

# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Mon.	2/8	7:30 AM	Doris Matuszewski by Dave & Eileen Rogers
Tue.	2/9	NO MASS	
Wed.	2/10	7:30 AM	David Stepp by His Family
Thur.	2/11	7:30 AM	John & Ella Sheridan by Mary Sorensen
Fri.	2/12	7:30 AM	Betty Volden Anniversary Remembrance by Leona Shafer
Sat.	2/13	5:00 PM	Ed & Anna Sheridan by Mary Sorensen
Sun.	2/14	8:30 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:00 AM	Fred Schmitt by Joan (Schmitt) Bolles



Weekly Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, January 30/31:	\$ 741.00
Online Giving:	\$ 255.00
<b>DEFICIT For the Week:</b>	<b>\$ ( 2,204.00)</b>
St. Joseph's Offering, Jan. 31, 2021:	\$ 280.00

## DATES TO REMEMBER IN FEBRUARY . . .

6/7	Food Pantry
11	Knights of Columbus Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
14	<b>Valentine's Day</b>
15	Presidents' Day
17	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <i>Religious Education Classes: 4:45 Dismissal</i> ASHES ONLY will be administered at 5:00 p.m. MASS w/ASHES will be held at 7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY'S items requested by the *Watseka Area Food Pantry*:

**MAC & CHEESE or AU GRATIN POTATOES**

**PLEASE NOTE:** These are only suggestions. They gladly accept any and all donations.

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time "B"  
Mark 1:30—45

*"If you wish, you can make me clean!"*

- What needs healing in my life?
- Am I brave enough to bring my weaknesses to Jesus?
- How do I make known to others what Jesus has done for me?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, you came to bring us healing and wholeness. Help me mirror your love for others, especially those in physical, mental or spiritual need. May I move beyond fear to fellowship with those who are frightening to me. Amen!

## LAY MINISTERS for February 13/14, 2021

**SATURDAY, February 13, 5:00 PM**

**Lector:** Amy Curry

**Ushers:** Mike & Mary Ann Kiefer

**Cleaner:** Dick Arie

**SUNDAY, February 14, 8:30 AM**

**Lector:** Nancy Cowan

**Ushers:** Kayla Duffy & Patti Duffy

**Cleaner:** Paul Houmes

**Money Counters:** Brittany Cluver & Joe Lyznicki

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be on *Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>*, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church basement. We'll be holding our **ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF**. We will be observing social distancing practices and all attendees are asked to please wear a mask.

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL 2021 *Shining the Light of Christ*

In an abundance of caution, the opening report for the 2021 CMAA is available online at:

[joliethdioceseappeal.org](http://joliethdioceseappeal.org)

This year **St. Edmund's goal is \$11,100** and **St. Joseph's goal is \$3,000**, with 70% of any amount we raise over goal returned to us for our use. The Diocese of Joliet mailed a packet about the CMAA, including a pledge card, to all registered parishioners in January.

**For this year's in-pew process, NEXT WEEKEND, February 13/14, we will have envelopes on the table in the vestibule for anyone who would like to pick one up and make a donation. You can put these directly in the mail to the diocese, they do NOT have to be returned to St. Edmund's or St. Joseph's.**

If you have not come back to Mass in-person, but would like a CMAA envelope, please contact Colette and she will get one sent to you.

*Thank you for considering the most generous pledge possible to this year's annual appeal.*

## WE HAVE THE BEST PARISHIONERS!!

Shout-out and THANKS to those who saw a need and stepped up to the plate in helping out with our snow removal last week. Doug Duffy pitched in last Saturday night to clear the snow by the Church and Terry & Gwen McTaggart took care of some more of the snow removal on Tuesday. Your help with this was very much appreciated!



## Ash Wednesday Collection for THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

This **Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021**, the Diocese of Joliet parishes will take up a collection in support of the Church serving a part of the world in great need.

The worldwide coronavirus outbreak restricted travel across the globe. Stay-at-home orders, physical distancing, and quarantines revealed great and urgent needs, especially in those countries in Central and Eastern Europe still in turbulent transition stages. There, weak economies were made more vulnerable, and those affected included the elderly as well as doctors, nurses, and medical chaplains.

Together, we here in the Diocese of Joliet can express our care and support for the people in Ukraine and throughout the region. Please be generous to the collection, because your support helps foster nurturing communities in which Catholics can share and grow in faith.

## A Note From Amy Curry . . .

**PLEASE JOIN US!!**

***Unity For Our Community***

**Unit 9 Referendum Informational Meetings**

**OPEN HOUSE: 6—8 p.m.**

**February 8—Glenn Raymond School**

(office door entry)

**February 9—Watseka High School**

(cafeteria door entry)

## CHURCH ENVELOPE PACKETS

There are quite a few parishioners who never got around to picking up their Church Envelope Packets for 2021.

They can be picked up from the Rectory or, if you know you'll be coming to Mass, you can call and let me know and I can put your box of envelopes in the vestibule of the Church for you to pick up.

*Colette*

## BUSY PERSON'S LENT RETREAT

*Sponsored by Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary*

The Busy Person's Retreat is designed:

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

For those who can commit to the following:

- 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 such as ZOOM, Messenger or Face Time, or in-person following Covid-19 safe-distancing precautions.

The Busy Person's Retreat is being offered by the following SSCM Spiritual Directors:

**Sr. Linda Hatton, sscm**

lhatton@sscm-usa.org  
815-931-1425

**Sr. Myra Lambert, sscm**

lam-bert@sbcglobal.net  
630-267-4021

**Sr. Charlene Cesario, sscm**

charlenemec@gmail.com  
217-841-2916

**Kathy Brady-Murfin**

sscm.vocations@gmail.com  
815-814-1414

*For more information, to register, and to participate in A Busy Person's Retreat, please contact the spiritual director of your choice by Friday, February 12, 2021.* Date and time arrangements for weekly meetings will be made to accommodate each participant's individual needs.

**Cost:** Free-will offerings accepted by mail. **Send check to:**

Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary, Attn: Susan Amann  
2041 State Route 113, Kankakee, IL 60901

## SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY

### 2021 UPCOMING EVENTS

**Nourish for Caregivers:** Monthly meetings held via ZOOM for those caring for a loved one in any capacity. These will be held at 1 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. on the following dates in 2021:

**February 22 ~ March 22 ~ April 19 ~ May 17 ~ June 21 ~ July 19 and August 16**

For more information or to register, please call:

Susan Amann at 815-348-9871 or  
Ruth Barber at 815-405-4553

**A PRAYERFUL WALK TO CALVARY—A Lenten Morning of Prayer and Reflection:** Following a brief history of the Lenten devotion of the Stations of the Cross, time will be spent in prayer and reflection following the steps of Jesus to the cross on Calvary. This presentation, via ZOOM, will be held on **Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30—11:30 a.m. Sister Linda Hatton, sscm, will be the presenter.

To register for the above event, visit our website at:  
<http://www.sscm-usa.org/online-programming.html>

**LENT GOSPEL FILM SERIES:** This series is designed to help us appreciate the Lent Gospel stories. Each session takes a popular movie story and creates a dialogue between the movie and the Gospel using prayer, reflection and sharing. This series, offered **online via ZOOM**, will be held from 3:00—6:00 p.m. on the following Sundays: **February 21 & 28, and March 7, 14 and 21.** The facilitator will be Sister Myra Lambert, sscm, who will celebrate her 60<sup>th</sup> jubilee in religious life this year.

*Please pray for our Service Members . . .*

- MCSN (USN) Justin McTaggart, son of Kirk and Christine McTaggart
- PV2 Austin Grosvenor, great-grandson of Leona Shafer

*Stress makes you believe that everything needs to happen right now.*

*Faith assures you that everything will happen at the right and perfect time.*

*Albert D'silva — Positive Thoughts*

## ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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RE Office: 815-432-5569

Website: [www.stedstjoe.org](http://www.stedstjoe.org)

MASSSES:

M-W-TH-F

7:30 AM

SATURDAY

5:00 PM

SUNDAY

8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS: By appointment

*“Transforming the world in which we live by bringing the teachings of Jesus Christ to every living person.”*

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

(A mission of St. Edmund Church)

307 UNION STREET  
CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

MASS: SUNDAY 10:00 AM