

NOVEMBER 24, 2013

Mon.	11/25	7:30 AM	Joyce Donohue by Rose Mary Spies
Tue.	11/26	7:30 AM	Walter Smolucha by M/M David Rogers & Fr. Mike
Wed.	11/27	NO MASS	
Thurs.	11/28	8:00 AM	THANKSGIVING: Julian Arseneau by Bernadine Buswell
Fri.	11/29	NO MASS	
Sat.	11/30	5:00 PM	Chester Ely Anniversary Remembrance by His Family
Sun.	12/1	7:30 AM	Grace Hardesty by M/M Richard Ryan
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Dolores Gullquist by Her Family



Dates to Remember in December . . .

- 1 **1st Sunday of Advent**
- 6 **First Friday:** Adoration w/Benediction following 7:30 a.m. Mass
- 7/8 **2nd Sunday of Advent**
CCW Bake Sale
Food Pantry
Retired Religious DOJ Collection
- 9 **Christmas Bible Study w/Fr. Mike:** 1-2 p.m. & 7-8 p.m. @ Parish Center
- 12 **Euchre Party:** 1 p.m. @ Parish Center
Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
Finance Council Meeting: 6:30 p.m. @ Parish Center
Parish Council Meeting: 7 p.m. @ Parish Center
- 15 **3rd Sunday of Advent**
- 16 **Christmas Bible Study w/Fr. Mike:** 1-2 p.m. & 7-8 p.m. @ Parish Center
- 18 **Individual Confessions:** 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
Penance Service: 7 pm.
- 22 **4th Sunday of Advent**
Decorate St. Edmund's (After 10:30 Mass)
- 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE:** Masses at 4 & 6 p.m.
- 25 **CHRISTMAS:** Masses at 9 a.m. (St. Joseph's) & 10:30 a.m. (St. Edmund's)
- 31 **New Year's Eve:** Mass @ 5 p.m.
- Jan. 1 **New Year's Day:** Mass @ 10:30 a.m.

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—DECEMBER

1	Martin Family
8	Martin Family
15	Kent & Julie Schippert
22	St. Edmund's
29	St. Edmund's



Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, Nov. 16/17, 2013:	\$ 2,724.50
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ 475.50

Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 84,108.61

St. Joseph's Offering	
Sunday, November 17, 2013:	\$ 340.00

Money Counters for December are:
Dick Arie & Julie Schippert

PLEASE NOTE the changes in this week's daily Mass schedule.

St. Edmund's office hours for next week are:

Monday, Nov. 25: 8 a.m.—4 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 26: 8 a.m.—12 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 27-Friday, Nov. 29: Closed

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Nov. 30/Dec. 1	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Doug Duffy	Lorraine Smith	Gemma Bevelle
SERVERS	Nathan King & Claire Bossong	Olivia Claire	Natalie & Blake Castonguay
COMMUNION	Mary Decker	Julie Schippert	Pam Verkler
HOSPITALITY	Helen Bruens, Louise Bruens Sheila Harman & Devon	M/M Larry Buswell Jane McTaggart Pat McTaggart	M/M Kevin Hemp Family

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
1st Sunday of Advent "A"
Matthew 24:37-44
"You also must be prepared!"

- How can I better "stay awake" in my faith?
- Am I prepared to meet the Lord were he to return in glory today?
- How can I more fully participate in Mass during this new Liturgical Year?

Prayer: I hear your call Lord to be watchful and ready to receive you when you come to me in sacrament and when you will return in triumph. Stir in my mind and heart a desire to seek you above all things. Come, Lord Jesus! Amen!

The new 2014 Flowers for Mary sheets are now up on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the Church. Please sign up early if you have a special date you would like to provide flowers for Mary's Altar.

CONDOLENCES TO Dr. Nicholas Burns and family, whose mother, Greta Burns, was called home to our Lord.

May God's peace be with her.

DEDICATION CEREMONY

Please join us today at the Parish Center following 10:30 Mass as Fr. Mike dedicates a picture and plaque in honor of Judy Krones and her many year's of service to St. Edmund's. Judy's daughters will be in attendance and light refreshments will be available for those wanting to spend some time reminiscing with friends and fellow parishioners about Judy. Fr. Lee will also be there to say a few words. All parishioners are invited to attend.

ST. EDMUND CCW

Our **Bake Sale** is coming up the weekend of **December 7/8** after ALL Masses. All women of St. Edmund's are asked to bring a baked good to whatever Mass they attend. If you are unable to bring a baked good, please consider making a purchase. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Thank you.

An Adult Christ at Christmas

Fr. Mike is offering a short Bible Study course dealing with the stories of Christmas. They will be held at the Parish Center from 1-2 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. The dates for these are:

Monday, Nov. 25: Matthew's Christmas Story
Monday, Dec. 9: Luke's Christmas Story I
Monday, Dec. 16: Luke's Christmas Story II

If interested in attending, please call the rectory to reserve your booklet.

From the Desk of Patti Duffy . . .

There will be NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES on Wednesday, November 27th due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Classes will resume on Wednesday, December 4th.

Everyone have a wonderful Thanksgiving. If traveling, keep safe.

St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's Service Members

It was suggested by a parishioner that we put the names and addresses of Service Members related to parishioners of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's in our bulletin so that we can pray for them, send them cards, etc. So, anyone wanting a Service Member's information in the bulletin, please call Colette, 815-432-3274 between the hours of 8 a.m. —12 p.m. M-F. with the information.

For those wanting to plan ahead, here is the Mass schedule for the upcoming holidays. All Masses are at St. Edmund's except for the 9 a.m. Mass, which is at St. Joseph's.

Tuesday	December 24	4:00 & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	December 25	9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday	December 31	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	January 1, 2014	10:30 a.m.

On Wednesday, December 18, 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.

ST. EDMUND'S PRAYER LINE

We are in need of updating our Prayer Line. Some of our prayer requests, especially on our Daytime Calling List, are not going all the way through.

If you are currently on either our Daytime or Evening Calling lists and wish to be removed, please call the Rectory, 815-432-3274. If you're gone from home quite a bit, you might prefer to be on our email Prayer Line.

If there is anyone who is not a part of our Prayer Line and would like to be, please call the Rectory with your request.

As soon as changes are made, a new information sheet will be sent to all involved.

PLEASE NOTE: Bernadine Buswell is still our initial contact person for prayer requests. You can call her at 815-432-3217.

It was also decided to start putting the prayer requests in the bulletin WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE PERSON REQUESTING PRAYERS.

December's items needed for Harbor House are: Canned Soup, Canned Pasta, Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese & Canned Fruit. Paper products of ALL kinds are also always appreciated. Thank you.

December's items needed for the Watseka Area Food Pantry are: Cake Mixes, Brownie Mixes & Ketchup. This is only a guide—all donations are welcome! Thank you.

A Time of Prayer

Thursday, December 12, 2013

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center

(Sponsored by Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary)

2041 W. Route 113, Kankakee

ADVENT PRAYER

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*.

Cost is \$5, if possible. If not, please come anyway. To register or for more information call 815-935-0800 or just stop by.

Visit our website at www.sscm-usa.org for more information on upcoming programs at One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage, our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessings throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

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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