

# SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

Mon.	3/20	7:30 AM	+ Mary Lou Conlin by Our Parish Familh
Tue.	3/21	NO MASS	
Wed.	3/22	7:30 AM	+ Rhonda Wittenborn by Chris & Amy Curry and Family
Thur.	3/23	7:30 AM	+ Debbe Quick by Knight of Columbus Council 4391
Fri.	3/24	7:30 AM	+ Paul and Ann Lola Kelly by Paul Kelly
<b>Morning Mass....what a way to start the day!!</b>			
Sat.	3/25	5:00 PM	+ Max Gooding by John Gooding and Family
Sun.	3/26	8:00 AM	+ Kenneth & Alice Tuelp by Christina Daszko
		9:30 AM	Our Parish Families
		4:30 PM	Mass at St. Mary's

Weekly Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, March 11/12	\$ 2,537.00
Online Giving:	\$ 435.00
<b>DEFICIT</b> For the Week:	<b>\$ ( 228.00)</b>
<b>Times are tough, see what you can do!</b>	
St. Joseph's Offering, March 12:	\$ 545.00

## LAY MINISTERS for March 25/26, 2023

**SATURDAY, March 25, 5:00 PM**

Lector: Doug Duffy

Usher: Amy Curry

**SUNDAY, March 26, 8:00 AM**

Lector: Bill Janssen

Usher: M/M Kyle Cluver Family

**Money Counters:** Dick Arie & Joe Lyznicki

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

Kenneth E. Sorensen, husband of Mary Sorensen  
and

James R. Wright, Esteemed Diocese of Joliet Employee

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



**FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023**

5:00—7:00 p.m.

ST. EDMUND CATHOLIC CHURCH BASEMENT

**MENU:**

Fried or Baked Pollack

Baked Beans

Coleslaw

Baked Potato or Chips

Dessert

Drink

**COST: Free-Will Donation**

Carry-Outs Available

Call 815-432-5569 (Day/Hours of Event Only)

**PUBLIC INVITED**



## RE LENTEN FOOD (& OTHER ITEMS) DRIVE

Now, through the end of April.... don't forget to bring your items to benefit the Watseka Area Food Pantry.

PLEASE NOTE: We CANNOT accept expired items. The Food Pantry will just throw them away.

Thank you!

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent "A"

John 11:1—45

"Lazarus, come out!"

- Jesus is the "resurrection and the life," how do I find new life in him?
- Has the death of a loved one been a challenge to my faith or brought me closer to God?
- How am I preparing spiritually for my own death?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, you are the Resurrection and the Life, help me to live my life in you so that at the moment of my death you may welcome me to the new and eternal life you came to bring. Amen!

**Remember: Pray for the catechumens of your continent based on your birthday month!**

January/February: North America

March/April: South American

May/June: Africa

July/August: Europe

September/October: Asia

November/December: Australia

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That all who bear the name "Christian" may never hesitate to acknowledge Jesus as the Resurrection and the Life,
- That these Lenten days may lead us to freedom from sin and growth in holiness,
- That freed from the shackles of sin, those preparing for baptism and reception into the Church may be called out of darkness to new life in Christ,
- That the whole world, the work of God's creating hand, may flower in faith and increase in charity,
- That those saddened by death and those who minister to them may find consolation in Christ, victor over death,
- That our parishioners who, like Martha, come to Christ in prayer, may be heard,
- That those who sleep in death may, like Lazarus, find life in Christ,

*We pray to the Lord*

**CONFESSIONS:** On **Wednesday, March 29, Fr. Mike** will hear confessions from 11:30 a.m. —12:30 p.m. There will be a **Penance Service** that evening at **7 p.m.** with Individual Confessions afterward.

## ST. EDMUND CCW 2023 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Louise Bruens, this year's St. Edmund CCW's *Woman of the Year!* Louise is a proud, life-long member of St. Edmund's having made her First Communion and Confirmation here. She has lived in Watseka her whole life and has one grown son, Nathaniel, who lives in Clifton. Her parents are Eugene and Helen Bruens, also of Watseka, who are also part of our parish family.

Louise has been involved in our Religious Education Program for over 25 years, having been brought on board by her aunt, Judy Krones. She started out as Anne Zumwalt's aide in the Confirmation Class (Jr. High) and when Anne decided to retire in 2012, Louise took over as the teacher. She really enjoys teaching and preparing her students for Confirmation, which involves doing various service projects which benefit our Church, our community and our families.

Louise has been Co-President of our CCW since 2019, carrying on the tradition of her mom, Helen, who also held the office of President and was also their *Woman of the Year* in 1986.

Giving of her time to St. Edmund's is something Louise enjoys, having been an usher for many years, as well as a money counter for over two years. She also attends Parish Council meetings as a CCW representative. She has volunteered many times over the years at our annual Turkey Dinners, either on her own or with her RE Class as a service project for Confirmation. For the past 8 years she has also helped Patti Duffy decorate the Church for Easter and Christmas, sometimes with the help of her RE Class, as a service project for them.

Outside of Church, Louise has volunteered as an Election Judge in her precinct for many years.

Louise, and her fellow CCW *Woman of the Year*, will be honored at a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Congratulations to Louise and all her fellow *Women of the Year!*



### ST. JOSEPH CCW WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Tracy Kelch, this year's St. Joseph CCW's *Woman of the Year*! Originally a member of St. Edmund's for many years, Tracy has made St. Joseph's her home Church for over 30 years now because of its closer proximity to where she lives. As a member of St. Joseph's CCW, this is the second time that Tracy is serving in the capacity of President.

Tracy has been married to Jim Kelch for over 35 years and together they have four beautiful adult children, one who resides in Metamora, Illinois and three who reside in Florida. With three children living in Florida, there's always an opportunity to get away to a warmer climate during our Illinois winters!

She loves music and with Jim being part of a band, they sometimes let Tracy wow the crowds with her singing! Being a country gal, Tracy loves her flower beds so the Spring and Summer months are her favorite times of the year.

Tracy works in Bourbonnais, IL at the Farm Service Agency. She is also a Certified Life Coach and hosts workshops for those interested in this. And if that wasn't enough, she also teaches a Dancercize class at *Now and Zen* in Crescent City. She, along with Paula Hokak, are also trying to start up a Bible Study group. Keeping busy seems to be one of Tracy's hobbies!

Tracy feels very honored to have been chosen as the 2023 *Woman of the Year*!

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### CCW SCHOLARSHIP

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### ROBERT HAAS MEMORIAL/K OF C SCHOLARSHIP

Application packets for these two scholarships can be found on the table in the vestibule of the Church. All applications are to be returned no later than Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY 2023 PROGRAMS

**Poetry of Presence Writing Workshop:** Please join Erin Sweeney for this online series where you will read, write, and reflect on the topics of mindfulness, brokenness, miracles and joy. We will read poems from the book *Poetry of Presence: An Anthology of Mindfulness Poems* to remind us to notice God at work in our busy lives, and journal and share about those moments in session. The series will run 4 Saturdays in April (1, 15, 22 & 29) from 10:00—11:30 a.m. Cost for this series is \$45.

**The Parables of Jesus:** Please come and join Sr. Loretta Finn, SSCM, on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. —12:00 p.m. at *One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center* in Kankakee for this program. Cost for this program is \$15.

For further information or to register, you can go to their website, [www.sscm-usa.org](http://www.sscm-usa.org), call Susan Amann at 708-790-8141, or click on the link below:

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

#### Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- MCSN (USN) Justin McTaggart, son of Kirk & Christine McTaggart
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. (USMC) Laura Gross, granddaughter of Linda Hunt
- Lance Cpl. (USMC) Janie Gross, granddaughter of Linda Hunt

#### Please pray for . . .

- Rolland Morrical
- Tyler Shoven & Family
- Randy Roth

### HOLY WEEK/EASTER WEEKEND SERVICES

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

## ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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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](http://www.stedstjoe.org)

St. Mary Website: [www.stmaryschurchbeaverville.com](http://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

308 ST. CHARLES STREET  
BEAVERVILLE IL 60912  
PHONE: 815-435-2432

MASS: Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

307 UNION STREET  
CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

MASS: Sunday at 9:30 a.m.