

# 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

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH  
307 UNION STREET  
CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

MASS: SUNDAY AT 4:30 PM

MASS: SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM

## Help Socially Isolated Seniors!

Catholic Charities' Senior Companion Program (SCP) is looking for people 55 years and older who are interested in visiting with another homebound senior living in Kankakee or Iroquois County. This is strictly a friendly visit; no homecare duties are involved. Volunteers who meet income eligibility guidelines will receive a tax-free hourly stipend and a mileage reimbursement for time spent with clients.

Senior Companion volunteers provide assistance and friendship to older adults with difficulty with daily living tasks. This program helps seniors stay independent longer and provides respite to family caregivers. Are you ready to forge new relationships and make a significant difference in the lives of others?

If interested, please call Bry Williams at 815-933-7791, ext. 9928 or email [americorpsseniors@cc-doj.org](mailto:americorpsseniors@cc-doj.org).

## 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.

**2025 Busy Person's Lent Retreat:** This retreat is designed for:

- Both, women and men
- Those who desire a deeper prayer relationship with the Lord
- Those unable to experience a scheduled spiritual retreat due to home and/or work responsibilities

**You must be able to commit to:**

- At least 30 minutes of silent, personal prayer using scripture each day of the retreat (materials provided)
- Weekly meetings with a spiritual director via phone, a virtual meetings platform (Zoom, Messenger, FaceTime), or in person

A list of Spiritual Directors can be found on the link below. **You must contact your Spiritual Director of choice by February 19, 2025.**

The cost for this program is \$25.

**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)



## SHELDON COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Sheldon Community Center

140 S. 4th St.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

12:30—6:00 P.M.



For an appointment, please call Marilyn Busick at 815-429-3106, Cheryl Grant at 815-592-7034 or go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Please bring a photo ID, your blood donor card, or two other forms of ID. You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) for more information.

Those viewing this online can also click on this link:

[Donate Blood, Platelets or Plasma. Give Life | Red Cross Blood](#)

# SUNDAY, February 2, 2025

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR February 3—9, 2025

Monday, February 3, 7:30 AM  
 + *John & Mary German by Nick & Roxanne Adsit and Family*

Tuesday, February 4: NO MASS

Wednesday, February 5, 7:30 AM  
 + *Steve Quick by Knight of Columbus Council 4391*

Thursday, February 6, 7:30 AM  
 + *Dennis Hillary by Paul & Carol Houmes*

Friday, February 7, 7:30 AM  
 + *Mark Powell by Knights of Columbus Council 4391*

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

Saturday, February 8, 5:00 PM  
 + *Dave Harvey by Connie Lemenager*

Sunday, February 9:  
 8:00 AM: + *Doris Matuszewski by Dave & Eileen Rogers*  
 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 25/26:	\$ 2,222.00
Online Giving:	\$ 165.00
<b>DEFICIT for the Week:</b>	<b>\$ ( 813.00)</b>
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, January 26:	\$ 955.00

## LAY MINISTERS for February 8/9, 2025

**SATURDAY, February 8 5:00 PM**  
 Lector: Mark Calvin  
 Ushers: Doug & Patti Duffy

**SUNDAY, February 9, 8:00 AM**  
 Lector: Julie Schippert  
 Usher: Terry & Gwen McTaggart

**Money Counters:** Bill Janssen & Laura Stepp

**EUCHRE PARTY**  
 Thursday, February 13, 2025  
 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 13, 2025  
 6:30 p.m.  
 Church Basement

**Please pray for . . .**

- Gary Cahoe
- Morgan Shoemaker

**Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:**  
 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time C  
 Luke 5:1—11  
 "Put out into the deep!"

- What might be the "deep" that Jesus is calling me to go to?
- What might make me hesitate to radically follow Jesus?
- Do I ever prefer if Jesus would just depart from me? Why?

**Prayer:** Lord, you have called me to put out into the deep but you stay in my boat with me. Give me the courage to leave the shores behind and the bravery to call others to you by my words and my actions. Help me fish for you! Amen!

**Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:**

- That, like the Prophet Isaiah, God may purify the Church and send her forth to proclaim his love,
- That, like Paul, the Risen Lord may reveal himself to his disciples, sinful as we are,
- That, like Simon Peter, the disciples of the Lord may leave behind all that distracts them from following Jesus,
- That God may tend to all who suffer from the winter winds through the care and concern of his people,
- That the Lord Jesus may call more people to the priesthood and religious life to continue to bring others to him,
- That our parishioners who come in faith to the presence of the Lord may have their prayers heard and granted,
- That those who have died may be admitted to the heavenly temple and join the Seraphim in their song of praise,


*Let us pray to the Lord.*

**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.



**WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY GROUP**  
 St. Edmund Parish Center  
 TUESDAYS at 1:00 p.m.

**NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**