

JUNE 26, 2016

Mon.	6/27	7:30 AM	Donna Eastburn by Knights of Columbus
Tue.	6/28	NO MASS	
Wed.	6/29	NO MASS	
Thurs.	6/30	7:30 AM	Paul Kelly & Ann Lola Kelly by Paul Kelly
Fri.	7/1	7:30 AM	Carolyn Oster Birthday Remembrance by Her Family
Sat.	7/2	5:00 PM	Brent McTaggart by John Gooding & Family
Sun.	7/3	7:30 AM	Carmen O'Connor by Her Family
		9:00 AM	Ted Lavoie by Knights of Columbus
		10:30 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's



DATES TO REMEMBER IN JULY. . .

- 2/3 Food Pantry
- 4 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!**
Lion's Club Breakfast: 7-10 a.m.
- 14 Euchre Party: 1 p.m. @ Parish Center
Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
- 20-25 Iroquois County Fair

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$	3,200.00
Sunday Offering, June 18/19, 2016:	\$	2,156.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$	(1,044.00)

Roof Fund Donations June 18/19, 2016:	\$	40.00
Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$	179,113.92

St. Joseph's Offering		
Sunday, June 19, 2016:	\$	513.75

Sunday Reflection for the Holy Year of Mercy

Writing the section in our Sunday bulletins entitled: "Preparing for Next Sunday's Gospel" has always been a special time for me. However, our Diocese is offering a very timely weekly reflection on the Scriptures to enrich the Holy Year of Mercy for us. Hence we will be including them in our bulletin. I hope they will help us all make this Sacred Time more special.

Fr. Mike

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—JULY

- 3 Ira & Mary Claire
- 10 Leona Shafer
- 17 Sue Butler
- 24 Larry & Diane Buswell
- 31 Kevin Hemp



As we proceed with estate planning, let us remember our St. Edmund and St. Joseph Parishes. This generosity enables us to continue bringing the Good News of Jesus to our friends and neighbors.

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Edmund's will be having it's Outdoor Mass & Picnic on Saturday, September 10th at 5 p.m. at Legion Park by the Legion Building.

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

July 2/3	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	John Gooding	Julie Schippert	Lorraine Smith
SERVERS	R. Gooding & O. Simons	Wyatt Claire	Trenton & Sam Hemp
COMMUNION	Patti Duffy	Paul McTaggart	Julie Arseneau
HOSPITALITY	Helen Bruens Louise Bruens	M/M Larry Buswell M/M Joe Benner	M/M Kevin Verkler

Why the \$3200 weekly goal?

It was asked why we set this amount of \$3200 as our weekly goal. This is a very good question. In setting that amount we address both the weekly, monthly and annual expenses for our parish as well as expected (or unexpected) needs to come.

We will need to restore the inside of our Church after the roof is finished. The air conditioner at the Parish Center needs attention. We will be adapting the entrance walk into the rectory to make it easier and safer. There might be a need for tuck-pointing in the not-too-distant future, as well as maintenance on our dated elevator. As all of you homeowners know, there may always be unexpected expenses in proper upkeep for our beloved parish.

After being the pastor here for about one year, I had the insight that, since I am a parishioner of St. Edmund like all of you, I, too, have a responsibility to help in the financial well-being of our parish, so I fill out my envelope every week.

We stand on the shoulders of all of those who have gone before us. Imagine them seeing their beloved Church burn down and then stepping up to the plate to erect the beautiful Church we enjoy today...and all of this toward the end of the Great Depression.

I appreciate the interest and concern regarding our weekly goal and we are all in this together.

Fr. Mike

ADULT ENRICHMENT SESSION SIX

Our sixth session on Bishop Robert Barron's "Catholicism" series will be this Thursday, June 30th, at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center.

Session 6, Part 1: "I am the Vine; you are the branches." - John 15:5

"I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church." We proclaim that in the creed. In this episode, Father Barron explains why we use that language to talk about the Church, and why the Church is something in which we "believe" and not just something we join. He describes what the Church is and how the Church is related to Christ. In the first part of the episode, Fr. Barron speaks about the first mark of the Church: "the Church is one." He will explain the other three marks of the Church in the second part of the episode.

Session 6, Part 2: "The household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets." - Ephesians 2:19-20

In the second part of this episode, Father Barron continues to teach us about what the Church is, an ancient belief based on what God has revealed through Scripture and through Jesus himself. He focuses on our profession that the Church is holy, catholic and apostolic—the other three marks of the Church.



JULY'S items needed for the **WATSEKA AREA FOOD PANTRY** are: **Macaroni & Cheese**. This is only a suggestion...any items with current dates are welcome. *Thank you.*

JULY'S items needed for **HARBOR HOUSE** are: **OTC Medications (Adult & Children's Tylenol, Cough Syrup, Cough Drops), Peroxide/Alcohol & Band-Aids. Paper Products** of all kinds are always appreciated! *Thank you.*

MONEY COUNTERS FOR JULY ARE:

3	Nick Harvey & Jennifer Dixon
10	Bette Maxheimer & Brittany Cluver
17	Elsie Hankey & Jamie Knapp
24	Barb Mayotte & Joe Lyznicki
31	Bill Janssen & Steve McCullough

From the Diocese . . .

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: Upcoming **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in 2016** are: **August 12-14, October 7-9 and Dec. 9-11** 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: **July 9/10** at St. Julie Billiart Parish in Tinley Park, **July 23/24** at Holy Family Parish in Inverness and **August 13/14** at Mary Queen of Heaven Parish in Elmhurst. 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.

DOJ "THEOLOGY ON TAP"

In July various speakers will talk about faith-related topics at venues throughout the Diocese of Joliet during the annual "Theology on Tap" summer series for young adults, 18-39 years old. The schedule, which includes a venue in Manteno, as well as a copy of the "Kick-Off" flyer, is posted in the vestibule. You can also find the information on the diocese's website: www.dioceseofjoliet.org/yam

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
- Sr. Airman Rori Sorensen, granddaughter of Mary Sorensen

Please pray for . . .

- Francis Melson
- Mark Smith, grandson of Lorraine Smith

We are happy to welcome Sister Florence Muia, ASN and Sister Agnes Waema, ASN. They are native Kenyans and the name of their order is the Assumption Sisters of Nairobi. Sister Florence founded this ministry in 2003 in Naivasha, Kenya with the financial support of the Wheaton Franciscan Sisters. They serve those living with HIV/AIDS and employ a holistic approach that includes medical, educational, financial, social, spiritual and psychological support. They have over 10,000 registered clients. Every family they serve has at least one member who has tested positive for the AIDS virus.

We look forward to helping them in their challenging work.

**WATSEKA LIONS CLUB
Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast**

**Monday, July 4th
7:00—10:00 a.m.**

ST. EDMUND CATHOLIC CHURCH BASEMENT

"FREE-WILL DONATION"

**Menu: Pancakes ~ Sausage ~ Scrambles Eggs
Orange Juice ~ Coffee**

Carry-outs Available

PUBLIC INVITED

REMINDER: On **Friday, July 1st**, after 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for 1/2 hour with Benediction at 8:00 a.m.

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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

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MASS: SUNDAY 9:00 AM