

# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR December 17-23, 2018

**Monday, December 17, 7:30 AM**  
Fr. Denis White by Our Church Family

**Tuesday, December 18: NO MASS**

**Wednesday, December 19, 7:30 AM**  
Lorraine Smith by Bob Donohue

**Thursday, December 20, 7:30 AM**  
Dale Carley by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

**Friday, December 21, 7:30 AM**  
Peggy Hauck by Linda & Paul McTaggart

**Saturday, December 22, 5:00 PM**  
Ralph Buswell by His Family

**Sunday, December 23**  
**7:30 AM:** Lee Ryan by A Friend  
**9:00 AM:** Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's  
**10:30 AM:** Bob Luella Lesch by Mary Decker & Family

## LAY MINISTERS for DECEMBER 22/23, 2018

**SATURDAY, December 22, 5:00 PM**

**Lector:** John Gooding

**Host:** Rosann Miller

**Altar Servers:** Kayley Jaworski & Addison Kingdon

**Hospitality:** Pat King Family; Mary Sorensen

**SUNDAY, December 23, 7:30 AM**

**Lector:** RaDonna Hasselbring

**Host:** Julie Schippert

**Altar Servers:**

**Hospitality:** M/M Kevin Bohlmann Family

**SUNDAY, December 23, 10:30 AM**

**Lector:** Nancy Cowan

**Host:** Anne Zumwalt

**Altar Servers:** Dane & Megan Martin

**Hospitality:** M/M Kevin Verkler; M/M Chuck Garfield

May the God of hope fill you  
with all joy and peace in believ-  
ing, so that you may abound in  
hope by the power of the Holy  
Spirit.

*Romans 15:13*

## PLEASE NOTE:

The Church Office will be CLOSED December 24<sup>th</sup>—28<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, there will be NO BULLETIN the weekend of December 29/30. All pertinent information will be in the December 22/23 bulletin. The office will be back open for business on Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent "C"**

**Luke 1:39-45**

**"Blessed are you among women!"**

- How can I help those in need as Mary helped her cousin Elizabeth?
- Does my presence enhance the groups I am part of; family, work place, neighborhood, parish?
- Like Mary and Elizabeth, do I believe that "what the Lord has spoken to me would be fulfilled"?

**Prayer:** O come, O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Israel  
To thee shall come Immanuel

The 2019 Church Contribution Packets are available in the Church basement. They are in alphabetical order. **Please write your name on the front of your new envelopes the first few weeks of the new year.**

If you were new to St. Edmund's this past year and asked for (and used) envelopes or you signed up for a box last year (and used them), there should be a box with your name on it.

If you DO NOT see a box with your name on it and would like a box, please take a box IN NUMERICAL ORDER and write your name on the corresponding line on the envelope sign-up sheet on the table in the basement.

## PLEASE:

- DO NOT sign up for envelopes if there is already a box with your name on it.
- DO NOT take someone else's envelopes.
- DO NOT use envelopes from previous years once the new year starts.

**If you are currently getting envelopes and decide you no longer wish to receive them, please call Colette at the Rectory and let her know.**

**Thank you!**

It is Christmas every time you let God  
love others through you.

It is Christmas every time you smile at  
your brother or sister and offer them  
your hand.

*Mother Teresa*

The best way to keep Christ in  
Christmas is to keep  
Mass in Christmas!



# ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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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  
CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

MASS: SUNDAY 9:00 AM

*Please pray for our Service Members . . .*

- Staff Sgt. (USAF) Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- Staff Sgt. Army Reserves Allison Shepherd, daughter of Michelle Hastings
- Staff Sgt. Rori Sorensen, granddaughter of Mary Sorensen

### MASS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 24/25, 2018 CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS

Monday	December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE	4:00 p.m. (St. Edmund) 6:00 p.m. (St. Edmund)
Tuesday	December 25 CHRISTMAS	9:00 a.m. (St. Joseph) 10:30 a.m. (St. Edmund)

On **Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**, Individual Confessions will be heard from **11:30 a.m.—12 p.m.** There will also be a **Penance Service** that evening at **7 p.m.** followed by **Individual Confessions.**

As we proceed with estate planning, let us remember our St. Edmund and St. Joseph Parishes. This generosity enables us to continue bringing the Good News of Jesus to our friends and neighbors.

St. Edmund's Weekly Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
St. Edmund's Sunday Offering, Dec. 8/9, 2018:	\$ 2,139.00
<b>DEFICIT For the Week:</b>	<b>\$ (1,061.00)</b>
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, Dec. 9, 2018:	\$ 1,771.00

*From the desk of Patti Duffy . . .*

Our last RE class for 2018 will be on December 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be back in session on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Everyone have a blessed Christmas and joyous New Year!

### One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center PRAYER BREAKFAST "Morning Light Qigong"

WHEN: Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018; 9:00—10:30 a.m.

SPONSORED BY: Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

PRESENTER: Gary Paruszkiewicz

COST: Free-Will Offering

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call Sister Mary Stella at 815-935-0800.