

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Mon.	2/24	7:30 AM	Becky Ryan by Christine Ryan
Tue.	2/25	NO MASS	
Wed.	2/26	7:30 AM	* Elizabeth Rogers by Dave & Eileen Rogers
Thur.	2/27	7:30 AM	* Harold Markovitch by Dr. Gonzalo & Barb Florido
Fri.	2/28	7:30 AM	Fr. Marek Herbet by Dr. Gonzalo & Barb Florido
Morning Mass....what a way to start the day!!			
Sat.	3/1	5:00 PM	* Deceased Members of the Langellier/Busick Families by Tom & Marilyn Busick
Sun.	3/2	8:00 AM	* Dave Harvey Birthday Remembrance by His Family
		9:30 AM	Our Parish Families
		4:30 PM	Mass at St. Mary's

LAY MINISTERS for March 1/2, 2025

SATURDAY, March 1, 5:00 PM

Lector: Bill Janssen

Ushers: Mike & Mary Ann Kiefer

SUNDAY, March 2, 8:00 AM

Lector: Gene Ochs

Usher: Carol Houmes

Money Counters: Joe Lyznicki & Laura Stepp

Weekly Target for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, February 15/16:	\$ 1,988.00
Online Giving:	\$ 270.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$(942.00)
St. Joseph's Offering, February 16:	\$ 407.00

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—MARCH

2	Virginia Gullquist
9	
16	Colette Elliott
23	
30	



DATES TO REMEMBER IN MARCH...

1/2	Food Pantry
5	ASH WEDNESDAY: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass at St. Edmund's: 7:30 AM (With Ashes) RE Student Lenten Services: 4:15—4:40 at Church Ashes Only: 5:00 PM at St. Edmund's Mass at St. Mary's: 7:00 PM (With Ashes)
13	Euchre Party: 1:00—3:00 p.m. at the Parish Center Knights of Columbus Meeting: 6:30 p.m. (Church Basement)
17	St. Patrick's Day
21	First Day of Spring

Lenten Stations of the Cross with Benediction

St. Edmund's: Fridays during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary's: Sundays during Lent at 3:45 p.m.

Please pray for . . .

- Morgan Shoemaker
- Gary Cahoe

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
8th Sunday Ordinary Time C
Luke 6:39—45
"Can the blind lead the blind?"

- What sort of blindness do I experience in life?
- Do I try to helpfully correct others?
- What sort of fruit do I produce?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, open my eye that I may truly see and show me the right way to help others see as well. May my words and actions produce good results and may any and all evil in me be overcome by your grace. Amen!

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That the Church may always be guided by Jesus and not led astray by blind guides,
- That disciples may truly learn from Jesus, their true teacher,
- That God may give us the strength to be firm, steadfast and always fully devoted to the work of the Lord,
- That all who cannot truly see nor bear lasting fruit may be led to Jesus for sight and fidelity,
- That those things that block true vision of God and his will may be removed by his love,
- That members of our parish may be graced by God to bear good fruit in faith,
- That our beloved dead may come to share in Jesus victory death,

Let us pray to the Lord.

ST. EDMUND CCW MEETING
Monday, March 3rd, 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.

Heavenly Beds will gladly accept monetary donations or donations of twin size bedding, pillowcases or pillows. Please bring your donations to this meeting. Thank you!

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



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

St. Edmund Parish Center

TUESDAYS at 1:00 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

The 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!

The Opening Report for the 2025 CMAA attached to this weekend's bulletin reflects how as Christians, we are called to *Open our hearts to God's goodness* in service to our brothers and sisters in need.

Through the CMAA, we show generosity toward the most vulnerable members of our community. We also benefit, as a parish, from the many ministries the CMAA supports, that touch our own lives and the lives of our fellow parishioners. Ministries that include vocations, Catholic education, and faith formation.

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.

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.

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR

There are still 3 weekends available in March in 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!

SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MAY

One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center

2025 Lenten Programs

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.**

[Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary \(sscm-usa.org\)](http://sscm-usa.org)

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One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center

First Belong to God: On Retreat with Pope Francis

This book study is an 8—week retreat, held each **Thursday beginning February 27th** and ending on **April 24th**, that “draws on the wisdom of Pope Francis and the spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola”. **We will gather 9 times during the lunch hour (12:00—1:00 p.m.) both in-person, at One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center, or online, first to plot our journey for the next 8 weeks and then to share our questions, reflections, and insights as we move chapter-by-chapter through this book. The book, *First Belong to God*, can be purchased online or in-store at Amazon, Barnes and Noble or Loyola Press.**

Susan Amann, MA, Director of Spiritual Ministry, will be the facilitator.

The cost for this program is \$25. If you plan on participating in person, you are welcome to bring your lunch. Beverages will be provided.

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PLEASE NOTE: The Church Office will be CLOSED on Monday, February 24th.

RE LENTEN FOOD DRIVE



Our Religious Education Department will once again be holding a drive to collect items for the Watseka Area Food Pantry located at the Methodist Church.

Parishioners of St. Edmund's are invited to donate items to this most worthy cause. Attached to this bulletin is a list of suggested items to donate.

PLEASE NOTE: In regards to food items, please check the expiration dates on the packaging, as they cannot accept any expired items.

Items may be placed in the big brown donation box in the vestibule of the Church or in the baskets in the entryway of the Parish Center (when Patti is there). Thank you!



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

Herbert Albers, Father of Rhonda (Terry) Pence

and

Lou Lurgio, long-time St. Edmund Parishioner

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



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St. Mary Website: www.stmaryschurchbeaverville.com

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

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MASS: Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

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307 UNION STREET
CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

MASS: Sunday at 9:30 a.m.