

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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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

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL 2023

The 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is now underway.

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are asking all parishioners to pledge their support to this important effort for our community of faith.

This year's CMAA theme is *We Belong to God*. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we help the poor and vulnerable, increase vocations and educate people of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities in the faith. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own.

This year **St. Edmund's goal is \$12,400** and **St. Joseph's goal is \$3,600**, with 70% of any amount we raise over goal returned to us for our use. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY

2023 PROGRAMS

Spiritual Direction: Is It For Me?: Please join Sr. Myra Lambert, SSCM, for this 4 part ONLINE (via ZOOM) series, which will take place on the following Thursdays: **January 5 & 19, and February 2 & 16** from 7:00—8:00 p.m.

Sunday Gospel Faith Sharing Group: Please join Susan Amann for this in-person program at One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center in Kankakee on Thursday, January 12, from 9:00—10:30 a.m. Praying the scriptures in a group gives us the opportunity to share our faith and how God is working in our lives.

For further information or to register, you can go to their website, www.sscm-usa.org, call Susan Amann at 708-790-8141, or click on the link below:

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

KENNETH AND MARY SORENSEN 65TH ANNIVERSARY CARD SHOWER

Kenneth and Mary Sorensen will be celebrating their 65th anniversary on Saturday, January 14th. Their family is asking friends and family to “shower” them with cards and well-wishes.

Cards can be sent to them at:
1701 Congressional Way—Apt. 137
Champaign IL 61822

Happy 65th Anniversary, Mary & Kenneth!

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JAN. 9—15, 2023

Monday, January 9, 7:30 AM

+ *Mary Claire by Sue Butler*

Tuesday, January 10: NO MASS

Wednesday, January 11, 7:30 AM

+ *Caroline Hillary by Paul and Carol Houmes*

Thursday, January 12, 7:30 AM

+ *William Nagele by His Family*

Friday, January 13, 7:30 AM

+ *David Stepp by Bill & Peg Burwell*

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

SATURDAY, January 14

5:00 PM: + *Amanda Harris by Her Family*

SUNDAY, January 15

8:00 AM: + *Ryan Rippe by Knights of Columbus Council 4391*

10:00 AM: *Parish Families of St. Edmund's, St. Joseph's & St. Mary's*
(At St. Edmund's)

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

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

Sunday Offering, Dec. 31/Jan. 1: \$ 1,833.00

Online Giving: \$ 385.00

DEFICIT For the Week: \$ (982.00)

Times are tough, see what you can do!

St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, January 1: \$.00

LAY MINISTERS for Jan. 14/15 2023

SATURDAY, January 14, 5:00 PM

Lector: Amy Curry

Ushers: Doug & Patti Duffy

SUNDAY, January 15, 8:00 AM

Lector: RaDonna Hasselbring

Usher: Gene Ochs

Money Counters: Sue Butler & John Tonner

There are still plenty of poinsettias left, if anyone would like to take one home with them. Please help yourselves!



EUCHRE PARTY

Thursday, January 12th

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.

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

2nd Sunday Ordinary Time "A"

John 1:29—34

"Behold, the Lamb of God!"

- How has Jesus, the Lamb of God, been pointed out to me this past week?
- How can I testify to Jesus, the Lamb of God?
- How can I welcome the Holy Spirit, who came down upon Jesus, the Lamb of God at his baptism?

Prayer: God, our Father, you poured out your Holy Spirit on Jesus, your Son at his baptism. Fill my heart with the same enthusiasm that John the Baptist shared when he pointed out Jesus, the Lamb of God. Amen!

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That all those who share the grace of Baptism may be filled with courage in testifying to Christ,
- That the Pope, bishops and all who lead the Church may be filled with faith in pointing out Jesus, the true Lamb of God,
- That all who share the name Christian may grow in the love and unity that only Jesus can bring,
- That God may strengthen us to oppose evil and to make no peace with oppression,
- That we may be given wisdom to use our freedom in the maintenance of justice here and in all lands,
- That our parishioners who approach God in prayer may be heard by the Lord who strengthens and comforts,
- That those who have died may find freedom in Jesus who takes away the sin of the world,

We pray to the Lord.

Again I want to express my thanks to all of our friends and parishioners for their efforts in helping us celebrate this Christmas Season. To all who helped with decorations, the celebration of the Masses and Yuletide generosity, many thanks and blessings for a graced 2023.

Fr. Mike

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Thursday, January 12th ~ 6:30 p.m.

We'll discuss our report on our breakfast held on December 11th. Ty Herron will provide refreshments.



REMINDER: February's meeting will be our *Chili Cook-Off*. Get your best recipe ready for the challenge!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN JANUARY...

- **January 21/22:** Collection for the *Church in Latin America*
- **Monday, January 23:** Finance and Parish Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. We will have lots to discuss!