

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

MASSES:

M-W-TH-F

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SATURDAY

6:00 PM

SUNDAY

8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS: Saturday, 5:30—5:50 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 9:30 AM

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- PV2 Austin Grosvenor, great-grandson of Leona Shafer
- MCSN (USN) Justin McTaggart, son of Kirk & Christine McTaggart
- 2nd Lt. (USMC) Laura Gross, granddaughter of Linda Hunt
- Lance Cpl. (USMC) Janie Gross, granddaughter of Linda Hunt

Please pray for . . .

- Tina Gooding
- Rolland Morrical
- All those battling COVID-19

Below is a list of items that the Justin Rogers family has to give away. Those interested in any of these items may call Colette at the Rectory and she can put you in touch with Justin.

- Adaptive devices for dressing
- Wheelchairs (2)
- Transport Chair (2)
- Walking Boot
- Bedside Commode
- Shower Chair
- Walkers (2)
- Slideboard

This information will also be passed on to Catholic Charities.

NOTE: Religious Education classes resume this Wednesday, January 5th, at 4:00 p.m. at the Parish Center.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN JANUARY...

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| 1 | <i>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i> (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)
Food Pantry |
| 2 | <i>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</i>
Food Pantry |
| 5 | RE Classes Resume: 4:00 p.m. @ Parish Center |
| 9 | BAPTISM OF THE LORD |
| 12 | First Reconciliation for 2 nd Grade Class |
| 13 | Euchre Party: 1:00—3:00 p.m. @ Parish Center
<i>Knights of Columbus Meeting: 6:30 in Church Basement</i> |
| 23 | Parent Meeting for Confirmation: 12 p.m. @ Parish Center |
| 22/23 | Collection for the Church in Latin America |

For anyone wanting to send a card or a note to Fr. Mike, please address it as below:

Fr. Mike Powell
c/o Guest House
1601 Joslyn Road
Lake Orion, MI 48360

Starting this weekend, parishioners may take a poinsettia home with them after Mass.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS FOR January 8/9, 2022

SATURDAY, January 8
6:00 PM: Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's

SUNDAY, January 9
8:00 AM: Joyce Donohue by Her Family
9:30 AM: Harold & Elsie Kelch by Their Family

COMMUNION SERVICE
Monday ~ Wednesday ~ Friday
7:30 a.m. at the Parish Center

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, December 25/26:	\$ 1,400.00
Online Giving:	\$ 435.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (1,365.00)
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, December 26:	\$ 582.00
St. Edmund's Christmas Offering:	\$ 4,358.00
St. Joseph's Christmas Offering:	\$ 3,420.00

LAY MINISTERS for January 8/9, 2022

SATURDAY, January 8, 6:00 PM
Lector: Ericka Clark
Eucharistic Minister: Rosann Miller
Ushers: Doug & Patti Duffy
Cleaner: Don Miller

SUNDAY, January 9, 8:00 AM
Lector: RaDonna Hasselbring
Eucharistic Minister: Nathan McTaggart
Usher: Brittany Cluver
Cleaner: NONE NEEDED

Money Counters: Julie Arseneau & Elsie Hankey

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—JANUARY

2	St. Edmund's
9	
16	Sandra Harris
23	Chris Daszko
30	



FYI: The Church Office will be CLOSED on Monday, January 3rd.

The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!

Numbers 6:24—26

Wishing you all a joy-filled and blessed New Year!

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord "C"
Luke 3:15—22
"You are my beloved Son!"

- At my baptism I was joined with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; how can I grow deeper in that union?
- At my baptism I renounced Satan, his works and his empty promises; how can I keep myself from all that is evil?
- At my baptism I became a member of the one, holy Catholic and apostolic Church; how can I be a more active member of St. Edmund or St. Joseph Parish?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, although you were sinless, you submitted yourself to a baptism of repentance so that you might take your place among us sinners. May your example always help me to reject sin and remain united with you. Amen!

THREE PARISH CARE

It's official!
 Before Fr. Powell went to Guest House, there was a conversation with the Diocese of Joliet about when St. Mary's in Beaverville would no longer be staffed by a priest of the Viatorian Religious Order, and which area parish would take responsibility for serving the needs there. The following is the note sent to inform us of the coming change:

"Dear Parishioners of St. Edmund's Parish in Watseka and St. Mary's Parish in Beaverville,

Beautiful St. Mary's Church and its community has been under the care of the pastor of St. George, but will now shift to the care of the pastor of St. Edmund's in Watseka, effective January 15, 2022.

Many thanks to Fr. Belanger for his service to the community these past years. I am sure Fr. Powell will give the same care going forward. Thank you to the parishioners of St. Mary's. The local priests speak highly of the community and their commitment to one another in the service of Christ."

Sincerely,
 Very Rev. John Balluff
 Episcopal Vicar for Clergy
 The Diocese of Joliet

Given the proximity of parishes in the Ford and Iroquois Counties area and the fewer priests available to serve, it is common that one priest will serve multiple Catholic parish communities. St. Joseph Parish in Crescent City will continue being served by St. Edmund's pastor, as well.

I am thoroughly enjoying being with all three parishes during this time of transition. I know the faith lives strongly in each community and am sure any changes will be handled well in the weeks to come.

Fr. Vern Arseneau
 Temporary Administrator

PLEASE NOTE:
 This is the **LAST WEEKEND** the Church Envelope Packets will be in the vestibule of the Church. After that they can be picked up at the Rectory.