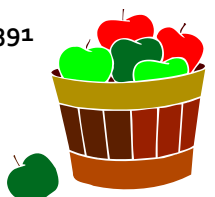


AUGUST 30, 2015

Mon.	8/31	7:30 AM	Chester & Pauline Williams
Tue.	9/1	NO MASS	
Wed.	9/2	7:30 AM	In Thanksgiving of Our 50th Wedding Anniversary by The Family
Thurs.	9/3	7:30 AM	Gloria Zirkle by John D. Zirkle
Fri.	9/4	7:30 AM	Conner McTaggart by Knights of Columbus Council #4391
Sat.	9/5	5:00 PM	Jim Butler by Knights of Columbus Council #4391
Sun.	9/6	7:30 AM	Richard Ryan by Knight of Columbus Council #4391
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Peter Daszko Anniversary Remembrance by Christina Daszko




Dates to Remember in September . . .

- 4 First Friday: Adoration for 1/2 hour following 7:30 Mass w/Benediction at 8 a.m.
- 5/6 Religious Education Collection Food Pantry
- 7 Labor Day: Church Office is CLOSED
- 8 CCW Salad Supper: 6 p.m. @ Parish Center
- 10 Euchre Party: 1 p.m. @ Parish Center
Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Religious Education Registrations Due
Mass & Meeting for RE Staff: 5 p.m.
- 17 Finance Council Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
Parish Council Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
- 18/19 Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Street Sales
- 20 CATECHETICAL SUNDAY
Outdoor Mass & Picnic @ Legion Park: 10:30 a.m.
- 23 Religious Education Classes Resume: 4 p.m.
First Day of Autumn

REMINDER: On **Friday, September 4,** after 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for 1/2 hour with Benediction at 8:00 a.m.

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—SEPTEMBER

6	Phil & Anne Zumwalt
13	Jeff Claire Family
20	Rhonda & Terry Pence
27	Sandy Harris



Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
23rd Sunday Ordinary Time "B"
 Mark 7:31-37
"Ephphatha! Be opened!"

- How can I better use my sense of hearing in being a disciple of Jesus?
- How can I better use my sense of speech to proclaim God's praise and my love for neighbor?
- How can I use all my other senses, my mind and my heart to better serve Jesus?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you came to bring me healing and wholeness. You have done all things well. Help me to always love you with all that is in me and to become a more faithful follower of yours. Amen!

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

September 5/6	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Jeanette Reifel	Rhonda Pence	Mary Decker
SERVERS	R. Gooding & O. Simons		C. Arseneau & Z. Clark
COMMUNION	Patti Duffy	Diane Buswell	Lorraine Smith
HOSPITALITY	DR/M Phil Zumwalt	M/M Jim LaFond	Sheila Harman; Linda Hunt

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, Aug. 22/23, 2015:	\$ 2,839.88
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (360.12)

Roof Fund Donations Aug. 22/23, 2015:	\$ 480.00
Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 148,474.00

St. Joseph's Offering	
Sunday, August 23, 2015:	\$ 641.00

From the desk of Patti Duffy . . .

Religious Education Registration Packets have been sent out. They are due back by Wednesday, September 16. For anyone who may not have received one, there are a few extra packets available on the table in the vestibule of the Church. Classes start on Wednesday, September 23 at 4 p.m. If you have any questions, please call our Religious Education Office on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

SECOND COLLECTION Next Weekend, September 5/6, 2015

Next weekend's second collection is for our **Religious Education Program**. Unlike our other special collections that get sent to the Diocese or somewhere else, this collection stays right here at St. Edmund's and benefits our young children, high school youth and adult members. Your generosity is greatly appreciated...thank you!

YOUTH GROUP REMINDER: A questionnaire will be sent out to all prospective Youth Group members on September 2, with a return response card due back by September 30. Information gathered will determine if a Youth Group program will be offered this year. We are also in need of adult volunteers to help with Youth Group. If interested in volunteering, please call Fr. Mike at the Rectory or myself at our Religious Education Office. Thanks!

Music Notes . . .

It's that time of year again! St. Edmund's Christmas Choir Practice begins Sunday, September 6th at 9:30 a.m. in the choir loft. Bring your voice and your Christmas spirit! Hope to see you there!

Michelle Hastings
Choir Director

ST. EDMUND CCW

Our first meeting of our new year, our **Salad Supper**, will be on **Tuesday, September 8** at **6 p.m.** at the **Parish Center**. All attendees are asked to **please bring a salad to share and a wrapped prize for BINGO**. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

Our new 2015-2016 Directory is available and may be picked up from the table in the vestibule of the Church or from the table by the east side Cry Chapel entrance.

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- Sr. Airman Thomas Westrick, son of Steve & Sharon Westrick
- AFC Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- Hm3 Richard Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- Sgt. Erik Shepherd, son-in-law of Michelle Hastings
- PFC Allison Shepherd, daughter of Michelle Hastings
- Lance Corporal Samuel Gross, grandson of Linda Hunt

Please pray for . . .

- Francis Melson.
- Those being tortured and killed by the terrorist group ISIS, especially the children.
- Those affected in any way by the wildfires out west.

One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center
PRAYER BREAKFAST

Please join us as we begin our day in prayerful reflection on relevant topics to our lives on **Thursday, September 3**, from **7:30—9:00 a.m.** This is sponsored by the *Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary*.

Our topic will be "Life choices regarding death and dying, palliative care and hospice care". Presenter will be **Marian Wulffe**, a Registered Nurse who graduated from St. Mary School of Nursing in 1958, completed her Bachelor's degree from Governor State University in 1986 and her Master's degree from Purdue University in 1989. Marian was employed at Riverside Medical Center from 1970-2011 as an Intensive Care Nurse and is now retired. The **cost** is a **free-will donation** and a Continental Breakfast will be available. To register or for more information, please call Sister Mary Stella, 815-935-0800.

MONEY COUNTERS FOR SEPTEMBER ARE:

6	Bette Maxheimer & Sam Ochs
13	Julie Arseneau & Barb Mayotte
20	Nick Harvey & Jennifer Dixon
27	Dick Arie & Pat McTaggart

From the Diocese . . .

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** in 2015 will be **October 16-18** or **December 11-13** at **Elk Grove Village, IL**. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call **Jim & Kris** at **630-577-0778** or contact them at <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

Joyful Again! (A Widowed Ministry): The next **Joyful Again Widowed Retreats/Workshops** will be:

- **October 24/25** at **Nazareth Retreat House**, 717 N. Batavia Avenue, **Batavia**.
- **November 14/15** at **Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer**, **Lemont**
- **January 16/17, 2016** at **Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer**, **Lemont**

To register or for more information, call **708-354-7211** or email them at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com. Visit their website at www.joyfulagain.org. Space is limited so please register early.

SEPTEMBER'S items needed for the **WATSEKA AREA FOOD PANTRY** are: **Potatoes (canned or boxed)** These are only suggestions...any items with current dates are welcome. *Thank you.*

SEPTEMBER'S items needed for **HARBOR HOUSE** are: **Phone Cards/Gas Cards; Toys (Various Ages & Stages of Development).** Paper Products of any kind are always welcome. *Thank you.*

DON'T FORGET to sign up to attend our **Outdoor Mass & Picnic on Sunday, September 20** at **10:30 a.m.** at **Legion Park**. Parishioners of St. Joseph's are also welcome to come and celebrate our *Fall Fest* with us!

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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

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MASS: SUNDAY 9:00 AM