

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

Please pray for . . .

- Francis Melson

5th ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER & DANCE

Chebense Civic Center ~ 180 W. First Street, Chebense

DATE: Saturday, March 19

6:00 PM: Cash Bar & Basket Auction

6:30 PM: Dinner

7-10 PM: Dance to a live band

Tickets are \$20 each. The Dinner and Dance will be held at the Chebense Civic Center, 180 W. First Street, Chebense.

Call Bridget Berggren, 815-685-6339 for tickets or more information.

Menu: Corned Beef and Cabbage or Chicken Dinner

JDCCW BISHOP BLANCHETTE SCHOLARSHIP

Application information for the *Joliet Diocesan Bishop Blanchette Scholarship* is currently available. This is for students in grades 8-11 interested in attending a Catholic school. If you have questions regarding the application process, information may be found at dioceseofjoliet.org/ccw or you may contact Diane Buswell, 815-383-2223.

Saints of the Week . . .

Thursday, March 17:

St. Patrick

Friday, March 18:

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Saturday, March 19:

St. Joseph

CCW SCHOLARSHIP

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**ROBERT HAAS MEMORIAL/
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP**

Applications are now available for the St. Edmund CCW Scholarship and the Robert Haas Memorial/Knights of Columbus St. Teresa of Avila Council #4391 Scholarship.

CCW Scholarship

- Must be an active, registered member of St. Edmund's.
- Must have already been accepted by a college/university/trade school.

Robert Haas Mem./Knights of Columbus Scholarship

- Must be an active, registered member of any Parish served by our Knights of Columbus St. Teresa of Avila Council #4391.
- Must have already been accepted by a college/university/trade school.

NOTE: Active, registered members of St. Edmund's may apply for BOTH scholarships. Xeroxed copies of your Letters of Recommendation may be used.

Applications may be picked up from the table in the vestibule of St. Edmund's Church or from the Rectory. The Knights of Columbus will distribute copies of the Robert Haas Memorial/Knights of Columbus St. Teresa of Avila Council #4391 Scholarship to other parishes to which members belong.

ALL applications are to be returned by WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20TH, 2016. If mailing them back, they must be postmarked no later than April 20th. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. They may be dropped off at St. Edmund's Rectory between the hours of 8 a.m.—12 p.m. M-F or mailed to: St. Edmund Catholic Church; ATTN: Scholarship Committee; 219 E. Locust Street; Watseka, IL, 60970. **Please note on your return envelope which organization's scholarship application it is.** Both organizations will have their own Scholarship Committee to screen applications.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL APPLICANTS!

Our last 7 p.m. Lenten Service

March 18

Mass

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

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, MARCH 13, 2016

Mon.	3/14	7:30 AM	Lloyd Boone by Knights of Columbus
Tue.	3/15	NO MASS	
Wed.	3/16	7:30 AM	Vivian Lovelass by Knights of Columbus
Thur.	3/17	7:30 AM	Bob Tonner by Bernadine Buswell
Fri.	3/18	7:30 AM	Philip & Angelina Varbounker Birthday Remembrance by Nina Varbounker
		7:00 PM	Conner McTaggart by Knights of Columbus
Sat.	3/19	5:00 PM	Bob Tonner by Phyllis Tonner
Sun.	3/20	7:30 AM	James J. Reeves by Nick & Roxanne Adsit & Family
		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 Mar. 5/6, 2016:	\$ 2,730.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (470.00)

Roof Fund Donations Mar. 5/6, 2016:	\$ 20.00
Total Amount of Roof Fund:	\$ 172,990.01

Offering at St. Joseph's, Mar. 5, 2016:	\$ N/A

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
Palm Sunday
Luke 19:28-40
"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"

- How can I better welcome the Lord Jesus into my life?
- Do I listen to Jesus' instructions as the disciples did when they brought him the colt?
- How can I, like the crowds, better praise the Lord?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you come into my life as the Prince of Peace. During this Holy Week, in which the world was created anew, fill my heart and mind with wonder and awe at your love for me. Help me to express that love in my care and concern for your brothers and sisters. Amen!

ST. EDMUND CCW
PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE
March 19/20, 2016

No time to bake something special for Easter....Need a baked good to take to an Easter celebration? Well, look no further! St. Edmund's CCW will be conducting a PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE after all Masses next weekend, March 19/20. Items purchased can be put in your fridge or freezer to keep until Easter, if necessary.

All women of St. Edmund's are asked to please bring a baked good to whatever Mass you attend that weekend. If you are unable to bring or purchase a baked good, free-will donations will also be accepted.

Proceeds from this will go towards subsidizing the various projects that we do, or would like to do, such as funding our yearly scholarship, supplementing the cost of our funeral dinners, installing a non-skid tile in the entrance of the Church, purchasing new doormats for the entrance of the Church and, with the Knights of Columbus, purchasing new storage racks for our folding chairs.

Thank you!

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Mar. 19/20	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Amy Curry	Debbie Ochs	Nancy Cowan
SERVERS	Conner & Claire Curry	Will Lyznicki	Meredith & Mallory Drake
COMMUNION	Diana Wessels	Lynette Moyer	Anne Zumwalt
HOSPITALITY	M/M Dale Ronna M/M Steve McCullough	M/M Kevin Bohlmann Fam.	Ericka Clark Family M/M Robert Zummallen

The last Stations of the Cross with Benediction at St. Joseph's will be Thursday, March 17, 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.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS
PENANCE SERVICE

On Wednesday, March 16, Fr. Mike will hear individual confessions from 12:30-1:30 p.m. There will also be a Penance Service that evening at 7 p.m., with individual confessions to follow.

ST. EDMUND CCW WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Jo Ann White, this year's St. Edmund CCW's *Woman of the Year*. Joann has been a member of and involved in our parish for many years and was CCW president back in 1972. Jo Ann is a "behind the scenes" kind of person, so you can usually find her volunteering here at St. Edmund's....she's a faithful volunteer at many of our funeral dinners, as well as at our public library and for our Chamber of Commerce. She's always willing to lend a hand!

Congratulations to Jo Ann and all of her fellow Women of the Year!

ST. JOSEPH CCW

On March 20, St. Joseph's CCW will take up a **SECOND COLLECTION** for HEIFER INTERNATIONAL.

Your gift will: provide livestock training to boost production of milk, eggs and wool; supply nutrients for proper health and child development; help families generate income for education and medicine and create a sustainable way of life for entire communities.

FINANCE COUNCIL & PARISH COUNCIL
MEETINGS NOTICE

Our Finance Council will meet on Thursday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center.

Our Parish Council will meet on Thursday, March 17, at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center.

If any member cannot make it to either of these meetings, please call the Rectory and let Fr. Mike know. *Thank you.*

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

Universal: Families in Difficulty
That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

Evangelization: Persecuted Christians
That those Christians who on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.