SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022

Mon.	2/28	7:30 AM	Mary Jane Zumwalt by Knight of Columbus Council 4391	
Tue.	3/1	NO MASS		
Wed.	3/2	7:30 AM 7:00 PM	Myron Cailteux by Dick & Peg Arie (St. Mary's) N/A	Ash Wednesday
Thur.	3/3	7:30 AM	Ditty Lynch by Knights of Columbus Council 4391	
Fri.	3/4	7:30 AM	Marybeth Claire by Nick Burns	
Sat.	3/5	4:00 PM 6:00 PM	(St. Mary) N/A David Stepp by His Family	
Sun.	3/6	8:00 AM 9:30 AM	Vincent Bowers by His Family Parish Families of St. Edmund's, St. Joseph's & St. I	

Weekly Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, February 19/20:	\$ 2,244.00
Online Giving:	\$ 590.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (366.00)
St. Joseph's Offering, February 20:	\$ 1,975.00

LAY MINISTERS for March 5/6, 2022

SATURDAY, March 5, 6:00 PM

Lector: Bill Janssen
Ushers: Doug & Patti Duffy
Eucharistic Minister: Kevin Bohlmann

SUNDAY, March 6, 8:00 AM
Lector: RaDonna Hasselbring
Ushers: Gwen & Terry McTaggart
Eucharistic Minister: Nathan McTaggart

Money Counters: Kendra Martin & Dick Arie

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

Alice M. Thiele, Sister-in-Law of Kenneth & Pat Thiele

Edward Suska, long time St. Joseph Parishioner

My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.

Exodus 33:14

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel: First Sunday of Lent "C" Luke 4:1—13 "God alone shall you serve!"

- How might I be tempted to "turn stones into bread" for my comfort?
- Do I ever worship anything by God Himself?
- Have I ever been a "showoff" in my life of faith?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you were tempted in many ways throughout your life and ministry. In faithfulness to your mission among us you never yielded to their appeal. Fill my heart and soul with your strength so that I may never succumb to anything that might lure me away from you. Amen!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

St. Joseph Catholic Church will be hosting this year's annual World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 4, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. This year's theme is "I Know the Plans I Have for You".

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

PASTA, PASTA SAUCE & PASTA ENTREES

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

ST. EDMUND'S CCW

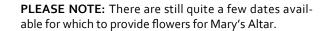
The next meeting of St. Edmund's CCW will be on Monday, March 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center.

We will have a presentation by Sr. Linda Hatton.

Refreshments will be served by Helen Bruens and Patti Duffy.

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—MARCH

- 6 Sam & Sue Stepp
- 13 Margaret & Gene Ochs
- 20 Chris Daszko
- 27



DATES TO REMEMBER IN MARCH . . .

- 2 ASH WEDNESDAY
 RE Lenten Service: During Class Time
- 5/6 Food Pantry
- 7 CCW Meeting: 6:30 p.m. @ Parish Center
- Euchre Party: 1—3 PM at the Parish Center Knights of Columbus Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
- 12 CONFIRMATION at St. Mary's
- Daylight Saving Time Begins
 Blessing of Soil & Seed Mass: 2:00 p.m. @ St.
 Peter's Church in Piper City
- 7 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 7 Catholic Relief Services Diocesan Collection

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE March 2, 2022

7:30 AM: Mass at St. Edmund's

5:00 PM: ASHES ONLY at St. Edmund's

7:00 PM: Mass at St. Mary's

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.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL Devoted to the Works of the Lord

This is *Commitment Weekend* for the 2022 CMAA. St. Edmund's goal is \$11,100 and St. Joseph's goal is \$3,300, with 70% of any amount we raise over goal returned to us for our use. Please prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's CMAA.

This year's CMAA theme is *Devoted to the Works of the Lord*. The many ministries we fund with our gifts serve people across the Diocese of Joliet. Our parishes alone could not provide the services we can when we work together, as a community of faith, to help the poor and vulnerable, form our children in the faith, strengthen vocations, and do so much more.

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.

SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY 2022 Lenten Online Programs

PRAY IT FORWARD (Online Retreat Series): This Zoom series invites you to delve deeper into the Sunday Scriptures to recognize the presence of God, not only in moments of silent prayer, but throughout all the events of our day. Each session will be offered twice, Saturday mornings from 9:30—11:30 a.m. and Monday evenings from 6:30— 8:30 p.m., starting March 5 & 7 and ending April 2 & 4. Cost for the series is \$10/session or \$40 for all 5 sessions.

Lent Gospel Film Series: This series, offered by Sr. Myra Lambert via Zoom, is designed to help us appreciate the Lenten Gospel stories. All 5 sessions will be held on SUN-DAYS from 3:00-6:00 p.m. beginning on March 6 and ending on April 3. The cost for the series is \$10/session or \$40 for all 5 sessions.

Why Holiness Matters for Evangelization: Please join Elizabeth White, Director of Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship, Archdiocese of Chicago, on Thursday, March 10 from 9:30—11:00 a.m. for this online presentation. Cost for this program is \$15.

Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary (sscm-usa.org)

ANNUAL BLESSING OF SOIL & SEED MASS Sunday, March 13, 2022 ~ 2:00 PM St. Peter Catholic Church 212 N. Pine St. ~ Piper City

The Annual Blessing of Soil and Seed Mass, sponsored by the Ford-Iroquois Deanery CCW, will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 13th at St. Peter Catholic Church in Piper City. The main celebrant will be Fr. Mike Powell.



Attendees are encouraged to bring soil and seeds from their farm or flower and vegetable gardens, which will be placed at the front of the Church and will be blessed by Fr. Mike.

> There will NOT be a reception following the Mass this year

Church in Central and Eastern Europe **ASH WEDESDAY COLLECTION**

When we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday, we will also take up a collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

WE NEED HELP!

Our Religious Education Program needs YOUR help! We are in desperate need of a few willing parishioners to volunteer to substitute teach from time to time on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. No experience is needed; just a willingness to share your gifts with the future generation of our Parish Family. Both men or women are invited! We use a standard lesson plan workbook and the class sizes run from 4—10 students.

Subs are used on an as-needed basis and you would be given the maximum amount of lead time as possible should you be called. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Patti Duffy at 815-432-5569.

REVISIONS TO DIOCESE OF JOLIET COVID-19 MITIGATION PROTOCOLS EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 28, 2022

The following guidelines affect all Church and Office activities; schools and religious education continue to follow their own requirements.

- Masks are recommended but not required. Please be respectful of others, whatever their choice is.
- Communion will be provided only via the Host. Received in the hand is the norm. Pastors have discretion as to whether or not Communion shall be provided on the tongue.
- Holy Water may be put in the fonts again.
- Collection baskets may be used again.
- Food at Church activities is up to the pastor's dis-
- Congregation may make whatever Sign of Peace they are comfortable with.
- Restrictions are removed from musicians, but masks are still recommended.
- Previously issued isolation and quarantine procedures for close contact or illness remain in effect.
- For now dispensation still remains in place.

As always, if there is a change to the general COVID-19 levels, we may reinstate protocols as necessary to keep evervone safe.

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Religious Education Office: 815-432-5569

St. Edmund/St. Joseph Website: www.stedstjoe.org

St. Mary Website: www.stmaryschurchbeaverville.com

MASSES: M-W-TH-F 7:30 AM

> **SATURDAY** 6:00 PM

SUNDAY 8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS: By appointment

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ST. MARY CHURCH

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MASS: Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

307 UNION STREET CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

MASS: Sunday at 9:30 a.m.