

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

Mon.	3/9	7:30 AM	* Mary Claire by Chris & Amy Curry & Family
Tue.	3/10	NO MASS	
Wed.	3/11	7:30 AM	* Melissa Houmes by Tom & Marilyn Busick
Thur.	3/12	7:30 AM	* Rodney F. Reeves by Roxanne & Nick Adsit & Family
Fri.	3/13	7:30 AM	* Russell Patnaude by Mike Hillary
<i>Morning Mass....what a way to start the day!!</i>			
NOTE: Daily Morning Mass is held at the Parish Center. Holy Day, First Friday and Ash Wednesday Masses are held at the Church.			
Sat.	3/14	5:00 PM	* Peggy Hopkins Birthday Remembrance by the Don & Rosann Miller Family
Sun.	3/15	8:00 AM	* Paul Harman Birthday Remembrance by Ron & Dolores Bowers & Sheila Harman
		9:30 AM	Our Parish Families
		4:30 PM	Mass at St. Mary's

LAY MINISTERS for March 14/15, 2026

SATURDAY, March 14, 5:00 PM

Lector: Paula Williamson

Ushers: Tom & Marilyn Busick

SUNDAY, March 15, 8:00 AM

Lector: Julie Schippert

Ushers: Terry & Gwen McTaggart

Money Counters: Bill Janssen & Joe Lyznicki

Weekly Target for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, Feb. 28/Mar. 1:	\$ 2,686.00
Online Giving:	\$ 290.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (224.00)
St. Joseph's Offering, March 1:	\$ 2,547.00

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Thursday, March 12, 2026

6:30 PM

St. Edmund's Church Basement

EUCHRE PARTY

Our next Euchre Party will be on Thursday, March 12th from 1-3 p.m. at the Parish Center. *Parishioners, as well as non-parishioners, are welcome!* We gladly accept donations to our local Food Pantry, but are not a requirement in order to play. Dessert follows card play.

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.*

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.)

PUBLIC INVITED

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

4th Sunday of Lent A

John 9:1—41

"I was blind but now I see!"

- What sort of blindness (physical, spiritual, or emotional) have I had to deal with in my life?
- Have I brought this blindness to Jesus and asked for healing?
- Do I, like the man born blind, believe in Jesus, the Son of Man?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you came into my life to take away my blindness. Open my eyes...and my mind and my heart to truly see you for who you are, the Light of the World. Amen!

Please continue to pray for the Catechumens from your continent.

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That God may dispel all darkness and be the light by whom we see all things,
- That all peoples may be gently led to Christ who gives true sight,
- That the elect preparing for baptism, may be led to open their eyes and hearts toward God,
- That all of us may be readied to renew our baptismal resolutions on Easter,
- That, transformed in the Holy Spirit, we may seek the things that are holy and just,
- That all who suffer persecution for the faith may find their strength in him,
- That the deceased, who died with Christ in baptism, may rise with him to eternal life,

We pray to the Lord.

SECOND COLLECTION AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

March 15th & 22nd, 2026

On March 15th & 22nd, St. Joseph's Church will have a second collection for *Heifer International*, a charity working to end hunger and poverty in partnership with the communities they serve. Their programs support entrepreneurs in 19 countries across 4 continents, which includes the US, creating lasting change from the ground up. Please be as generous as you feel you can. Thank you!

If there are any St. Edmund parishioners who would like to donate to this, you may put your donation (cash or check, **made payable to St. Joseph Church**, in an envelope marked *Heifer International*) and put it in our collection basket and it will be sent on to St. Joseph's.

You can check out this very worthy cause at heifer.org

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!

PLEASE NOTE: The Church Office will be CLOSED on Friday, March 13th.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next Weekend ~ March 14/15, 2026

Next Weekend's Special Collection is for *Catholic Relief Services*, which is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the US. They alleviate suffering and provide assistance to people in need in more than 100 countries, without regard to race, belief or nationality.



CCW SCHOLARSHIP

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ROBERT HAAS MEMORIAL/ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now available for the St. Edmund CCW Scholarship and the Robert Haas Memorial/ Knights of Columbus St. Teresa of Avila Council #4391 Scholarship.

CCW Scholarship

- Must be a current, active, registered member of St. Edmund's.
- Must have already been accepted by a college/ university/trade school.

Robert Haas Memorial/ Knights of Columbus Scholarship

- Must be a current, active, registered member of any Parish served by our Knights of Columbus St. Teresa of Avila Council 4391.
- Must have already been accepted by a college/ university/trade school.

NOTE: Current, active, registered members of St. Edmund's may apply for BOTH scholarships.

Applications may be picked up from the table in the vestibule of the Church. The Knights of Columbus will distribute copies of their scholarship to other parishes to which members belong.

ALL applications are to be returned by **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND, 2026**. *If mailing them back, they must be postmarked no later than April 17th*. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. They may be dropped off at St. Edmund's Rectory between 8 a.m.—12 p.m., M-F or mailed to St. Edmund Catholic Church; ATTN: Scholarship Committee; 219 E. Locust St., Watseka, IL, 60970. Please note on your return envelope which organization's scholarship application it is. Applications with all the required information attached may also be emailed to cmelliott@stedwatska.org.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL APPLICANTS!

Please pray for . . .

- Louise Bruens
- Gary Cahoe

Father John Sebahar Scholarship

The Ford-Iroquois Council of Catholic Women, in honor of Father John Sebahar, has established a one-time \$500 scholarship to a practicing, graduating senior who desires to further their education. Father John was a former pastor in the Ford-Iroquois Deanery. He enjoyed seeing youth excel.

An information sheet and an application form for this scholarship may be picked up from the table in the vestibule of the Church.

All applications need to be postmarked by April 30th. If emailed, they must be received by midnight on April 30th.

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

REMINDER

Please take some time and check out all the great reads we have in our book rack located on the west wall at the back of the Church, as you leave.

You are invited to help yourselves to any of the Holy Book Rack Reads! All we ask is that you take care of the books while in your possession and return them to the rack when you have finished reading them for others to enjoy.

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

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

St. Mary Website: www.stmaryschurchbeaverville.com

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

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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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MASS: Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

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