

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

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.

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

Cody Michael Gregory, father of Rowan Setty

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



Autumn Trace Senior Communities
500 N. Ade Street
Kentland IN 47951
SWEETS WALK



Friday, January 31, 2025
3:00—6:00 p.m.

Join us for a Sweet Walk Through our Community!

What to Expect:

Sweet Box: *Get a free box at entry.*

Sweet Stations: *Fill your box with treats at each stop*

Raffle: *Winner will be announced February 3rd.*



Please RSVP by 1/24/25 to Kimberly Denault at 815-600-0787 (text)

“You may try to find yourself in a thousand different ways, but in a wonderfully profound and mysterious way, it is only through self-donation—giving ourselves to others—that we discover our true self.”

—Matthew Kelly

YEAR-END STATEMENTS FOR TAX PURPOSES

The 2024 Year-End Statements for Tax Purposes have been sent out. If you did not receive one and would like to be sent one, or, if you received one and you no longer want or need to get one, please call Colette at the Rectory and let her know. Thank you.

SUNDAY, January 19, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS FOR January 20—26, 2025

Monday, January 20: NO MASS
 Tuesday, January 21: NO MASS
 Wednesday, January 22: NO MASS
 Thursday, January 23: NO MASS
 Friday, January 24: NO MASS

There will be NO DAILY MASSES this week, as Fr. Mike will be out of town.

Saturday, January 25, 5:00 PM
 + Dave Harvey by Our Parish Family

Sunday, January 26:
 8:00 AM: + Liz Thompson 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 11/12:	\$ 2,249.00
Online Giving:	\$ 265.00
DEFICIT for the Week:	\$ (686.00)
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, January 12:	\$ 419.00

LAY MINISTERS for January 25/26, 2025

SATURDAY, January 25, 5:00 PM

Lector: John Gooding

Usher: Dick Arie

SUNDAY, January 26, 8:00 AM

Lector: Kendra Martin

Usher: Carol Houmes

Money Counters: Sue Butler & John Tonner

FIRST RECONCILIATION

The little lambs that you see at the foot of the altar this weekend are from our 2nd grade students who placed them there after receiving the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* for the first time on Wednesday, January 15th. They represent good deeds and acts of forgiveness.



Those receiving this sacrament were: Jorge Deharo Suarez, Cullen McTaggart, Aiden O'Brien, Jack Williamson and Mia Kisielewski. We wish continued blessings upon these young ones and their families!

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all injustice.

1 John 1:5—10, 2:1—2

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

3rd Sunday Ordinary Time C

Luke 1:1—4; 4:14—21

"Fulfilled in your hearing!"

- Can I hear Jesus say these words in the Gospel as if I have never hear them before?
- Jesus has told me what he has come to do, what is it that I am to do as one of his disciples?
- How does Jesus fulfilling this Scripture affect my life today?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, in your inaugural address at the Synagogue of Nazareth you announced your plan for your time among us. Help me listen to your words each time I hear them so that I may follow you as a member of your "administration", dedicated to your rule among us.. Amen!

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That on this day, holy to the Lord, we may find our strength in rejoicing in God,
- That members of the Mystical Body of Christ may be blessed with the unity around Word and Sacrament,
- That as firm lovers of God, Jesus may fulfill the Scriptures in our hearing,
- That all who suffer from poverty, illness, cold or isolation may know the compassion of God through his holy people,
- That those who seek true wisdom and lasting peace may find them in Jesus and in his Gospel,
- That our parishioners who bring their prayers to God may find solace in their concerns,
- That the dead may know the joy of new life in Christ,

Let us pray to the Lord.

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)



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

St. Edmund Parish Center

TUESDAYS at 1:00 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Please pray for . . .

- Gary Cahoe
- Morgan Shoemaker