

# 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

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307 UNION STREET  
CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

MASS: SUNDAY AT 4:30 PM

MASS: SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM

## 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 \(sscm-usa.org\)](http://sscm-usa.org)

## Ash Wednesday Collection For the Church in Central/Eastern Europe March 5, 2025

The USCCB Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe supports the Church in more than 25 countries that are still struggling to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your contribution restores the Church and builds the future in this region

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2025 Lenten Programs

**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.

**An Invitation to Joy:** This **1 Day Retreat**, open to both men and women and led by the SSCM Retreat Committee, will be held on **Saturday, March 8** from **8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.** at **One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center** and will focus on one of Jesus' most well-known parables, the Prodigal Son. We will look deeply at the roles of the main characters of this parable reflecting on what the younger son, the father and the older son have to teach us about ourselves and our relationship with God and others.


Coffee and rolls will be served in the morning and lunch will be provided. **The cost for this retreat is \$35 and the registration deadline is Monday, March 3.**

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**PLEASE NOTE: The Church Office will be CLOSED on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.**

# SUNDAY, February 16, 2025

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR February 17—23, 2025



Monday, February 17, 7:30 AM  
+ *Bob Donohue by Dick & Barb Mayotte*

Tuesday, February 18: NO MASS

Wednesday, February 19: NO MASS

Thursday, February 20, 7:30 AM  
*Valerie Carson by Christine Ryan*

Friday, February 21, 7:30 AM  
+ *Leonila Florido by Dr. Gonzalo & Barb Florido*

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

Saturday, February 22, 5:00 PM  
+ *Michael Dolan By John Gooding & Family*

Sunday, February 23:  
8:00 AM: *Lily Custardo by Christine Ryan*  
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, February 8/9:	\$ 1,523.00
Online Giving:	\$ 160.00
<b>DEFICIT for the Week:</b>	<b>\$ (1,517.00)</b>
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, February 9:	\$ 993.00

## LAY MINISTERS for February 22/23, 2025

**SATURDAY, February 22, 5:00 PM**

Lector: Dick Arie

Ushers: Mike & Jodie Schuler

**SUNDAY, February 23, 8:00 AM**

Lector: Sara McTaggart

Usher: Chuck & Marie Garfield

Money Counters: Louise Bruens & Brittany Cluver

## FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR

There are still 4 weekends available in March on which to provide flowers for Mary's Altar, as well as various other weekends available on the schedule. Please consider signing up for one of these weekends soon!

Watseka Kiwanis Club  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
Saturday, February 22, 2025  
7:00—11:00 a.m.

St. Edmund Catholic Church Basement

Adults 13 +: \$10

Kids 6—12: \$5

Kids 5 and Under: FREE



Please pray for . . .

- Gary Cahoe
- Morgan Shoemaker

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time C

Luke 6:27—38

**"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful!"**

- In the Book of Leviticus, God commands us: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy." How can I be holy like God?
- In the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus commands us: "Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect." How can I be perfect like God?
- In today's Gospel according to Luke, Jesus commands us: "Be merciful as your Heavenly Father is merciful." How can I be merciful like God?

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, you have commanded that I be holy, perfect and merciful as you, yourself are holy, perfect and merciful. I cannot even begin to meet this challenge without your grace and your help. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, help me to live, indeed, in this manner as Christ himself compels me. Amen!

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That, like David who would not harm his enemy, God may lead his people to forgive others,
- That Christians may be inspired by the example of Jesus who, on the cross, forgave his executioner,
- That those in need, whether body, mind or spirit, may know the care and concern of the Lord through the generosity of His people,
- That all nations may learn to put violence aside and live in the peace of God,
- That our families and friends, neighbors and community members, may find fulfillment in Christ and his Gospel,
- That our parishioners who in their need, turn to God in prayer, may be heard and answered,
- That those who have been born in the image of the earthly Adam, may bear the image of the new Adam in heaven,

**Let us pray to the Lord.**

The 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!

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.

**ST. EDMUND CCW MEETING**  
Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 ~ 6:30 p.m.  
Parish Center

Wayne Lehman, with Heavenly Beds (Building Beds for Children), will be the guest speaker and will tell us just what Heavenly Beds is and what they do.

Refreshments will be provided by Patti Duffy & Mary Ann Kiefer.