

FEBRUARY 28, 2016

Mon.	2/29	7:30 AM	Bob Tonner by Donna Dowling
Tue.	3/1	NO MASS	
Wed.	3/2	7:30 AM	Fr. Robert Markovitch by the Florido Family
Thurs.	3/3	7:30 AM	Joyce Donohue Anniversary Remembrance by Her Family
Fri.	3/4	7:30 AM	Tim Carson by Christine Ryan
Sat.	3/5	5:00 PM	Vivian Lovelass by Kent & Julie Schippert
Sun.	3/6	7:30 AM	Delores Kaufman by M/M Jim LaFond
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Jim Butler by Knights of Columbus Council #4391



DATES TO REMEMBER IN MARCH. . .

- 2 Youth Group Meeting: 7 p.m. @ Parish Center
- 4 **First Friday:** After 7:30 a.m. Mass the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for 1/2 hour with Benediction @ 8 a.m.
- 5/6 Food Pantry
CRS Second Collection
- 7 **CCW Meeting:** 7 p.m. @ Parish Center
- 10 Euchre Party: 1 p.m. @ Parish Center
Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
- 11 **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry**
- 13 *Daylight Saving Time Begins*
Blessing of Soil & Seed Mass: 2 p.m. @ St. Peter's Church in Clifton
- 16 **Individual Confessions:** 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Penance Service: 7 p.m.
- 17 **Finance Council Mtg.:** 6:30 p.m. @ Parish Center
Parish Council Meeting: 7 p.m. @ Parish Center
- 20 **PALM SUNDAY**
- 23 **RE All Student Mass**
- 24 **HOLY THURSDAY:** Mass @ 7 p.m.
- 25 **GOOD FRIDAY:** Service @ 7 p.m.
- 26 **HOLY SATURDAY:** Mass @ 8 p.m.
- 27 **EASTER SUNDAY** (Regular Sunday Mass Times)
- 31 "Catholicism" Program: 7 p.m.

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, Feb. 20/21, 2016:	\$ 2,389.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (811.00)

Roof Fund Donations Feb. 20/21, 2016:	\$ 45.00
Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 172,920.01

St. Joseph's Offering	
Sunday, February 21, 2016:	\$ 495.00

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—MARCH	
6	Chris Daszko
13	Linda Hunt
20	Robert & Jane Zummallen
27	EASTER—St. Edmund's



ST. EDMUND CCW

The next meeting of St. Edmund's CCW will be **Monday, March 7 at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center.** Carmie Spenn will present a program about her mission trip to Uganda. We will also be electing our *Woman of the Year.*

Refreshments will be provided by Sara McTaggart and Rhonda Pence.

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

March 5/6	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Dick Arie	Doug Geiger	Ericka Clark
SERVERS	Kaitlyn & Conner Bell	Justin McTaggart	Cole Arseneau & Zakkary Clark
COMMUNION	Patti Duffy	Diane Buswell	Julie Arseneau
HOSPITALITY	Pat King Family Mary Sorensen	M/M Terry Pence M/M Rich Moyer	Sheila Harman; Linda Hunt Jami Harwood

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
4th Sunday of Lent "C"
 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you!"

- How have I wandered from my Father?
- How can I return to my Father during this Lent?
- Do I rejoice when sinners return to God or am I resentful toward them?

Prayer: O God you are my loving and merciful Father. During this Holy Year of Mercy help me to be aware of my need for your forgiveness and to rejoice when those who have left the Church return to you. Amen!

The Year of Mercy

As a special event in this Holy Year of Mercy, our Diocese has set the dates of Friday, March 4th and Saturday, March 5th, as a special time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which is the most powerful expression of mercy in the Church. The Pilgrim Church for our deanery is Immaculate Conception in Gilman, so a special opportunity for confessions will be offered at this Church. On Friday, March 4th, confessions will be heard from 6-8 p.m. and on Saturday, March 5th, from 10 a.m.—2 p.m. This is a great chance to combine the Holy Year pilgrimage with the Sacrament of Divine Mercy.

Fr. Mike

What is a "Plenary Indulgence?"

A plenary indulgence is an often misunderstood part of our Catholic faith. It is defined as a remission of temporal punishments due to sin. What is "temporal punishment?" This might serve as an example: I intentionally break someone's window out of anger. I realize I was wrong and confess my sin to the one I wronged. He forgives me...but what about the broken window? Fixing the broken window might serve as a symbol for temporal punishment. I would have to pay for the glass and install it myself. My doing these things would serve as my temporal punishment. A plenary indulgence is the pardoning from doing these actions.

Perhaps we can also see this indulgence as a healing moment when we experience the powerful effects of the love of God in our lives here on earth. In life, outward actions often have a profound influence on our minds and hearts. Let our understanding of a plenary indulgence be seen as a healing gift from our merciful Father.

Next Sunday we'll look into the powerful impact of "pilgrimage" in our faith.

Please remember in your prayers:

Mary Hines, former long-time parishioner, who was called home to our Lord.

May her soul rest in peace.

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: 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 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.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

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

Come one, come all & bring a friend!

PLEASE NOTE: The next Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry will be on Friday, March 11 and NOT on Friday, March 18, as was previously mentioned in the bulletin.

MARCH'S items needed for the WATSEKA AREA FOOD PANTRY are: Canned Fruit (Pineapple is most favorite!). These are only suggestions...any items with current dates are welcome. *Thank you.*

MARCH'S items needed for HARBOR HOUSE are: Disposable Diapers (Various Sizes), Baby Wipes, Baby Shampoo/Lotion and Baby Clothes (Various Sizes). Paper Products of all kinds are always appreciated! *Thank you.*

Saints of the Week . . .

Thursday, March 3:
St. Katharine Drexel
Friday, March 4:
St. Casimir

The schedule for our 7 p.m. Friday Lenten Services is as follows:

March 4	Mass—CANCELED
March 11	Stations of the Cross/Benediction
March 18	Mass

St. Joseph's in Crescent City is offering Stations of the Cross with Benediction every THURSDAY during Lent at 5:30 p.m.

ANNUAL BLESSING OF SOIL & SEED MASS
(Sponsored by the Ford-Iroquois Deanery CCW)

On Sunday, March 13, at 2 p.m. the *Annual Blessing of Soil and Seed Mass* will be held at St. Peter Parish in Clifton (450 S. Third Ave.). Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Joseph Siegel, with host pastor and CCW Deanery Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Vern Arseneau, as concelebrant.

Attendees are asked to bring farm or garden soil and seeds to be blessed.

Following Mass, there will be a *Dessert Reception* in the Church hosted by St. Peter's CCW.

Next weekend's SECOND COLLECTION is for *Catholic Relief Services*, which helps Jesus in disguise by supporting our suffering brothers and sisters around the globe.

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

MONEY COUNTERS FOR MARCH ARE:

6	Jamie Knapp & Bette Maxheimer
13	Jennifer Dixon & Julie Arseneau
20	Julie Schippert & Pat McTaggart
27	Dick Arie & Bill Janssen

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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.”

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(A mission of St. Edmund Church)

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MASS: SUNDAY 9:00 AM