

# ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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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  
308 ST. CHARLES STREET  
BEAVERVILLE IL 60912

MASS: SUNDAY AT 4:30 PM

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH  
307 UNION STREET  
CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

MASS: SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

St. Edmund Parish Center

Canceled for Monday & Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>.

## RE LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

(Running now through mid-April)

Any items that the Watseka Area Food Pantry usually accepts can be donated and placed in the box in the vestibule of the Church. We kindly ask that NO EXPIRED ITEMS BE GIVEN.

## Notes From St. Joseph's...

St. Joseph's Church will be celebrating their Sesquicentennial (150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Anyone that would have memorabilia or pictures that could be used for the day would be appreciated. Items can be brought to St. Joseph's or mailed to Jean Herron: PO Box 224, Crescent City, IL, 60928. More information about the celebration will be forthcoming in the bulletin.

## CCW SCHOLARSHIP

ROBERT HAAS MEMORIAL/K of C SCHOLARSHIP  
FR. JOHN SEBAHAR SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for these three scholarships can be found on the table in the vestibule of the Church.

Applications for the CCW Scholarship and the Robert Haas Memorial/ Knights of Columbus Scholarship are due back by Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The Fr. John Sebahar Scholarship is due back to Debbie Krones by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

## ST. EDMUND CCW MEETING

Monday, April 1, 2024 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Parish Center

Our guest speaker will be Matthew Kreeb, a military veteran who was once a soldier who stood guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Because of the subject matter for this meeting, we are inviting parishioners from St. Edmund's, St. Joseph's and St. Mary's to come and listen to his story.

Refreshments will be provided by Rosann Miller and Paula Hodak.

## SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY

2024 PROGRAMS

*Gifts of the Holy Spirit—Morning of Reflection:* Will be held on Thursday, April 11 from 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. at *One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center* in Kankakee. Please join presenter, Sr. Loretta Finn, SSCM, as we learn and reflect on these seven gifts and how they aid us in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

\* 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 online readers can click on the link below:

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

## BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD & EASTER BASKETS

HOLY SATURDAY ~ MARCH 30, 2024

10:00 AM

St. Edmund Church

# SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR March 25—31, 2024

**Monday, March 25, 7:30 AM:**  
 + Barbara Bohlmann by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

**Tuesday, March 26: NO MASS**

**Wednesday, March 27, 7:30 AM:**  
 + Kenneth & Alice Tuelp by Christina Daszko

**HOLY THURSDAY, March 28, 7:30 AM:**  
 4:30 PM: Mass at St. Mary  
 7:00 PM: + Mary Claire by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

**GOOD FRIDAY, March 29, 7:30 AM:**  
 4:30 PM: Mass at St. Mary  
 7:00 PM: *Evening Memorial of Our Lord's Passion*

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

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

**HOLY SATURDAY, March 30, 5:00 PM:**  
 8:00 PM: Mass at St. Mary

**EASTER SUNDAY, March 31:**  
 7:30 AM: *Mary McTaggart by Knights of Columbus Council 4391*  
 9:00 AM: + *Barbara Lavoie-Munsterman by St. Joseph's Parish Family*  
 10:30 AM: *Our Parish Families*

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, March 16/17:	\$ 2,969.00
Online Giving:	\$ 175.00
<b>DEFICIT for the Week:</b>	<b>\$ ( 56.00)</b>
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, March 17:	\$ 640.00

## LAY MINISTERS for March 30/31, 2024

**HOLY THURSDAY, March 28, 7:00 PM**  
 Lector: Bill Janssen  
 Ushers: Louise Bruens & Patti Duffy

**GOOD FRIDAY, March 29, 7:00 PM**  
 Lector: Gene Ochs  
 Usher: VOLUNTEER

**EASTER SUNDAY, March 30**  
 7:30 AM  
 Lector: RaDonna Hasselbring  
 Ushers: Terry & Gwen McTaggart

10:30 AM  
 Lector: Nancy Cowan  
 Ushers: Don & Rosann Miller

**Money Counters:** John Tonner & Joe Lyznicki

**Please pray for our Service Members . . .**

- MCSN (USN) Justin McTaggart, son of Kirk & Christine McTaggart

**Please pray for . . .**

- Gary Cahoe
- Tina Gooding

**Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:**  
**EASTER SUNDAY!**  
 John 20:1—9  
*"He saw and believed!"*

- How did I hear the news of Jesus resurrection?
- Did I believe it then, how do I believe it today?
- What impact does the resurrection of Jesus have on my life right here, right now?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, your resurrection manifests you as the Lord of Life and the Victor over death. On this joyful day, and through this joyful season, may my life be transformed by your death and rising. Grant me the favor of bringing this good news to others as did Mary Magdalene on that first Easter morning. Please consecrate to yourself all my new brothers and sisters, those who were baptized today throughout the whole world. Amen!

**Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:**

- That the life of Christ, risen in glory, may strengthen His Church as it proclaims the truth,
- That the light of Christ, Victor over death, may fill the hearts and minds of the newly baptized,
- That the joy of Christ, healer of all ills, may soothe all who suffer in body, mind or spirit,
- That the hope of Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life, may strengthen all who spend themselves in the service of their brothers and sisters in Christ,
- That the holiness of Christ, True God from True God, may sanctify the homes of all believers,
- That the love of Christ, who promised to remain with us always, may be known by all of our parishioners,
- That the consolation of Christ, who gave himself up to death for us, may comfort the hearts of all who grieve and lead our beloved dead into his heavenly Kingdom,

*We pray to the Lord.*

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
 Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024  
 Following the 7:00 p.m. Mass—9:00 p.m.

Parishioners are invited to come and spend at least 1/2 hour with our Lord during this time. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT AT LEAST ONE PERSON BE HERE DURING THIS TIME SO THAT OUR LORD IS NOT ALONE.**

**REMINDER: GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FAST (one full meatless meal) and TOTAL ABSTINENCE (no meat for everyone 14 years of age and older).**

**EASTER FLOWERS FOR ST. EDMUND'S**

Parishioners of St. Edmund's are invited to help decorate our Church for Easter by bringing potted, seasonal flowers to place around the altar and surrounding area. They must be **LIVE FLOWERS**—no artificial flowers, please.

We ask that you have your flowers to the Church by **NOON** next Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. The Church will be open from 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. so that you may drop off your flowers. Thank you!