

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

219 EAST LOCUST STREET
WATSEKA IL 60970

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MASSSES:

M-W-TH-F

7:30 AM

SATURDAY

5:00 PM

SUNDAY

8:00 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. MARY CHURCH
308 ST. CHARLES STREET
BEAVERVILLE IL 60912

MASS: SUNDAY AT 4:30 PM

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
307 UNION STREET
CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

MASS: SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM

SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center

Caregiver Stress-Busting Program for Family Caregivers: This program, focusing on stress management techniques and relaxation and coping strategies for caregivers of loved ones with a chronic illness, will be presented by Catholic Charities **Thursday afternoons**, from **1:30—3:00 p.m. beginning January 23, 2025 and concluding on March 20, 2025 at One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center.**

For more information or to register, please call Amanda at 815-523-9919.

Those reading this online can click on the link below for more information or to register:

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

WATSEKA AREA FOOD PANTRY

First United Methodist Church of Watseka

Our local Food Pantry NEEDS YOU! Looking for an opportunity to give back to your community? Then look no further. Our local Food Pantry is in need of volunteers! They are open Monday—Friday from 9:00—11:00 a.m. and you can pick a day...or more...that works best with your schedule.



Those interested can call Elaine Hickman at 815-432-4663 to sign up to help.

The 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference.

This year's CMAA theme is *Open your heart to God's goodness*. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own. As a diocese working together, we can do so much more.

St. Edmund's goal is \$13,000 and St. Joseph's goal is \$4,400. 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.

“Silence has been a great friend to the extraordinary men and women of every age. Many of life's great lessons can be learned only in the classroom of silence, especially those that teach us about our individual talents and how we can use them to fulfill our destiny.”

*Matthew Kelly
The Rhythm of Life*

SUNDAY, January 5, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS FOR January 6—12, 2025

Monday, January 6, 7:30 AM
 + Bob Donohue by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

Tuesday, January 7: NO MASS

Wednesday, January 8, 7:30 AM
 + Beulah Carrie by Our Parish Family

Thursday, January 9, 7:30 AM
 + Mary Claire by David & Arlene Lanoue

Friday, January 10, 7:30 AM
 + Carolyn Hillary by Paul & Carol Houmes

Morning Mass...what a way to start the day!!

NOTE: Daily Morning Mass is held at the Parish Center. Holy Day Morning Masses and First Friday Masses are held at the Church.

Saturday, January 11, 5:00 PM
 + Tina Gooding by Our Parish Family

Sunday, January 12:
 8:00 AM: + Betty Campbell by Rhonda Berns
 9:30 AM: Our Parish Families
 4:30 PM: Mass at St. Mary's

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| St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation: | \$ 3,200.00 |
| Sunday Offering, December 28/29: | \$ 1,912.00 |
| Online Giving: | \$ 175.00 |
| DEFICIT for the Week: | \$ (1,113.00) |
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| St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, December 29: | \$ 680.53 |
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| St. Edmund's Christmas Offering: | \$ 4,651.00 |
| St. Joseph's Christmas Offering: | \$ 345.00 |

LAY MINISTERS for January 11/12, 2025

SATURDAY, January 11, 5:00 PM

Lector: Bill Janssen

Ushers: Louise Bruens & Jami Overacker

SUNDAY, January 12, 8:00 AM

Lector: Sara McTaggart

Ushers: M/M Kyle Cluver Family

Money Counters: Joe Lyznicki & Laura Stepp

Please remember in prayer those called to eternal life. We extend our prayers and heartfelt sympathy to the friends and family of:

Beulah Carrie, St. Edmund Parishioner

My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.
 Exodus 33:14

Please pray for . . .

- Gary Cahoe
- Morgan Shoemaker

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

Baptism of the Lord C

Luke 3:15—16; 21—22

"You are my beloved Son!"

- Do I know the day I was baptized?
- If not, how might I find out what day that might be?
- How can I remember that day in a special manner when it comes around yearly:

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you have graced me with sharing in the baptism that Jesus commanded his disciples to bring to others. Help me to be reborn every day in this new life I have in you. Amen!

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That through the waters of Baptism, which join together the Mystical Body of Christ, God may bring unity and love into his Church,
- That through the waters of Baptism, which wash away sin, we may be freed from what separates us from God,
- That through the waters of Baptism, which open the eye and the ear, God may show us his love and speak his word to us,
- That those who do not know Christ or have not accepted him as God among us, may be brought to the waters of Baptism,
- That God may give those graced with Baptism new strength to live out their baptismal resolutions,
- That our parishioners who come to Christ in faithful prayer may know his care,
- That through the waters of Baptism, which bring new life, the dead may live anew in Christ,

We pray to the Lord.



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

St. Edmund Parish Center

TUESDAYS at 1:00 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

EUCHRE PARTY

Thursday, January 9, 2025

1-3 p.m. ~ St. Edmund's Parish Center.

Parishioners, as well as non-parishioners, are welcome! We gladly accept donations to our local Food Pantry, but are not a requirement in order to play. Dessert follows card play.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Thursday, January 9, 2025

6:30 p.m.

Church Basement

REMINDERS...

- Starting this weekend, parishioners may take a poinsettia...or two...home with them after either of our Masses. Please help yourselves!
- Re Classes resume on Wednesday, January 8th, at 4:00 p.m.
- There are still some dates available for which to provide flowers for Mary's altar.