

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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WATSEKA IL 60970

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MASSES:

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

The 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2024 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 *For the Glory of God*. 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, but together through the appeal we can do so much more.

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.

WATSEKA AREA FOOD PANTRY

(Located at the Watseka United Methodist Church)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for something a little more fulfilling in your life? Well then, please consider volunteering at the Watseka Area Food Pantry. Help is needed Monday—Friday, from 9:00—11:00 a.m. You get to pick which day works best for you. Some jobs you may be asked to do is stock shelves, fill orders or answer the phone. Please call Elaine Hickman at 815-370-7122 if interested in helping with this very worthy cause.

SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY 2024 PROGRAMS

- **Scripture & Faith Sharing:** Would you love to get together with a small group of fellow Christians and share Scripture? Praying the Scriptures in a group gives us the opportunity to share our faith and how God is working in our lives. Please join Susan Amann for this 2 part series at One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center in Kankakee on Thursdays, January 11th & February 8th from 9:00—10:30 a.m. There is no cost for this program, but free-will donations will gladly be accepted.
- **Reviving our Love of the Eucharist:** Presented by Sr. Linda Hatton, SSCM, please join her via ZOOM for this 4-part series on the following Wednesdays: January 17th & 31st and February 14th & 28th, from 6:30—8:00 p.m. Together we will review the history and praxis of our worship and included in each session, will be an opportunity to discuss Cardinal Blaze J. Cupich's booklet: *Take, Bless, Break, Share: A Strategy for a Eucharistic Revival*, which can be purchased at Amazon. The cost for this series is \$35.

For further information or to register, you can go to their website, 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)

A Note From our RE Office....

Our RE Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 10th,
at 4:00 p.m. at the Parish Center.

PLEASE NOTE: Starting this weekend, parishioners may take a poinsettia....or two....home with them after either of our Masses this weekend. Please help yourselves!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR January 8—14, 2024

Monday, January 8, 7:30 AM

+ Charles Schindler by Tom & Marilyn Busick

Tuesday, January 9: NO MASS

Wednesday, January 10, 7:30 AM:

+ Carolyn Hillary by Paul & Carol Houmes

Thursday, January 11, 7:30 AM:

Gary Cahoe by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

Friday, January 12, 7:30 AM:

+ Jerome Manos by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

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 13, 5:00 PM:

+ Helen Bruens by the Anstett Family

Sunday, January 14 :

8:00 AM: + Carl Kaufman by M/M Gail Kaufman

9:30 AM : Our Parish Families

4:30 PM: Mass at St. Mary's

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation: \$ 3,200.00

Sunday Offering, December 30/31: \$ 1,615.00

Online Giving: \$ 330.00

DEFICIT for the Week: \$ (1,255.00)

St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, December 31: \$ 498.00

LAY MINISTERS for January 13/14, 2023

SATURDAY, January 13, 5:00 PM

Lector: Dick Arie

Ushers: Tom & Marilyn Busick; Linda Hunt

SUNDAY, January 14, 8:00 AM

Lector: Nancy Cowan

Ushers: Terry & Gwen McTaggart

Money Counters: Louise Bruens & Sue Butler

EUCHRE PARTY

Thursday, January 11, 2024

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 11, 2024 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Church Basement

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

2nd Sunday Ordinary Time "B"

John 1:35-42

"What are you looking for!"

- Were Jesus to ask me, "What are you looking for?", how would I answer him?
- Do I seek to find where Jesus is staying in my life?
- Do I respond when Jesus invites me saying "Come, and see."?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you have sent Jesus your Son to seek me out and to invite me to join with him in his journey. As I begin this new year, help me to enter into the adventure of discipleship and then, by my words and actions, invite others to Him. Amen!

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That God may call more men and women into service for His Church as once he called the Prophet Samuel,
- That God may lead us all to treat our bodies as His holy temples,
- That Jesus, the true Lamb of God, may invite us to remain with Him,
- That those who suffer from the winter weather may be comforted by God through the concern of His disciples,
- That God may strengthen all to share their faith in Jesus as Andrew did with Peter,
- That the needs of our parishioners brought forth in prayer, be graciously responded to by our loving God,
- That those who have died in Christ may stay with Him forever,
We pray to the Lord.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE-THROW CONTEST

Saturday, January 14, 2024 ~ 1:00 PM

Glenn Raymond School



This year's contest is open to all boys and girls ages 9—14. Participants are to be accompanied by a parent and are asked to arrive prior to the contest start time of 1:00 p.m. Doors open at 12:30 p.m.

Winners in each age group will advance to the district competition in February. For further information, please contact Joe Lyznicki at 815-383-7939.

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

Betty L. Campbell, Mother of Patti (Doug) Duffy

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

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

St. Edmund Parish Center

Monday, January 8, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 9, 1:00 p.m.

(There will be NO 6 PM BIBLE STUDY on Monday, January 15th)

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!