

From the Diocese . .

VOCATIONS OFFICE:

Retreat for Public High School Students

All public high school juniors and seniors are welcome to attend a wonderful retreat August 30—September 1, 2013 at the St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center. Cost for the retreat is \$150. The Spiritual Director will be Fr. Burke Masters. Application forms and more information can be found at www.dioceseofjoliet.org/ym/Kairos.htm. Act now as we can only accept 25 applicants. For questions call Mike Hoyt, 815-834-4056 or email him at mhoyt@dioceseofjoliet.org.

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Mass & Chicago Fire Game
Saturday, September 14, 2013

For only \$20/person, you can attend the following events at Toyota Park, home of the Chicago Fire professional soccer team.

5:15 p.m.—Bilingual Mass with Fr. Burke Masters
7:30 p.m.—Chicago Fire vs. New England

Bring your family, friends or youth group for this prayerful and fun event! For tickets, send checks made payable to “Diocese of Joliet” to: Fr. Burke Masters; Diocese of Joliet; 101 W. Airport Road; Romeoville, IL 60446 or contact Nora at 815-834-4004 for more information.

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Men’s Discernment Group

All men age 17 and older are welcome to our Men’s Discernment Group. We will be using the book “*To Save A Thousand Souls*” by Fr. Brett Brannen to discuss relevant topics to discern a priestly vocation. Books will be provided for those who do not already have one. These meetings take place at the John Paul II House, 430 N. Center St. in Joliet. The next meeting is **Sunday, August 18, from 2-4 p.m.** Chapter 14, *My Path to Priesthood, When do I Start?* will be discussed. Please RSVP Fr. Burke at vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org or call 815-834-4004. No time to RSVP—please come anyway.

Something to Ponder . . .

Our lives are not determined by what happens to us but by how we react to what happens— not by what life brings to us, but by the attitude we bring to life.

Diocesan Employment Resource Center
(D.E.R.C.)

The statistics in our diocese on the number of unemployed and those who have just given up looking for work are staggering. The effect that unemployment has on individuals and families is not only financial but also truly a significant challenge to the emotional, psychological and even spiritual wellbeing of our parish families.

While there are a number of successful job club programs in some larger parishes, most parishes and their parishioners still need help finding employment transition resources. We believed that our unemployed parishioners would benefit if available job opportunities, resources and support services could be publicized across the diocese.

A steering committee consisting of dedicated lay professionals, Deacons and Catholic Charities has been focused on addressing this need for over a year; and the first evidence of something changing is the appearance of the “Diocesan Employment Resources” link on the navigation bar of the Diocesan website.

And now, with the launching of the **Joliet Diocesan Employment Resource Center website, www.dioceseofjoliet.org/derc**, the dream of a common source for all parishes and parishioners is being fulfilled. The site will provide information about individual Parish Job Club meetings and services, useful articles for parish bulletins and will list job openings submitted by all parishes.

The committee is gathering resource materials, identifying support and transition services and guides, and sourcing helpful articles for the site. “D.E.R.C.” is self-supported and is staffed by volunteer marketers, web developers and other contributors.

This effort is charitable outreach and building community at its best as we pool our resources (sharing our gifts as we are taught) and use today’s communication technology to help each other. Together as 120 parishes, large and small, we’re confident that we can make a difference for many.

For more information or to volunteer skills and services contact Deacon Andy Cirno at andydcn@gmail.com or Jim Gamache at jbgamache@comcast.net.

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

219 EAST LOCUST STREET
WATSEKA IL 60970

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

Rectory: 815-432-3274
Religious Education Office: 815-432-5569
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

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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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2013

Mon.	8/12	7:30 AM	Julia Ryan by Knights of Columbus Council #4391
Tue.	8/13	NO MASS	
Wed.	8/14	7:30 AM	Harold German by Nick & Roxanne Adsit & Family
Thur.	8/15	7:30 AM	Joyce Donohue by Her Parish Family
		7:00 PM	Judy Kronos by Pat Ward
Fri.	8/16	7:30 AM	Leonila Florido by John & Sharon Rose
Sat.	8/17	5:00 PM	Jack Dillman Wedding Anniversary Remembrance by Jan Dillman
Sun.	8/18	7:30 AM	Steven Smolucha by M/M David Rogers & Fr. Mike
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Dolores Gullquist Birthday Remembrance by Her Family



Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering Aug. 3/4, 2013:	\$ 2,560.00
Bonus/Deficit For the Week:	(-) \$ 640.00

Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 73,064.61

Offering at St. Joseph's, August 4, 2013:	
Sunday:	\$ 870.00

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
20th Sunday Ordinary Time "C"
 Luke 12:49-53
"I have come to set the earth on fire!"

- Have family or friends ever come between me and Jesus?
- How can I share in Jesus' mission to set the earth on fire with love for him and for his Gospel?
- What keeps me from becoming ever more close to Jesus?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you were willing to accept even death on a cross for me and for my salvation. Help me to always be a true disciple and to never let anything hinder me from following you. Amen!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
"Playing for Miracles"

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, presents **"Playing for Miracles"**, a dueling pianos extravaganza on **Friday, September 13, 2013, 6:30—11:30 p.m.** at The Carlisle (435 E. Butterfield Road) in Lombard. The casual event features open bar, gourmet dining stations, incredible silent and live auctions, and the antics and showmanship of the dueling piano players from Chicago's famous *Howl at the Moon*, all set to the backdrop of this year's theme, *A Night in Tuscany!* It's sure to be a great time! Tickets are \$100 each and are available online at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or by calling 815-724-1140. All funds raised will be directed to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet.

The Saints Speak to Us . . .

Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God lead a person to heaven.
 -St. Camillus de Lellis

ST. EDMUND CCW

This is the last weekend in which to place your school supplies for local children in the basket in the vestibule of the Church. A big THANK YOU to all who donated!

FYI: Our first meeting of our new year, our **Salad Supper**, will be on **Tuesday, September 3, at 6 p.m.** All attendees are asked to please bring a salad to share and a wrapped prize for BINGO. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

SAVE THE DATE: This year's Turkey Dinner will be on Sunday, October 20th.

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

August 17/18	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Steve McCullough	Rhonda Pence	Steve Westrick
SERVERS	B. Seabert & A. Kidwell	J. Moyer	G. & M. Bevelle
COMMUNION	Debbie McCullough	Jane McTaggart	Julie Arseneau
HOSPITALITY	Pat King Family Mary Sorensen	M/M Jim Blunk M/M Richard Mayotte	M/M Kevin Hemp Family

Thursday, August 15 ~ Assumption Holy Day
 7:00 p.m. Mass—Liturgical Appointments

LECTOR	Dick Arie
ALTAR SERVERS	L. & T. Hemp
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Mary Claire
HOSPITALITY	M/M Sam Stepp Laura Stepp Linda Hunt

One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center
 2041 W. Route 113, Kankakee

WHAT: Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, September 5, 2013 from 7-8:30 a.m.

SPONSORED BY: The Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

TOPIC: *Losing a Spouse at a Young Age and What To Do Next.* Join us as we listen to the experiences of three women who became widows at an early age.

PRESENTERS:
 Carol Jacklin, Rosemary Lambert and Chris Rutschow

COST: Free-will donation—Continental Breakfast will be available

To register or for more information please call Sister Mary Stella, 815-935-0800.

The **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops** has come up with 10 points for fruitful Scripture reading. Below is # 9:

What is God saying to me? The Bible is not addressed only to long-dead people in a faraway land. It is addressed to each of us in our own unique situations. When we read, we need to understand what the text says and how the faithful have understood its meaning in the past. In light of this understanding, we then ask: What is God saying to me?

ST. RAPHAEL SPECIAL APPEAL 2013
Request for Proposals

St. Raphael Catholic Church in Naperville is currently accepting applications for its 2013 Special Appeal. Funding is available for Church ministries, social agencies, peace and justice organizations and other non-profit groups. The Special Appeal is an annual collection held during the Advent season. The amount of this grant typically reaches \$15,000—\$20,000.

The recipient organization must have a spokesperson who can make a personal appeal at all liturgies on **Special Appeal Weekend, November 23-24, 2013.**

Applications must be postmarked by Friday, September 6, 2013. To request an application packet, please contact Margaret Huck at mhuck@st-raphael.com or 630-615-7616.

"Senior" Moments . . .

You realize your kids are becoming you; but, your grandchildren are perfect!

You forget names; but it's okay because other people have forgotten they even knew you!

