

From the Diocese . . .

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends:** Upcoming *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends* are: **December 11-13, 2015, February 12-14, 2016 and April 8-10, 2016** at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, contact **Jim & Kris** at 630-577-0778 or at <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

**Joyful Again! (A Widowed Ministry):** The next *Joyful Again Widowed Retreats/Workshops* in 2016 will be: **January 16/17 and March 5/6**, at Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer in Lemont. Contact them at 708-354-7211 or email [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com). Visit their website at [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org). Space is limited so please register early.

**Diocesan Employment Resource Center**

Interest in Justice and Peace? The Joliet Diocese has a very active ministry that connects the business community to job seekers in a variety of ways and have a free job board for local businesses. Check us out at [www.dioceseofjoliet.org/derc](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/derc), find us on Facebook under **Diocesan Employment Resource Center** or follow us on Twitter **@DERCJobs**.

**DERC** has a business development team, a marketing team and a team that manages HR resources for job seekers. Beef up your resume with experience, get involved in some great volunteer work and make great connections for your Church and yourself. No need to travel either! No matter where you are in the Diocese we can use your help.

Contact **Christine M. Kieta** if you are interested at: 630-655-1291 or [Christine.kieta@gmail.com](mailto:Christine.kieta@gmail.com).

**ANNUAL IMH HOSPICE BRUNCH & SILENT BASKET AUCTION**

**Sunday, November 1, 2015  
8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

Waukegan Community High School  
138 Belmont Avenue

**BUFFET MENU:**

Biscuits & Sausage Gravy, Egg Casserole, Fruit, Rolls, Juice, Coffee, & Milk

Free-will donations will be accepted. Proceeds go to the IMH Hospice Memorial Fund to help finance patient needs not covered by other resources. Thank you for your support!

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
- Sr. Airman Rorie Sorensen, granddaughter of Mary Sorensen

Please pray for . . .

- Francis Melson

**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, November 5**, from **7:30—9:00 a.m.** This is sponsored by the *Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary*.

**Our topic will be "Youth Suicide: Effect on Family and Friends."** Presenter will be **Sister Mary Kay Himens, SSCM, D.Min**, a vowed member of the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary. She has many years of experience in counseling, family issues and strategic problem solving. She currently has a private practice specializing in pastoral psychotherapy and spiritual direction in Champaign, IL. She received her spiritual direction training at the Shalem Center in Washington, D.C. She is a member of the Spiritual Director's International.

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.

THANK YOU to Ty Herron for the awesome leftovers last week.....they were dee-lish!

Colette



**ST. EDMUND CHURCH**

219 EAST LOCUST STREET  
WATSEKA IL 60970

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

Rectory: 815-432-3274 ~ Office Hours: 8 a.m.—12 p.m. M-F

Religious Education Office: 815-432-5569

Website: [www.stedstjoe.org](http://www.stedstjoe.org)

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

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2015

Mon.	10/19	7:30 AM	Sam & Evelyn Shindelar by Bob & Phyllis Tonner
Tue.	10/20	NO MASS	
Wed.	10/21	7:30 AM	Ken Ducat by Sheila Harman
Thur.	10/22	7:30 AM	Bob & Phyllis Tonner
Fri.	10/23	7:30 AM	Doris Duensing by Leona Shafer
Sat.	10/24	5:00 PM	Doug & Patti Duffy 30th Wedding Anniversary
Sun.	10/25	7:30 AM	In Thanksgiving of our 50th Wedding Anniversary by The Family
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Rich Quinn Birthday Remembrance by His Family



Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:  
30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time "B"  
Mark 10:46-52  
*"Master, I want to see!"*

- When Jesus asked Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" he said: "Master, I want to see!" What do I want Jesus to do for me?
- Bartimaeus was told not to pursue Jesus. What may keep me from doing so myself?
- What am I blind to in my life? How can Jesus restore my sight?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus you made the blind see and the deaf hear. Remove whatever may keep me from seeing you and hearing you. Help me echo Bartimaeus prayer: "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me." Amen!

Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering Oct. 10/11, 2015:	\$ 2,140.00
<b>DEFICIT For the Week:</b>	<b>\$ (1,060.00)</b>
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Roof Fund Donations Oct. 10/11, 2015:	\$ 550.00
<b>Total Roof Fund Donations:</b>	<b>\$ 150,494.00</b>
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Offering at St. Joseph's, Oct. 11, 2015	\$ 770.00

## SECOND COLLECTION This Weekend ~ October 17/18, 2015

Today is **World Mission Sunday!** In Scripture, we read that St. Paul asked the Gentile Churches to take up a collection to support the Church in Jerusalem. Now we are asked to reach out and support the young churches throughout our world. Your prayers and generous gifts to the **Society of the Propagation of the Faith** in the collection today will help missionaries offer the poor of these areas practical help as they share the mercy of God. It will ensure the development of local dioceses, and support the work of priests, religious and lay leaders who serve in those on the margins and in most need. As well, a portion will be used for our own diocesan global missions in Bolivia, the Philippines, East Africa, and the Navajo Nation. Go out to the whole world through your gift in today's collection!

## What doesn't go up, doesn't come down!

As you have noticed we often have problems with our elevator. It is essential to our being a welcoming and accessible Parish. Our elevator dates to 1994 and it is getting harder and harder to find replacement parts. Estimates for a new elevator run from \$40,000 to \$50,000 so this will be quite a challenge to our St. Edmund family. More details to follow as they become available.

Fr. Mike

## LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

October 24/25	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Steve McCullough	RaDonna Hasselbring	Mary Decker
SERVERS	Justin McTaggart	Wyatt Claire	Trenton Hemp & Miryam Bevelle
COMMUNION	Host: Laura Stepp Cup: Diana Wessels & Patti Duffy	Host: Kevin Bohlmann Cup: Ira Claire & Diane Buswell	Host: Barb Quigley Cup: Pam Verkler & Jane Zummallen
HOSPITALITY	Ray Gullquist M/M Carl Gullquist	Christine Ryan Carol Haas M/M Jim LaFond	M/M Gene Ochs Jami Harwood

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Tootsie Rolls Sales** at St. Edmund's and St. Joseph's will be conducted the weekend of **October 24/25** after ALL Masses. A **box of 50** is **\$8** and a **case** is **\$45**. The **banks**, which come in Chocolate or Fruit Flavors, are **1/\$3, 4/\$10** or **1 case/\$35**. Stock up to "treat" all those ghosts & goblins on Halloween.

## Join the team!

A parish council and a finance commission are quite important in the life of St. Edmund. To better facilitate our parish council and finance commission meetings we need a dependable recording secretary. Meetings are usually held four times a year. The finance council meets at 6:30 p.m. and the parish council meetings start at 7:00 p.m. These usually take place on a Thursday. Our next ones are scheduled for Thursday, December 3rd. Please consider helping. Those interested are invited to call Fr. Mike at 815-432-3274. Thanks.

Fr. Mike

PS: This is a volunteer position and candidates should possess good organizational skills as well as being detail-oriented. A copy of the minutes must be kept on file at the Rectory and will need to be available to put in the bulletin. They may be emailed or mailed to me. Thank you.

Colette

## FOOD FROM THE HEART Second Collection ~ October 24/25, 2015

The weekend of October 24/25 we will take up a 2nd Collection for **Iroquois County's Food Basket Program, Food from the Heart**, which is planning on distributing 400 food baskets the week before Christmas, in cooperation with Iroquois County's Toys For Tots.

The cost of one basket is approximately \$25, but any amount of donation is very much appreciated. **Checks are to be made payable to Food From the Heart** (NOT St. Edmund's or St. Joseph's) and **can be sent directly to them at 301 S. Fourth Street, Watseka, IL 60970**. THEY ASK THAT YOU AVOID SENDING THEM CASH. Thank you!

Donations that we collect at Church will be sent directly to them, which means they will not show up on the year-end statements that several parishioners receive.

Please remember in your prayers:

Doris Duensing, sister of Leona Shafer, who was called home to our Lord.

*May God's peace be with her.*