

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019

Mon.	3/25	7:30 AM	Brent McTaggart Birthday Remembrance by His Family
Tue.	3/26	NO MASS	
Wed.	3/27	7:30 AM	Lee Guimond by Knights of Columbus Council 4391
Thur.	3/28	7:30 AM	Vincent Bowers Birthday Remembrance by His Family
Fri.	3/29	7:30 AM	Richard Laczowski by Knights of Columbus Council 4391
Sat.	3/30	5:00 PM	Pamela Thomason by Her Family
Sun.	3/31	7:30 AM	Marybeth Claire Anniversary Remembrance by Her Family
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Bonnie Lynch by Knights of Columbus Council 4391



Weekly Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, Mar. 16/17, 2019:	\$ 2,926.49
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (273.51)
Offering at St. Joseph's, Mar. 17, 2019:	\$ 350.00

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
4th Sunday of Lent "C"
Luke 15:1-3; 11-32
"I shall get up and go to my Father!"

- How have I squandered opportunities to truly become a child of God?
- Have I had moments of conversion as did the prodigal son?
- Have I ever been resentful when others seem to have been preferred to me?

Prayer: Patient Father, Jesus taught me that you patiently wait for me to return to you in an ever-deepening way. Thank you for patiently waiting for my return. Help me see this Lenten season as a time of renewal in my love for you. Amen!

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

Lenten Services at St. Edmund's at 7 p.m. every Friday:

March 29	Stations of the Cross/Benediction
April 5	Mass
April 12	Stations of the Cross/Benediction

2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal *Signs of Hope*

Thank you to everyone who has pledged a gift to the 2019 CMAA. Your support will help provide *Signs of Hope* to so many through the 30 ministries our annual appeal benefits. **Pledge envelopes are still available in the pews at Church for those wishing to pledge a gift.**

ST. JOSEPH CCW 2019 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Rosemary Popham, of Crescent City, has been chosen as St. Joseph CCW's *Woman of the Year* for 2019. Rosemary and her husband Terry have been members of St. Joseph Catholic Church for 50 years. Rosemary has been Treasurer for St. Joseph CCW since 1989. She helps with Hospitality at St. Joseph's and is a *Eucharistic Minister to Shut-Ins* for St. Edmund's in Watseka. She and Terry have been blessed with 3 children, 3 granddaughters, 2 grandsons and 2 great-grandsons. Rosemary is the type of person that would do just about anything to help anybody, if possible, and is very deserving of this honor. **Congratulations Rosemary!**

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Mar. 30/31	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Doug Duffy	Julie Schippert	Ericka Clark
SERVERS	Max Gooding		Marisa & Zakkary Clark
HOST	Rosann Miller	Nathan McTaggart	Marie Garfield
HOSPITALITY	M/M Sam Stepp Laura Stepp	M/M Terry McTaggart	M/M Gene Ochs Jami Harwood

SECOND COLLECTION Next Weekend - March 30/31, 2019

Next weekend's second collection is for the *Catholic Relief Services*, which helps Jesus in disguise through providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims.

"Dear Christian Friends:

During the calendar year of 2018 the Watseka Area Food Pantry served 5,570 clients. In January-February 2019 we have helped 797 clients. Our helping these people would not be possible without the support we have received from individuals, churches, organizations and grants.

We are thankful for the thoughtfulness, generosity, and faithfulness of your church family in bringing donations to the Food Pantry. Your actions help those who are food-insecure in Iroquois County.

Your caring and sharing is much appreciated.

Food Pantry Team"

"...whoever is kind to the needy honors God." Proverbs 14:31 (NIV)

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP CONLON

EXTREME Abortion Bills Introduced in IL Legislature. House Bill 2467 & Senate Bill 1594: Repeals Illinois Parental Notification of Abortion Act. Current law requires a parent or legal guardian be notified when a minor seeks an abortion. Includes a waiver for children physically or sexually abused. Passed in 1995 but not implemented until 2013 by a unanimous Illinois Supreme Court ruling.

House Bill 2495 & Senate Bill 1942: Repeals current state ban on partial-birth abortions. Defines abortion as a fundamental right. Removes abortion clinics from regulations for serious medical procedures. Removes the requirement that only doctors can perform abortions. We are studying the bill for further impact.

We will keep you updated at www.ilcatholic.org and via emails sent through our Illinois Catholic Advocacy Network (I-CAN).

Contact your state House and Senate lawmakers and urge them to vote "no" on HB 2467, SB 1594, HB 2495 & SB 1942. **Go to www.ilcatholic.org for more info.**

Sign up for I-CAN at:
www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/join-i-can

Parishioners are also invited to join Bishop Conlon on April 3rd to meet with legislators in Springfield to encourage them to vote "No" towards the horrific anti-life legislation. **Bus transportation is available. Flyers with a registration form can be found on the table in the vestibule of the Church.**

ST. EDMUND CCW

St. Edmund's CCW will hold their next meeting on Monday, April 1st at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center.

Velanne Gocken will present our hands-on program, *Garden Stones*, which should be a fun time for all!

Refreshment will be provided by Debbe Quick and Jo Ann White.

**One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center
A TIME OF PRAYER
"AHA: God Moments in Our Lives"**

An "AHA" moment is a point in time, an event, or experience when one has a sudden insight or realization about something that surprises us. It's a moment when God gets our attention through some ordinary everyday things: nature, friends, books, cooking, relaxing or praying. It can be an experience that lifts up our spirit, makes us smile or leads to changes in our lives. It can also be an insight into problems or concerns that weigh us down. It might even be a sudden revelation.

WHEN: Thursday, April 11, 2019

SPONSORED BY: Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

PRESENTER: Sr. Loretta Finn, sscm

COST: Free-Will Offering

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call Sr. Mary Stella at 815-935-0800

Money Management Volunteers Needed

Catholic Charities' Money Management Program is seeking volunteers in Kankakee, Grundy, Iroquois, and Will Counties. This program assists low income older persons who have difficulty managing their personal household financial matters.

As a trained volunteer, you will be matched with older persons who need help with tasks such as organizing bills, writing checks, balancing a checkbook, intervening with creditors and completing medical forms. Necessary skills include: comfort with balancing a checkbook to the penny, personal strengths in attention to detail and organization are desired, as is the ability to advocate for assigned clients. Pre-service training is provided, a background check is required.

To learn more about this opportunity, please call 815-523-9921. For more information about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, please visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work. You don't give up."

—Anne Lamott

**CCW SCHOLARSHIP
&
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 current, 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 current, 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: Current, active, registered members of St. Edmund's may apply for BOTH scholarships, if criteria is met. 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. There are also a couple of copies of each scholarship at St. Joseph's in Crescent City. 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 24TH, 2019. If mailing them back, they must be postmarked no later than April 24th. 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!

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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

"Let us be built as living stones."

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