

MARCH 26, 2017

Mon.	3/27	7:30 AM	Rosemary German Reeves by M/M Nick Adsit & Family
Tue.	3/28	NO MASS	
Wed.	3/29	7:30 AM	Don Hull by Jim & Sally Moritz
Thurs.	3/30	7:30 AM	Francis Melson by Kenneth & Mary Sorensen
Fri.	3/31	7:30 AM	Bob Tonner by Phyllis Tonner
		7:00 PM	Marybeth Claire by John Davenport
Sat.	4/1	5:00 PM	Fr. Lee Ryan by Ira & Mary Claire
Sun.	4/2	7:30 AM	Marybeth Claire Anniversary Remembrance by Her Family
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Christine Hallock 3 rd Anniversary Remembrance by Michele Hallock



DATES TO REMEMBER IN APRIL . .

- 1 Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast: 6-10 a.m.
- 1/2 Food Pantry
- 3 CCW Meeting: 7 p.m. @ Parish Center
- 5 Individual Confessions: 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Penance Service: 7 p.m.
- 7 First Friday: After 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for 1/2 hour with Benediction at 8 a.m.
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry: 5-7 p.m.
- 8/9 PALM SUNDAY
CCW Bake Sale: After ALL Masses
- 11 Euchre Party: 1-3 p.m. @ Parish Center
- 13 HOLY THURSDAY: Mass @ 7 p.m.
- 14 GOOD FRIDAY: Service @ 7 p.m.
- 15 HOLY SATURDAY: Mass @ 8 p.m.
- 16 EASTER SUNDAY: Regular Sunday Mass Times
- 19 CCW & Robert Haas Memorial/Knights of Columbus Scholarship Applications are Due
- 20 Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
- 22 K of C Cash Bash @ Celebrations: 6-10 p.m.
- 24-28 Fr. Mike Gone on Vacation
- 26 Last RE Class for 7th/8th Grades Only
- 29/30 Catholic Home Missions Collection

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, Mar. 18/19, 2017:	\$ 2,819.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (381.00)

St. Joseph's Offering	
Sunday, March 19, 2017:	\$ 505.00

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—APRIL	
2	Sam & Sue Stepp
9	Louise Bruens
16	St. Edmund's
23	Chris Daszko
30	Margaret & Gene Ochs



KIWANIS CLUB OF WATSEKA
PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST
 or
BISCUITS & SAUSAGE GRAVY
 Saturday, April 1, 2017
 6:00—10:00 a.m.
 St. Edmund Catholic Church
 Dine-In or Carry-Out
 Adults: \$5.00 ~ Family: \$15

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

April 1/2	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Jeanette Reifel	RaDonna Hasselbring	Ericka Clark
SERVERS	Kaitlyn & Conner Bell		Abby & Aden Quick
COMMUNION	Diana Wessels	Kevin Bohlmann	Cup: Barb Quigley & Pam Verkler
HOSPITALITY	Helen Bruens Louise Bruens	M/M Larry Buswell M/M Joe Benner	M/M John Martin Family

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
 5th Sunday of Lent "A"
 John 11:1-45
"I am the resurrection and the life!"

- Do I, like Martha, have faith in the power of Jesus?
- Jesus, before raising Lazarus, prayed. How can I better pray before important events in my life?
- Jesus reached out to Martha and Mary. How can I better be there when my family or friends are having a difficult challenge?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you are truly the resurrection and the life. Fill my mind and heart with faith in your love and power. Help me to prepare for Holy Week. Amen!

Please remember in your prayers:

 Rhonda Wittenborn, wife of Dennis Wittenborn, who was called home to our Lord.
May God's peace be with her.

SECOND COLLECTION
 This weekend ~ March 25/26, 2017

 This weekend's second collection is for the Diocese of Joliet's *Catholic Relief Services Appeal*.

Lenten Services will be offered each FRIDAY during Lent at St. Edmund's beginning at 7 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

March 31	Mass
April 7	Stations of the Cross/Benediction

Stations of the Cross with Benediction will also be held at St. Joseph's in Crescent City every THURSDAY during Lent beginning at 5:30 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH
Second Collection ~ Next Weekend

 Next Sunday, April 2nd, we will be collecting for *Heifer International*, which helps poor families with a means to support themselves by a gift of animals. Last year our donations purchased 1 goat, 1 hive of bees, a flock of chickens, and a flock of geese. This year we hope to increase our gifts with your generosity. Thank you!

MONEY COUNTERS FOR APRIL ARE:

2	Pat McTaggart & Bette Maxheimer
9	Julie Schippert & Sam Ochs
16	Brittany Cluver & Jennifer Dixon
23	Elsie Hankey & Nick Harvey
30	Barb Mayotte & Bill Janssen

From the Diocese . . .

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: The next *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends* for 2017 are: **April 7-9, 2017, June 9-11 & August 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>.

APRIL'S items needed for **HARBOR HOUSE** are: **Cleaning Supplies (Laundry Detergent, Dishwasher Detergent, Bleach, Windex, Pledge, Air Fresheners, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Disinfectant Wipes). Paper products of all kinds are always needed. Thank you.**

An Evening with Bishop Robert Barron

As part of its Centennial Speaker Series, Bishop Robert Barron will be speaking at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet on Wednesday, April 19th at 7 p.m.

Bishop Barron is the founder of *Word on Fire Catholic Ministries* and is Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, CA. He is also the host of **CATHOLICISM**, a groundbreaking, award-winning documentary about the Catholic Faith, which aired on PBS. Bishop Barron's website, *WordOnFire.org*, reaches millions of people each year, and he is one of the most-followed Catholics on social media.

Tickets are now available at \$15 each for General Admission with a limit of 4 tickets /person. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis on the main floor in pews and folding chairs and in the Cathedral balcony.

For tickets visit www.straymond.net or call 815-722-6653.

"God has given you another day—and he has big plans for you."

-Gary Zimak

Taken from *Stop Worrying and Start Living*

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 . . .

- An end to the senseless killing and harming of innocent people, especially in light of the recent terrorist attack in London, England.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
2017 FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN FISH FRY

APRIL 7

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

St. Edmund's Church Basement

MENU

Deep Fried Cod ~ Baked Cod ~ Baked Beans
Cole Slaw ~ Onion Rings ~ Dessert ~ Drinks

Adults: \$9.00

Children (10 & under): Free

Carry-Outs Available

Call 815-432-5569

(Day/Hours of Event Only)

PUBLIC INVITED

ALL YOU CAN EAT!!

ST. EDMUND CCW

The next meeting of St. Edmund's CCW will be **Monday, April 3rd at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center.** Our presentation will be on *Health Programs* offered at IMH.

Refreshments will be provided by Mary Claire & Kim Bohlmann.

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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

"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)

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CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

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MASS: SUNDAY 9:00 AM