

# ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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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.

## SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY 2024 PROGRAMS

- **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 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> and February 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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)

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

St. Edmund Parish Center

Monday, January 15: NO BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, January 16, 1:00 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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.

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- MCSN (USN) Justin McTaggart, son of Kirk & Christine McTaggart

Please pray for . . .

- Gary Cahoe
- Tina Gooding

# SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR January 15—21, 2024

Monday, January 15, 7:30 AM  
+ Fr. Rob Bernotas by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

Tuesday, January 16: NO MASS

Wednesday, January 17: NO MASS

Thursday, January 18, 7:30 AM:  
+ David Stepp by Dale & Mary Ann Ronna

Friday, January 19, 7:30 AM:  
+ Helen Bruens by Debbie Kronen

**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 20, 5:00 PM:  
+ Bernadine Buswell by Colette Elliott

Sunday, January 21 :  
8:00 AM: + Barbara Bohlmann by Our Parish Family  
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 6/7:	\$ 2,734.00
Online Giving:	\$ 287.00
<b>DEFICIT for the Week:</b>	<b>\$ ( 179.00)</b>
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, January 7:	\$ 1,007.00

## LAY MINISTERS for January 20/21, 2023

**SATURDAY, January 20, 5:00 PM**  
Lector: Gene Ochs  
Ushers: Louise Bruens & Jami Overacker

**SUNDAY, January 21, 8:00 AM**  
Lector: Kendra Martin  
Ushers: Chuck & Marie Garfield

Money Counters: Dick Arie & Laura Stepp

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE-THROW CONTEST

Sunday, 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 NOTE: The Church Office will be CLOSED on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time "B"

Mark 1:14—20

**"Repent and believe in the Gospel!"**

- For what do I need to repent? In what do I need to believe?
- What do I need to abandon to allow me to follow Jesus more completely?
- How do I experience Jesus calling me to follow him as he called Peter and Andrew, James and John to follow him?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, at the beautiful Sea of Galilee you called these first of your followers to put you at the center of their lives. Open my ears to hear your call to me and open my heart to respond to that call as fully as did your first disciples. Amen!

## Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That as Nineveh repented at the preaching of Jonah, all cities and towns may be converted from sin and toward God,
- That Christ may make our faith in Him the strongest concern of our lives,
- That in this final age, God may make his call clear and certain and give us strength to respond to Him as did Peter, Andrew and John,
- That the Church throughout the world may know the unity that only Christ can bring,
- That those who are confused, afraid, hesitant or uncertain may be strengthened in Christ,
- That prayers brought by our parishioners in faith before the Lord, may win a hearing before God,
- That those who have died may leave this present world, which is passing away, and rest with Jesus through eternity,

*We pray to the Lord.*

## ST. EDMUND'S BUILDING FUND

October—December, 2023

BALANCE ON 09/30/23:	\$ 81,070.34
DEPOSITS:	\$ 3,538.27
INTEREST:	\$ 453.50
INVOICES PAID:	
<b>Mobley Construction (Church Doors):</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
<b>Musser's Carpet Service:</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
<b>Danz Electric:</b>	<b>\$ 578.80</b>
<b>Be Next Landscaping:</b>	<b>\$ 1,275.00</b>
<b>Kingdon's Home Center (Flooring):</b>	<b>\$ 12,710.77</b>
<b>Bill's Concrete (Repair Sinkage Problem on W. Side of Church):</b>	<b>\$ 4,645.00</b>
BALANCE ON 12/31/23:	\$ 53,342.54

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

