

# SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

Mon.	9/26	7:30 AM	Vernice Marcotte by Alice Corbin
Tue.	9/27	NO MASS	
Wed.	9/28	7:30 AM	Fr. Lee Ryan by Marianna Song
Thurs.	9/29	7:30 AM	Isabelle German Slife by Nick & Roxanne Adsit & Family
Fri.	9/30	7:30 AM	Fr. Lee Ryan by Marianna Song
Sat.	10/1	5:00 PM	Clarence Barlow by His Family
Sun.	10/2	7:30 AM	Marianna Song's Birthday by Her Family
		9:00 AM	Parish Family of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Conrad Arseneau Wedding Anniversary Remembrance by His Family



## DATES TO REMEMBER IN OCTOBER . . .

- 1/2 Food Pantry  
*Harvest Daze @ Old Courthouse Museum*
- 3 CCW Meeting: 7 p.m. @ Parish Center
- 7 First Friday: Adoration for 1/2 hour following 7:30 Mass w/Benediction at 8 a.m.
- 10 Columbus Day Observed
- 13 Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
- 17-21 Fr. Mike Gone to Priest Convocation
- 22/23 DOJ World Mission Sunday Second Collection
- 31 Halloween

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, Sept. 17/18, 2016:	\$ 1,977.00
<b>DEFICIT For the Week:</b>	<b>\$ (1,223.00)</b>
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St. Joseph's Offering	
Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016:	\$ 691.00

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—OCTOBER	
2	Jo Ann White
9	Zack & Marisa Clark
16	Mary Decker
23	Terry & Gwen McTaggart
30	Peg & Bill Burwell



**A huge THANK YOU to Mr. Gene Ochs for some much needed sprucing up of the grounds around the Parish Center! Being an ex-teacher and current substitute teacher, you earned a gold star for the day...all your hard work was greatly appreciated!**

**SAVE THE DATE—TURKEY DINNER TO RETURN**  
The Knights of Columbus and St. Edmund's CCW are partnering to bring back our Turkey Dinner. It will be on **Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**. Details to be forthcoming.

**ST. EDMUND CCW**  
The next meeting of St. Edmund's CCW will be on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center. Sister Mary Stella will give a presentation, *The Modern Woman—The Three Teresa's of the 20th Century*.  
Refreshments will be provided by RaDonna Hasselbring and Angie Hasselbring.

**DON'T FORGET:** Christmas Choir practice starts this Sunday from 9:30—10:15 a.m. and will continue each Sunday at this time through the end of the Christmas liturgical season.

## LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

October 1/2	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	John Gooding	Rhonda Pence	Debbie Ochs
SERVERS	A. Quick & M. Lopez	Justin McTaggart	Trenton & Sam Hemp
COMMUNION	Patti Duffy	Paul McTaggart	Cup: B. Quigley & K. Hemp
HOSPITALITY	DR/M Phil Zumwalt Mark Zumwalt	M/M Larry Buswell M/M Joe Benner	M/M Robert Zummallen Ericka Clark Family

**A JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**  
(Diocese of Springfield in Illinois)  
September 25, 2016  
*26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

An awful thought. A scary reality. I can be good tomorrow we say. I can deal with that injustice next week, next month, next year, when the time is right, we say. The poor and hungry can surely wait. Well, Amos and Luke say otherwise. God is filled to the brim with pardon and mercy, with compassion, they say. All people that God loves are bound together, they say. The truth is, it is possible to run out of time to do good, God says. Do not be indifferent! So,

- What good will I do today?
- What injustice can I address this week?

**We're back in the saddle again!**

This last Wednesday we began our new year of Religious Education for our young parishioners. Your kind financial support is appreciated and we depend on your prayerful support for our catechists and students throughout the year.

**Prayer:** Father of all families, you have called our catechists to serve our parish in truth and love. May they be faithful to this call, rooted in your Word and open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May they use these gifts, especially the gifts of faith, hope and love, to serve our family as a witness to you, who are love, life and the source and destiny of all families. Let your Spirit enlighten their minds and strengthen their hearts so that they can be a path to Christ's love. Through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, we pray for the Church, the Bride of Christ, whose mission is to build a family of love, through Christ our Lord. Amen

*Fr. Mike*

**ADULT ENRICHMENT SESSION NINE**

Fr Mike's ninth session on Bishop Robert Barron's "Catholicism" series will be this Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center.

**Session 9, Part 1: "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

In this episode, we will learn about prayer: the place where our yearning for God and God's desire for us meet. This encounter between us and God will be explored by looking at the journeys and teachings of three great spiritual masters. What is prayer? How can I pray, draw closer to God, and know his voice? What is the fruit of prayerful life?

**Session 9, Part 2: "This is how you are to pray." - Matthew 6:9**

In the second part of this episode, Father Barron tells us about the mystical prayer life of another Carmelite, St. Teresa of Avila, and also about prayers of petition and intercession.

**It's time for the October Pew Count!**

Next Sunday, and all Sundays in October, we will take up our annual pew count. Last year the average attendance for our four Sunday Masses was 304, let's see if we can beat that this year. The two main ways we can do this is ATTEND and INVITE!

*Fr. Mike*

**OCTOBER'S** items needed for **the WATSEKA AREA FOOD PANTRY** are: **Pasta or Rice Side Dishes**. This is only a suggestion...any items with current dates are welcome. *Thank you.*

**OCTOBER'S** items needed for **HARBOR HOUSE** are: **Phone Cards/Gas Cards. Paper Products of all kinds are always appreciated!** *Thank you.*

**CHRIST IS OUR HOPE**

The *Christ is our Hope* Magazine appeal begins with a mailing in September. This is a mailing from Bishop Conlon, asking for a gift to the 2016-2017 *Christ is our Hope* Magazine Appeal.

*Christ is our Hope* arrives in your mailbox each month, filled with educational stories about our faith, inspiring stories about personal journeys, as well as news taking place in other parishes. This magazine helps to keep the seven counties of our Diocese connected by sharing the Good News with each other.

On behalf of Bishop Conlon, please prayerfully consider making a generous donation to this year's *Christ is our Hope* Magazine appeal.

Thank you for helping everyone in our Diocese to stay connected!

The **29th Annual Bishop's Mass with Persons with Disabilities** will be celebrated at **12 noon on Sunday, October 2, 2016** at **Holy Family Parish**, 600 Brook Forest Ave. (Route 59) **Shorewood**. A luncheon, provided by the Joliet Chapter of the Knights of Columbus, will follow. Please pass this information on to families of those with disabilities in your parish and invite them to attend. Thank you!

*Joyce Donohue*  
Catechetical Associate

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to a lack of participation and a dwindling number of participants, there will no longer be the monthly Euchre parties at the Parish Center. *Thank you.*

**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
- Staff Sargent Rori Sorensen, granddaughter of Mary Sorensen

**Please pray for . . .**

- Francis Melson
- Mark Smith, grandson of Lorraine Smith
- The people of Charlotte, NC, in the aftermath of what was supposed to be a "peaceful" protest

**One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center  
A TIME OF PRAYER  
"Blessed Are The Merciful"**

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.—12 p.m.

**SPONSORED BY:** Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

**PRESENTED BY:** Sister Mary Stella Schellenberger, sscm

**COST:** Free-will Offering

**TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Call 815-935-0800 or just stop by.

**Come away for a Time of Prayer.**

Let the silence and atmosphere of peace bring you to a deeper place within yourself.  
*Treat Yourself to a Time of Prayer.*

**MONEY COUNTERS FOR OCTOBER ARE:**

2	Elsie Hankey & Bill Janssen
9	Barb Mayotte & Joe Lyznicki
16	Steve McCullough & Pat McTaggart
23	Julie Arseneau & Nick Harvey
30	Dick Arie & Sam Ochs

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Website: [www.stedstjoe.org](http://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  
CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

MASS: SUNDAY 9:00 AM