

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

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://sscm-usa.org)

FREEWILL

As we welcome a new calendar year at St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's, we're sharing a **free will-writing tool** to help you put your love into action! Creating a will is an opportunity to protect your loved ones and find peace of mind, all while safeguarding the blessings you've received from God. This resource is free to use for every member of our parishes.

Visit FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet to put your faith and love into action.



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY GROUP
St. Edmund Parish Center

TUESDAYS at 1:00 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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.

SUNDAY, January 12, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS FOR January 13—19, 2025

Monday, January 13, 7:30 AM
 + *Marybeth Claire by Chris & Amy Curry and Family*

Tuesday, January 14: NO MASS

Wednesday, January 15, 7:30 AM
 + *Russell Patnaude by Knights of Columbus Council 4391*

Thursday, January 16, 7:30 AM
 + *Jerome Manos by Knights of Columbus Council 4391*

Friday, January 17, 7:30 AM
 + *Jeannie & Paul Geraghty Sr. by Chris Daszko*

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 18, 5:00 PM
 + *Sam Ochs by Jeff, Olivia & Wyatt Claire*

Sunday, January 19:
 8:00 AM: + *Sid & Clementine Noel by John & Sue Brassard*
 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, January 4/5:	\$ 2,127.00
Online Giving:	\$ 450.00
DEFICIT for the Week:	\$ (623.00)
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, January 5:	\$ 4,356.00

LAY MINISTERS for January 18/19, 2025

SATURDAY, January 18, 5:00 PM
 Lector: Doug Duffy
 Ushers: Tom & Marilyn Busick; Linda Hunt

SUNDAY, January 19, 8:00 AM
 Lector: Gene Ochs
 Ushers: Chuck & Marie Garfield

Money Counters: Dick Arie & Brittany Cluver

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

Ella Wilkey, Cousin of Margaret (Gene) Ochs
My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.
 Exodus 33:14

Your Daily Reflection....

"When was the last time you felt truly at peace? How often do you have real clarity about the purpose and direction of your life? These are the gifts that silence will lavishly bestow on you: peace and clarity."

—Matthew Kelly
The Rocking Chair Prophet

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time C
 John 2:1—11
 "Do whatever he tells you!"

- Have Jesus and Mary ever shown up at major events in my life, weddings, funerals, etc.?
- Do I do whatever Jesus tells me to do? Why? Why not?
- How can I more fully join in the Wedding Banquet of the Lamb?

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!

Now that we have completed our Christmas celebration, I wish to thank you again, all those who were so kind and generous to our parish and to me. Your thoughtfulness enables us to continue the work of our parish during this Holy Year of 2025. Yea Team!

~ Fr. Mike

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That the Church may always know the joy of being the Bride of Christ,
- That the varied and wondrous gifts of the Holy Spirit may build up the one Body of Christ,
- That couples who are married in Christ, may be strengthened to honor their vows until death,
- That inspired and instructed by Mary, the Mother of God, disciples of Jesus may do what he commands us,
- That the poor in body, in mind or in spirit may have their needs met through Christ and His Church,
- That the prayers in the hearts of our parishioners may come to the Lord who delights in caring for His people,
- That those who have died may join in the eternal wedding banquet of the Lamb,


Let us pray to the Lord.

ST. EDMUND'S BUILDING FUND October—December, 2024

BALANCE ON 09/30/24:	\$ 27,007.70
DEPOSITS:	\$ 18,200.60
INTEREST:	\$ 219.31
SENTRY ROOFING PAID INVOICE:	\$ 28,844.00
BALANCE ON 12/31/24:	\$ 16,583.61

REMINDERS...

- There are still plenty of poinsettias left if anyone would like to take one....or more....home with them. Mr. Wilkey gave us a few extras this year because he didn't think they had turned out as good as in the past, so please help yourselves!
- Those with Church Envelope Packets, please write your name on the front of your envelopes for the first few weeks of the new year. Also, please discard any envelopes left over from 2024. Thank you!



Please pray for . . .

- Gary Cahoe
- Morgan Shoemaker