

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

Mon.	2/19	7:30 AM	* Leonilla Florido by Dr. and Mrs. Gonzalo Florido
Tue.	2/20	NO MASS	
Wed.	2/21	NO MASS	
Thur.	2/22	7:30 AM	Valerie Carson by Christine Ryan
Fri.	2/23	7:30 AM	Lillian Custardo by Christine Ryan
Morning Mass....what a way to start the day!!			
Sat.	2/24	5:00 PM	* Michael Dolan by John Gooding & Family
Sun.	2/25	8:00 AM	Rebecca Ryan by Christine Ryan
		9:30 AM	Parish Families
		4:30 PM	Mass at St. Mary's

Weekly Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, February 10/11:	\$ 2,288.00
Online Giving:	\$ 225.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ ( 687.00)
St. Joseph's Offering, February 11:	\$ 795.00

LAY MINISTERS for February 24/25, 2024

SATURDAY, February 24, 5:00 PM

Lector: Dick Arie  
Ushers: Sam & Sue Stepp

SUNDAY, February 25, 8:00 AM

Lector: Bill Janssen  
Ushers: M/M Kyle Cluver Family

Money Counters: Dick Arie & Joe Lyznicki

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- MCSN (USN) Justin McTaggart, son of Kirk & Christine McTaggart

Please pray for . . .

- Tina Gooding
- Gary Cahoe

A Note From St. Joseph's....

On FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, St. Joseph's will have a Second Collection for Heifer International, a charity working to end hunger and poverty in partnership with the communities they serve. Their programs support entrepreneurs in 19 countries across 4 continents, which includes the US, creating lasting change from the ground up.

There are a few different items that can be purchased with donations, but we will be purchasing farm animals to donate to those wanting to make a better life for themselves, their family and their community. Please be as generous as you feel you can. Thank you!

You can check out this very worthy cause at: [heifer.org](http://heifer.org)



**Knights of Columbus  
CHURCH BREAKFAST**  
Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>  
8:00—10:00 AM  
**MENU:**  
Pancakes ~ Sausage ~ Eggs  
Biscuits & Gravy  
Juice ~ Coffee ~ Milk

**FREE-WILL OFFERINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED  
CARRY-OUT ARE AVAILABLE**

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent "B"

Mark 9:2—10

"Listen to him!"

- How can I listen better to the Father's Beloved Son?
- Jesus fulfills the Law and the Prophets, how can I better understand the Old Testament?
- How can this story of the Transfiguration of Jesus influence my Lenten observance?

**Prayer:** Loving God and Father, you told me that Jesus was your beloved Son and you commanded me to listen to him. During this holy season open my mind and my heart to follow Jesus down the mountain and to follow him to Jerusalem joining with him in his death and resurrection. Amen!

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That through Jesus, who transcends the Law, all who glory in his Name may find themselves just before God,
- That in Jesus, the fulfillment of the prophets, all the nations of the earth may find blessing,
- That the Gospel of Jesus, who destroyed death and brought immortality, may be preached to all nations,
- That all who are in need of food, clothing or other human needs, may find a generous hand and an open heart in all who follow Christ,
- That those preparing for baptism and reception into the Church may ready themselves for new life in Christ,
- That our parishioners who come to Christ may, like Peter, James and John, know the splendor of the Living God,
- That the dead who acknowledged Jesus as the fullness of the Law and the Prophets may come to the glory of his eternal dwelling,

We pray to the Lord.

Lenten Stations of the Cross with Benediction

St. Edmund's: Fridays at 7:00 PM

On Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, there will be NO BENEDICTION, just Stations of the Cross.

Lenten Stations of the Cross (No Benediction)

St. Mary's: Sundays at 3:45 p.m.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

St. Edmund Parish Center

MONDAYS at 6:00 p.m.

Attendees are welcome to bring their own Bibles.

Traci's Phone Number: 815-471-2274

TUESDAYS at 1:00 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Pledge your gift to the CMAA

This year's CMAA theme is *For the Glory of God*. Caring for our brothers and sisters in need is a magnificent way to celebrate His glory. Through our annual appeal, our parishes join with others in the diocese to enrich the lives of those most vulnerable among us, grow our children in deep faith, and strengthen vocations. We could not foster these and the many other ministries the CMAA supports on our own. This is a diocese-wide effort.

St. Edmund's goal is \$12,000 and St. Joseph's goal is \$4,000. 70% of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Church Office will be CLOSED

on Monday, February 19th.

ST. EDMUND CCW MEETING

Monday, March 4, 2024 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Parish Center

Darcy Wallace, Director of the Watseka Public Library will be our guest speaker and will tell us about all of the things our local library has to offer it's patrons.

We will also be choosing our Woman of the Year, so please be thinking about who you would like to nominate.

Refreshments will be provided by Cheryl Geiger and Sue Stepp.



## RE LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

As a special Lenten project, starting next weekend and continuing through Lent, our Religious Education department will be holding a drive to collect items for the Watseka Area Food Pantry located at the Methodist Church. Parishioners of St. Edmund's are invited to donate items to this most worthy cause.



Any non-perishable food items will be accepted, along with paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.), personal care items (bar soap, shampoo, etc.), diapers, baby wipes, and laundry detergent. PLEASE NOTE: Regarding food items, please check the expiration dates on the packaging. We cannot accept any expired items.

Please put your items in the box in the vestibule of the Church, just like you would for our regular Food Pantry weekends.

Thank you!

## SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY 2024 LENT PROGRAMS

**1 Day Retreat (Saturday, March 9 from 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.):** Led by Sr. Linda Hatton, sscm, and Frank Modica, this retreat will be held at One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center in Kankakee, and also via ZOOM.

**\* Cost for this retreat is \$35.**

**\*\* Registration deadline is Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.**

**Lent Gospel Film Series (Via ZOOM):** 5 Sessions (February 18 & 25, March 3, 10 & 17) 3:00—6:00 p.m. Facilitated by Sr. Myra Lambert, sscm.

**\* Cost for this series is \$5/session.**

Payments can be made by check, or credit card. *Registrations cannot be confirmed until payment is received in full.*

*For further information or to register, you can go to their website, [www.sscm-usa.org](http://www.sscm-usa.org), call Susan Amann at 708-790-8141, or online readers can click on the link below:*

**[Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary \(sscm-usa.org\)](http://www.sscm-usa.org)**

## 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

**St. Edmund/St. Joseph Website:** [www.stedstjoe.org](http://www.stedstjoe.org)

**St. Mary Website:** [www.stmaryschurchbeaverville.com](http://www.stmaryschurchbeaverville.com)

<b>MASSSES:</b>	<b>M-W-TH-F</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>

**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. MARY CHURCH

308 ST. CHARLES STREET  
BEAVERVILLE IL 60912  
PHONE: 815-435-2432

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

307 UNION STREET  
CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

**MASS:** Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

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SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

## Synod Sessions

The Diocese of Joliet will host two Synod Sessions to gather feedback from diocesan parishioners in preparation for the Second Session of the Synodal Assembly in October 2024. The guiding questions for the sessions are:

1. Where have I seen or experienced successes—and distresses—within the Church's structure(s)/organization/leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission?
2. How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?

**All diocesan parishioners are invited to attend one of two Synod Sessions offered:**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27**  
**6 TO 8:30 PM**

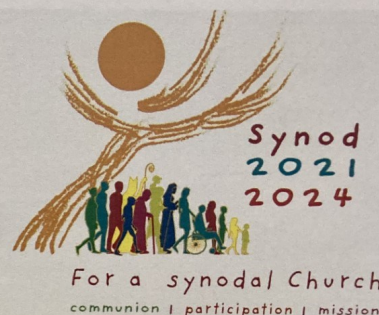
**ST. RAPHAEL**

1215 Modaff Road  
Naperville, IL 60540  
Room: Sts. Joachim and Anne

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14**  
**6 TO 8:30 PM**

**ST. JOHN PAUL II**

907 South 9th Avenue  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
Room: Parish Hall



### Synod Session Outline

- 6 p.m.** Sign-in/refreshments
- 6:30 p.m.** Opening prayer/reflection
- 7 p.m.** Small group discussion of two questions (see left)
- 7:45 p.m.** Break
- 8 p.m.** Share themes from small group discussions
- 8:30 p.m.** End



**Pre-registration for either date is required.** Please scan the QR code or visit [qrco.de/Synod](http://qrco.de/Synod)

Those who are unable to attend can email responses to the above questions to [dsalvato@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:dsalvato@dioceseofjoliet.org).