

# SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

Mon.	3/29	7:30 AM	Margaret Stahler by Our Parish Family
Tue.	3/30	NO MASS	
Wed.	3/31	7:30 AM	Marybeth Claire Anniversary Remembrance by Her Family
Thur.	4/1	7:00 PM	Lacy Freehill by Our Parish Family
Fri.	4/2	7:00 PM	Evening Memorial of Our Lord's Passion
Sat.	4/3	8:00 PM	Nina Varbounker by Chris Seigworth
Sun.	4/4	7:30 AM	Lavern Sadler by Myron & Linda Cailteux
		9:00 AM	Matthew Kafer by Jean & Ty Herron
		10:30 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's



Weekly Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, March 20/21:	\$ 2,546.00
Online Giving:	\$ 130.00
<b>DEFICIT</b> For the Week:	<b>\$ ( 524.00)</b>
St. Joseph's Offering, March 21, 2021:	\$ 410.00

## LAY MINISTERS for HOLY WEEK, Apr. 1—4, 2021

<b>HOLY THURSDAY, April 1, 7:00 PM</b> Lector: Dick Arie Ushers: Mike & Mary Ann Kiefer Cleaner: Dick Arie
<b>GOOD FRIDAY, April 2, 7:00 PM</b> Lector: Doug Duffy Ushers: Terry & Gwen McTaggart Cleaner: Terry McTaggart
<b>HOLY SATURDAY, April 3, 8:00 PM</b> Lector: Gene Ochs Ushers: Tyler Blanchette & Louise Bruens Cleaner: Tyler Blanchette
<b>EASTER SUNDAY, April 4, 7:30 AM</b> Lector: Rhonda Pence Ushers: Carol Houmes & Kayla Duffy Cleaner: Paul Houmes
<b>EASTER SUNDAY, April 4: 10:30 AM</b> Lector: Ericka Clark Ushers: Amy Curry & Jami Harwood Cleaner: VOLUNTEER Money Counters: Julie Arseneau & Elsie Hankey

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:  
Easter Sunday "B"  
John 20:1—9  
"They saw and believed!"

- How does the Risen Lord transform my life?
- Do I, like Mary Magdalene, bring the news of Jesus' Resurrection to others?
- Do I, like Peter and John, search for the Risen Jesus?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, help me follow you to the cross so that I may share in the joy of your Resurrection. Let this season of Easter joy transform me into an authentic disciple. Amen!

"Nothing, how little so ever it be, if it is suffered for God's sake, can pass without merit in the sight of God."  
—Thomas a Kempis

PLEASE NOTE the Mass schedule for this week.  
Thank you.

## A Week Called Holy

After all we have been through we have arrived again at Holy Week. Last year everything was in Limbo and we had no idea where things would go. This year we have come far and still have far to go. Holy Week leads us from death to life, from sorrow to joy, from this passing world to the world eternal. Even though we still need to be aware of space, our congregations have been slowly but steadily increasing.

Things will still be rather truncated this Holy Week but we are here again. We still need to be cautious and after discerning there will still be parishioners who wisely discern that the risk of returning is too challenging at this time. I invite all of us to keep this week Holy in whatever manner is appropriate.

We all pray that by Holy Week 2022 things will return to a normal that's as normal as can be.

There's a Latin saying that I appreciate more and more as I get older: *Festina Lente ~ Make haste slowly*. A blessed Holy Week and Easter season to all of our parish family.  
*Fr. Mike*

## 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 may be used. We ask that you have your flowers to the Church by NOON next SATURDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</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!

## From the desk of Patti Duffy ...

Religious Education Classes will NOT be in session this Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, in observance of Holy Week. Classes will resume on Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Have a safe and blessed Easter Season!

## DATES TO REMEMBER IN APRIL . . .

- HOLY THURSDAY: Mass @ 7 p.m.
- GOOD FRIDAY: Service @ 7 p.m.
- HOLY SATURDAY: Mass @ 8 p.m.
- EASTER SUNDAY: Regular Mass Schedule
- Food Pantry
- Election Day
- RE Classes Resume: 4:00 p.m.
- St. Edmund CCW & Robert Haas Memorial/ Knights of Columbus Scholarship Applications Due  
Administrative Professionals Day
- Earth Day
- Catholic Home Missions Collection

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021 (Following the 7 p.m. Mass—9:00 PM)

Parishioners are invited to come and spend at least one-half hour with our Lord during this time. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SOMEONE BE HERE EVERY HALF HOUR UNTIL 9:00 PM SO THAT OUR LORD IS NOT ALONE DURING THIS TIME.**

**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).

## PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The Holy Father is once again asking us to take up a collection on Good Friday to keep Christians in the Holy Land. The Collection supports the work of the Franciscans in the sacred shrines and allows them to receive pilgrims, minister to the parishes, provide formation and education in the communities and schools, and care for the basic needs of the people in the Holy Land. During such a difficult season, your support is essential to their ministry. Thank you!

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

**Robert Haas Mem./Knights of Columbus Scholarship**

- Must be an 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. Xeroxed copies of your Letters of Recommendation may be used.

Applications may be picked up from the table in the vestibule of St. Edmund's Church or from the Rectory.

**ALL applications are to be returned by WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2021. If mailing them back, they must be postmarked no later than April 19<sup>th</sup>.** NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. They may be dropped off at St. Edmund's Rectory between the hours of 8 a.m.—12 p.m. M-F or mailed to: St. Edmund Catholic Church; ATTN: Scholarship Committee; 219 E. Locust Street; Watseka, IL, 60970. **Please note on your return envelope which organization's scholarship application it is.** Both organizations will have their own Scholarship Committee to screen applications.

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

**CANNED FRUIT**

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

**FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—APRIL**

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| 4  | EASTER (St. Edmund's) |
| 11 |                       |
| 18 | Chris Daszko          |
| 25 | Don & Rosann Miller   |



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

**Carolyn Rabideau, wife of Jerry Rabideau**

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

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
Senior Companion Program**

Catholic Charities' Senior Companion Program is looking for people 55 years and older who are interested in visiting with another senior who is homebound and living in Kankakee or Iroquois County. This is strictly a visit, no homecare duties are involved. Volunteers who meet eligibility guidelines will receive a tax-free hourly stipend and a mileage reimbursement for time spent with clients.

Currently there are no in-home visits, but volunteers call clients weekly. Pre-ordered Groceries or medications may be dropped off and window visits can be made.

Please call Kathy at 815-933-7791, extension 9906 or email [klangworthy@cc-doj.org](mailto:klangworthy@cc-doj.org), if interested.

*Please pray for our Service Members . . .*

- MCSN (USN) Justin McTaggart, son of Kirk and Christine McTaggart
- PV2 Austin Grosvenor, great-grandson of Leona Shafer



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<b>MASSES:</b>	<b>M-W-TH-F</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>

**CONFESSIONS: By appointment**

"Transforming the world in which we live by bringing the teachings of Jesus Christ to every living person."

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

(A mission of St. Edmund Church)  
307 UNION STREET  
CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

MASS: **SUNDAY 10:00 AM**