

# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2-8, 2019

**Monday, December 2, 7:30 AM**

Ross Verkler by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

**Tuesday, December 3: NO MASS**

**Wednesday, December 4, 7:30 AM**

Roger Cooke by Christina Daszko

**Thursday, December 5, 7:30 AM**

Marybeth Claire by Kevin & Kim Bohlmann

**Friday, December 6, 7:30 AM**

Lea Marketto by the Nurse's Honor Guard

**Morning Mass....what a way to start the day!**

**Saturday, December 7, 5:00 PM**

Michael Dolan by John Gooding & Family

**Sunday, December 8**

7:30 AM: Joan Martin by Bill & Peg Burwell

9:00 AM: Grandma & Grandpa Schmitt by Dave & Pam Fink

10:30 AM: Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's

## LAY MINISTERS for December 7/8, 2019

**SATURDAY, December 7, 5:00 PM**

Lector: Doug Duffy

Host: Rosann Miller

Altar Servers: Nolan Garcia & Raegan Gooding

Hospitality: Nick Harvey; Mike & Jodi Schuler

**SUNDAY, December 8, 7:30 AM**

Lector: Julie Schippert

Host: Brittany Cluver

Altar Server: Karsyn Arie

Hospitality: M/M Nathan McTaggart Fam.; M/M Corey McTaggart Fam.

**SUNDAY, December 8, 10:30 AM**

Lector: Bill Janssen

Host: Mary Decker

Altar Servers: Megan & Dane Martin

Hospitality: Linda Hunt; Sheila Harman

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
St. Edmund's Sunday Offering, Nov. 23/24, 2019:	\$ 2,728.00
<b>DEFICIT</b> For the Week:	<b>\$ ( 472.00)</b>
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, Nov. 24, 2019:	\$ 436.00

## FOOD FROM THE HEART, INC.

*Food From the Heart, Inc. is happy to have volunteers from our local churches help pack baskets on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. at the Watseka United Methodist Church.*

*Please pray for our Service Members . . .*

- Staff Sgt. (USAF) Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- PV2 Austin Grosvenor, great-grandson of Leona Shafer

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent "A"

Matthew 3:1-12

*"Prepare the way of the Lord!"*

- How can I live a Christian life as if the world will end tomorrow?
- How can I live a Christian life as if the world will end in a million years?
- How can I live a Christian life as I prepare for Christmas?

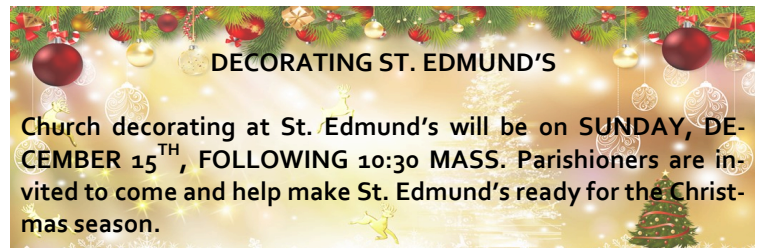
**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, help me to live in this passing world with my heart set on the world that will never end. Amen!



## MASS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 24/25, 2019 CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS

December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE	4:00 p.m. (St. Edmund) 6:00 p.m. (St. Edmund)
December 25 CHRISTMAS	9:00 a.m. (St. Joseph) 10:30 a.m. (St. Edmund)

On **Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**, Individual Confessions will be heard from **11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.** There will also be a **Penance Service** that evening at **7 p.m.** followed by **Individual Confessions.**



## SECOND COLLECTION

Next Weekend - December 7/8, 2019

Next weekend's second collection is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**, which provides for the ongoing needs of hundreds of communities of women and men religious and also underwrites resources on retirement planning and eldercare delivery. Almost 94% of donations directly aid senior religious and their communities.

*"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts."*

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

## 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

RE Office: 815-432-5569

Website: [www.stedstjoe.org](http://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

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**“Transforming the world in which we live by bringing the teachings of Jesus Christ to every living person.”**

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## 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

### *Some Sunday Funnies . . .*

Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When little Logan received his plate, he started eating right away.

“Logan, wait until we say our prayer,” his mother reminded him.

“I don’t have to,” the little boy replied.

“Of course you do,” his mother insisted, “We say a prayer before eating at our house.”

“That’s at our house,” Logan explained, “but this is Grandma’s and she knows how to cook!”

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The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building.

Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. “Here’s a copy of the service,” he said impatiently. “But you’ll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances.”

During the service, the minister paused and said, “Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up.”

At that moment, the substitute organist played “The Star Spangled Banner.” And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

### ST. EDMUND CCW

If anyone would like to make a donation to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please put your donation in an envelope marked **CCW Poinsettia** and place it in the collection basket. **Checks are made payable to ST. EDMUND CCW.** Thank you!



**Don’t forget there’s still time to get your NEW & UNWRAPPED toy into our Toys for Tot box located in the vestibule of the Church.**



The 2020 Flowers for Mary sign-up sheets are now up in the vestibule of the Church. Sign up soon if you have a special date you would like to provide flowers for Mary’s Altar.

**For those who mourn, please remember in prayer those called to eternal life. We extend our prayers and heartfelt sympathy to the friends and family of Roseanna Noonan, sister of Gerald (Joann) Noonan.**

*My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.*

Exodus 33:14