

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

219 EAST LOCUST STREET
WATSEKA IL 60970

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

Rectory: 815-432-3274 ~ Office Hours: 8 a.m.—12 p.m. M-F

Religious Education Office: 815-432-5569

Website: www.stedstjoe.org

MASSSES:

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

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
307 UNION STREET
CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

MASS: SUNDAY AT 4:30 PM

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HOLY WEEK/EASTER SERVICES

April 2—5, 2026

ST. MARY

Holy Thursday and Good Friday Services: 4:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday Vigil Mass: 8:00 p.m.

ST. EDMUND & ST. JOSEPH

Holy Thursday and Good Friday Services: 7:00 p.m. at St. Edmund

Easter Sunday Mass Schedule:

- 7:30 a.m. at St. Edmund
- 9:00 a.m. at St. Joseph
- 10:30 a.m. at St. Edmund

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

Friday, March 13, 2026 ~ 5:00—7:00 p.m.

MENU:

Fried Pollack ~ Baked Beans ~ Coleslaw
Baked Potato or Chips ~ Cookies ~ Drink

COST: \$15/Person

Children Under 8: Free

Dine In or Carry-Out

(Call 815-432-1105 after 3:00 p.m. to place orders.)

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Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do you have?” “Seven,” they replied, “and a few fish.”

Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.

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 very worth cause.

We do ask that you please check the expiration dates on ALL items before donating to make sure they are not expired.

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!



TO COLOR!



SUNDAY, March 1, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS FOR March 2—8, 2026

Monday, March 2, 7:30 AM

* Earl Lareau by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

Tuesday, March 3: NO MASS

Wednesday, March 4, 7:30 AM

* Dick Mayotte by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

Thursday, March 5, 7:30 AM

* Blanche Vasquez by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

Friday, March 6, 7:30 AM

* Mary Claire by Mike & Trisha Haag

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

NOTE: Daily Morning Mass is held at the Parish Center. Holy Day, First Friday and Ash Wednesday Masses are held at the Church.

Saturday, March 7, 5:00 PM

* Charles LaMotte by His Family

Sunday, March 8:

8:00 AM: Our Parish Families

9:30 AM: * Angela Taylor by M/M David Johnson

4:30 PM: Mass at St. Mary's

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation: \$ 3,200.00

Sunday Offering, February 21/22: \$ 2,010.00

Online Giving: \$ 300.00

DEFICIT for the Week: \$ (890.00)

St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, February 22: \$ 615.00

LAY MINISTERS for March 7/8, 2026

SATURDAY, March 7, 5:00 PM

Lector: John Gooding

Ushers: Kevin & Pam Verkler

SUNDAY, March 8, 8:00 AM

Lector: Nancy Cowan

Usher: Gene Ochs

Money Counters: Dick Arie & Laura Stepp

ST. EDMUND CCW

Our next meeting is on Monday, March 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. Fr. Mike will be our guest speaker and will tell us about some of his travels. We will also be announcing who our *Woman of the Year* is. Refreshments will be provided by Patti Duffy and Mary Ann Kiefer.

Please pray for . . .

- Gary Cahoe
- Louise Bruens

PLEASE NOTE: The Church Office will be CLOSED on Wednesday, March 4th.

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

3rd Sunday of Lent A

John 4:5—42

"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst!"

- The Samaritan woman bumped into Jesus at the well, have I ever encountered Jesus unexpectedly?
- Do I thirst for the water that only Jesus can give?
- How can I testify to Jesus before others as the Samaritan women did?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, as I prepare to renew by baptismal promises on Easter, and as thousands throughout the world prepare for the sacrament of Baptism, may these Lenten days be a time of spiritual renewal and reawakening for me as one of your authentic disciples. Amen!

Continue to pray for the Catechumens from your continent!

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That, like the woman of Samaria, God may lead us to examine our lives before Christ and acknowledge our sinfulness,
- That all people, free from the spirit of doubt, may worship God in spirit and truth,
- That God may stir in all of us a deep thirst for the living water he alone can give,
- That, like the woman of Samaria, we may be strengthened to share with others what we have found in Jesus,
- That all preparing for baptism and reception into the Church may hunger for the Word of God,
- That all of our parishioners may know the love and concern of the Lord,
- That the dead, who were washed clean with the living water of baptism, may worship God in eternity in his heavenly Temple,

We pray to the Lord.

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA)

If you have already pledged to the CMAA, we sincerely thank you! Let's join together to meet our parish \$GOALS of \$13,300 for St. Edmund's and \$4,900 for St. Joseph's. Every gift makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully consider how you can elevate your faith beyond all expectations in support of those in need. Pledge envelopes are still available in Church, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at jolietdioceseappeal.org.

Remember, we receive 70% of any amount raised over our goals to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

Lenten Stations of the Cross with Benediction
ST. EDMUND: *Fridays during Lent at 7:00 p.m.*

Lenten Stations of the Cross (No Benediction)
ST. MARY: *Sundays during Lent at 3:45 p.m.*

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME returns on **SUNDAY, MARCH 8th**. Don't forget to set your clocks **AHEAD 1 hour** before going to bed Saturday night.