

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

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.

CONFERENCE FOR THE DIVORCED & WIDOWED

On **Saturday, April 9, 2016**, from **9 a.m.—3:30 p.m.**, the Office of Family Ministry is sponsoring a conference entitled, ***Remembering the Past, Re-membering the Future***, which will take place at the Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill. The day, exclusively for the divorced and widowed and those who care about them, features Sr. Jane Schlosser, RSM.

Sr. Jane is a Sister of Mercy, who has been involved with teaching courses on grief since 1980. She received her Doctorate in Ministry on this topic. One of the reasons she pursued this degree was her awareness that, back in the early 1980's, we were doing so little to help those dealing with divorce or death.

The day offers time for reflection, prayer, discussion and relaxation. Books and religious items will be available for purchase. The requested \$35 donation includes morning coffee, lunch and resource materials. To register, call **815-838-5334**, email familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org or online at <http://conta.cc/1RqemGz>. **Please register by April 1.**

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 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!



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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

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.”

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

(A mission of St. Edmund Church)
307 UNION STREET
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PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

MASS: SUNDAY 9:00 AM

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016



Mon.	3/21	7:30 AM	Matthew Shafer Birthday Remembrance by His Family
Tue.	3/22	NO MASS	
Wed.	3/23	7:30 AM	Bertha LeClair by M/M Stanford Giles
Thur.	3/24	7:00 PM	Gloria Zirkle by John D. Zirkle
Fri.	3/25	7:00 PM	Evening Memorial of Our Lord's Passion
Sat.	3/26	8:00 PM	Kenneth Tuelp Anniversary Remembrance by Christina Daszko
Sun.	3/27	7:30 AM	Richard Ryan by Knights of Columbus
		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. 12/13, 2016:	\$ 2,707.35
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (492.65)

Roof Fund Donations Mar. 12/13, 2016:	\$ 855.00
Total Amount of Roof Fund:	\$ 173845.01

Offering at St. Joseph's, Mar. 13, 2016:	\$ 444.00

ST. EDMUND CCW

Don't forget our **PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE** this weekend **after all Masses**. If you are unable to donate or purchase a baked good, free-will donations will be accepted. *Thank you!*

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
Solemnity of Easter
Luke 24:1-12
"He is risen!"

- How can I truly observe this most holy Feast?
- What can I do to make this Easter Season a time of spiritual growth?
- In what manner can I reflect the joy of the Risen Lord to others?

Prayer: Risen Lord, you are the Victor over sin and death. Empower me to share more deeply in your suffering and death so that I may come to share more deeply in the joy of your Resurrection. Amen!

ST. JOSEPH CCW
(Second Collection)

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

ST. JOSEPH CCW WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Cathy Cross has been named 2016 Woman of the Year by St. Joseph's CCW. Cathy will be honored April 16th at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet along with her counterparts throughout the Deaneries of the Diocese.

Cathy is currently serving as co-chairwoman of the Community Concerns Commission and has headed our "Caps for Love" project. Cathy is always willing to lend a hand....we congratulate her for all her hard work!

Congratulations to Cathy and all of her fellow Women of the Year!

PLEASE NOTE the changes in this week's Mass Schedule due to Holy Week and Easter.

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Mar. 26/27	8:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Steve Westrick	Julie Schippert	Lorraine Smith
SERVERS	Trenton & Sam Hemp	Wyatt Claire	Miryam Bevelle & Kaley Jaworski
COMMUNION	Cup: Rosann Miller & Laura Stepp	Cup: Diane Buswell & Kevin Bohlmann	Host: Pam Verkler Cup: Jane Zummallen & Barb Quigley
HOSPITALITY	M/M Doug Duffy Margaret Ochs	M/M Ira Claire M/M Myron Cailteux	M/M Kevin Hemp Family

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS FOR HOLY THURSDAY & GOOD FRIDAY

	March 24 HOLY THURSDAY ~ 7 PM	March 25 GOOD FRIDAY ~ 7 PM
LECTORS:	Rhonda Pence	Steve McCullough & John Gooding
EUCHRISTIC MINISTERS:	Cup: Debbie McCullough & Patti Duffy	Cup: Paul McTaggart & Ira Claire
ALTAR SERVERS:	Kaitlyn & Conner Bell	Max & Raegan Gooding

A Week of Fire!

During these next seven days that form a truly Holy Week, my prayer is that our St. Edmund ~ St. Joseph Family takes full advantage of this graced time. Please join us in the special liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday night (which has been called the "Mother of All Vigils") and the beautiful Masses of Easter Sunday.

Blessings,
Fr. Mike

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

On Good Friday, the Church will take up a worldwide collection for the Holy Land—its people and its shrines. Your monetary support is desperately needed by those struggling to maintain our Faith and our physical presence there.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

On **HOLY THURSDAY, March 24th**, there will be a 7 p.m. **Mass. ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be from **8-11 p.m.** Parishioners are invited to come and spend at least one-half hour with our Lord during this time. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SOMEONE BE HERE EVERY HALF-HOUR BETWEEN 8-11 PM SO THAT OUR LORD IS NOT ALONE DURING THIS TIME.**

On **GOOD FRIDAY, March 25th**, services will be at 7 p.m. **THIS IS A DAY OF FAST** (one full meatless meal) and **TOTAL ABSTINENCE** (no meat for everyone 14 years of age and older).

From the desk of Patti Duffy

On **Wednesday, March 23rd**, during class time, we will have an **ALL STUDENT MASS**. Parents and parishioners are also welcome to attend.