

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Mon.	2/15	7:30 AM	Thanksgiving of Lamberto Demol by Chuck & Marie Garfield
Tue.	2/16	NO MASS	
Wed.	2/17	7:30 AM	Ksenia & Frushka Filc by Christina Daszko
	ASH	5:00 PM	ASHES ONLY
	WED.	7:00 PM	Wilfredo Dingal by Isabel Rogers
Thur.	2/18	7:30 AM	Norma Ely by Leona Shafer
Fri.	2/19	7:30 AM	Genevra Gooding Birthday Remembrance by Her Family
Sat.	2/20	5:00 PM	Marguerite Cox by Mary Sorensen
Sun.	2/21	8:30 AM	Valerie Carson by Christine Ryan
		10:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's



Weekly Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, February 6/7:	\$ 2,530.00
Online Giving:	\$ 130.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (540.00)
St. Joseph's Offering, Feb. 7, 2021:	\$

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
1st Sunday of Lent "B"
Mark 1:12—15
"Repent, and believe in the Gospel!"

- How am I tempted by evil?
- What do I do to respond to this?
- How can I repent during the Lenten Season?

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, during these forty days of Lent you call me to repent and believe. Help me to make these weeks a holy time of prayer to prepare for Holy Week in body, mind and spirit. Amen!

LAY MINISTERS for February 20/21, 2021

SATURDAY, February 20, 5:00 PM
Lector: Gene Ochs
Ushers: Don and Rosann Miller
Cleaner: Don Miller

SUNDAY, February 21, 8:30 AM
Lector: Julie Schippert
Ushers: Brittany Cluver & Carol Houmes
Cleaner: Brittany Cluver
Money Counters: Pat McTaggart & Steve McCullough

We bid a fond farewell to Steve and Debbie McCullough, long time parishioners, who have moved up to Frankfort in order to be closer to their kids and grandkids. We wish you well in this next phase of your lives. You were exemplary parishioners over the years and will truly be missed. Thank you for all your years of dedication to St. Edmund's!

MINISTERS NEEDED FOR ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 17, 2021

We are in need of volunteers to be **USHERS** at our 7 p.m. Mass on Ash Wednesday, as well as a **LECTOR**.

NOTE: Because the morning Mass will also be held at the Church, we will also need fogging done after each Mass.

If anyone would be willing to help out with this, please let Colette know ASAP. Thank you!

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:
jolietdioceseappeal.org

This is **Commitment Weekend** for the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. 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. Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parishes reach their goals.

For this year's in-pew process, 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.

You can also make a gift by visiting the CMAA's website at jolietdioceseappeal.org or texting DONATE to (815) 205-1949.

Wednesday, February 17th, is Ash Wednesday. There will be Masses at 7:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., with ashes being administered after each Mass. **Ashes Only** will be administered at 5 p.m.

LENTEN SERVICES

Because this is the year of the "new norm", we are only offering **Stations of the Cross with Benediction** on 2 Fridays during Lent. Those dates are **February 26th** and **March 26th** beginning at 7 p.m. at the Church.

NOTE: We will need a volunteer to do fogging after each of these services. Thank you!

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.

LENTEN REGULATIONS AND THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and ALL Fridays of Lent.

Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each ones' needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

From the desk of Patti Duffy...

Since this Wednesday, February 17th, is Ash Wednesday, we will dismiss Religious Education classes at 4:45 to accommodate those wanting to receive ashes at 5:00 p.m.

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

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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

CHURCH ENVELOPE PACKETS

Church Envelope Packets are available for pick-up from the table in the vestibule for those who have not had a chance to pick theirs up yet.

Those not able to get them at this time, please let me know ASAP, one way or the other, if you want to continue receiving envelopes. Thank you.

Colette

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

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



You can sign up for **Online Giving** by going to our website, www.stedstjoe.org and click on the **Online Giving** button.

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MASSES:

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