound manner you have brought those words to reality in your own person. Help me listen to your words!

DOJ SECOND COLLECTION
This Weekend ~ January 16/17, 2016

This weekend's second collection is for the *Church in Latin America*.

ASH WEDNESDAY is February 10. Since no ministers were scheduled for our 7 p.m. Mass that day, we are in need of volunteers to LECTOR, to give COMMUNION, to ALTAR SERVE and to do HOSPITALITY. Please call Colette at the Rectory and let her know if you can help out.

"Catholicism"
By Bishop Robert Barron
Session 1: "Amazed and Afraid"
 We journey with the Bishop to the mysterious and sacred sites of the Holy Land. From Caesaria Philippi, to the Sea of Galilee, to Jerusalem and finally, to the eternal city of Rome. Bishop Barron illuminates the Catholic Faith's conviction that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah and the revelation of God become man in Christ.
 Thursday, January 21, 7:00 p.m. at our Parish Center. All are invited! This will be a monthly event and all sessions are independent, you would not need to attend all the sessions to enjoy and grow from each evening.
 See ya' Thursday,
 Fr. Mike

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Jan. 23/24	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	John Gooding	Julie Schippert	Ericka Clark
SERVERS	Kaitlyn & Conner Bell		Trenton & Sam Hemp
COMMUNION	Cup: Rosann Miller & Debbie McCullough	Cup: Paul McTaggart & Lynette Moyer	Cup: Jane Zummallen & Pam Verkler
HOSPITALITY	M/M Doug Duffy	M/M Andrew Knapp M/M Sam Ochs	M/M Richard Mayotte Virginia Foster; Julie Ladd

WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

This year's *Week of Christian Unity* is January 18-22, from 12-1 p.m. at an area Church. The schedule is as follows:

DAY	CHURCH	SPEAKER
Mon.	Methodist Church	Rev. Marty Schoenleber
Tue.	Trinity Church	Rev. Tom McCann
Wed.	First Christian/Living Hope	Rev. Mike Powell
Thur.	St. Edmund Church	Rev. Robert Sabo
Fri.	Presbyterian Church	Rev. Ron Bogenschneider

PLEASE NOTE: We are in need of 7 people to help prepare and serve lunch for this event on Thursday, January 21. You need to be in the Church basement by 8:30 a.m. If you ARE able to help with this, please call Colette at the Rectory or contact Rhonda Pence at 815-383-9146 and leave a message. We need to know by Monday, January 18th, in case we need to make calls for additional help. Thank you!

Saints of the Week . . .

Wednesday, January 20:
 St. Fabian
 St. Sebastian
Thursday, January 21:
 St. Agnes
Saturday, January 23:
 St. Vincent
 St. Marianne Cope

THANK YOU to the following parishioners who helped take down our Christmas decorations last Sunday: Barb Manos, Laura Stepp, Sam & Sue Stepp, Linda Hunt, Steve Westrick, Gene & Margaret Ochs, Patti Duffy & Fr. Mike. Your help was very much appreciated!

One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center A TIME OF PRAYER "Mary's Way of the Cross"

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 11, from 9 a.m.—12 p.m.
SPONSORED BY: Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary
PRESENTER: Sr. Mary Stella Schellengerger, SSCM
COST: \$5, if possible. If not, come anyway.
TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:
 Call 815-935-0800 or just stop by.
Treat Yourself to a Time of Prayer!

Please remember in your prayers:
 Conrad Arseneau, husband of Shirley and sister of Donna Dowling, who was called home to our Lord.
May God's peace be with him.