

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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WATSEKA IL 60970

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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

MONDAYS at 6:00 p.m.

TUESDAYS at 1:00 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Watseka Head Start ENROLL-A-THON

On Tuesday, April 9th, 2024, Watseka Head Start will be holding an *Enroll-A-Thon* at the Watseka Public Library from 9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

If anyone in our congregation has children between the ages of 6 weeks—5 years that are looking for a quality program for their children for the 2024-2025 school year, stop by and check this out!

Community Development Institute Head Start/Early Head Start (CDI HS/EHS) is a federally funded program serving low income children and families.

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 17th. The Fr. John Sebahar Scholarship is due back to Debbie Krones by April 30th.

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, 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)

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

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

Please pray for . . .

- Gary Cahoe
- Tina Gooding

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR April 1—7, 2024

Monday, April 1, 7:30 AM:
Deceased & Living Members of the Krones/Bruens Families

Tuesday, April 2: NO MASS

Wednesday, April 3, 7:30 AM:
+ Sam Ochs by Terry & Rhonda Pence

Thursday, April 4, 7:30 AM:
+ Ashley Geiger by Chris & Amy Curry and Family

Friday, April 5, 7:30 AM:
+ Jerome Manos by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

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.

Saturday, April 6, 5:00 PM:
+ Max Gooding by John Gooding and Family

Sunday, April 7:
8:00 AM: Our Parish Families
9:30 AM: + Barbara Lavoie-Munsterman by Teri McMaster
4:30 PM: Mass at St. Mary's

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, March 23/24:	\$ 1,447.00
Online Giving:	\$ 508.00
DEFICIT for the Week:	\$ (1,245.00)
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, March 24:	\$ 985.00

LAY MINISTERS for April 6/7, 2024

SATURDAY, April 6, 5:00 PM
Lector: Dick Arie

Ushers: Doug & Patti Duffy

SUNDAY, April 7, 8:00 AM

Lector: Julie Schippert

Usher: Sue Butler

Money Counters: Kendra Martin & Louise Bruens

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—APRIL

7	Gene & Margaret Ochs
14	Paula Williamson
21	Chris Daszko
28	Sue Butler



We are here to heal, not harm.
We are here to love, not hate.
We are here to create, not destroy.

Anthony Douglas Williams

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

2nd Sunday of Easter B
Divine Mercy Sunday
John 20:19—31
"My Lord and My God!"

- On Easter Night, Jesus gave us the gift of his peace; how can I live out that peace of Christ in my life?
- On Easter Night, Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit; how do I welcome that same Spirit into my heart today?
- On Easter Night, Jesus gave us the gift of the forgiveness of sins; how do I incorporate the Sacrament of Reconciliation into my spirituality today?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you poured out your Easter gifts on your disciples on Easter night and those same gifts come to me today. Help me to gratefully acknowledge these gifts in my life today and may they always help me stay close to you, my Risen Lord. Amen!

May you be blessed with an Easter of Eucharistic Renewal this year and may the next fifty days of Easter joy fill your hearts and flood your minds.

Fr. Mike

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That God may bless the community of believers with peace, the first gift of the Risen Lord,
 - That the Holy Spirit, the second gift of the Risen Lord, may strengthen the Church to bear witness to the Resurrection of Jesus,
 - That forgiveness of sins, the third gift of the Risen Lord, may bring all who have doubted the Christ, who has come through both water and blood, to fullness of faith,
 - That God may lead all who have been reborn by water and the Spirit to profound faith,
 - That Christ's self-emptying may move us to generosity to the poor and needy among us,
 - That all of our parishioners who turn to Jesus, risen from the dead, may come to believe what they have not seen,
 - That the dead may rest in Christ, victor over sin and death,
- We pray to the Lord.**

DATES TO REMEMBER IN APRIL:

- 1 **CCW Meeting:** 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center
- 5 **First Friday:** Benediction w/Adoration Following AM Mass
- 6/7 Food Pantry
- 11 **Euchre Party:** 1:00—3:00 p.m. at the Parish Center
Knights of Columbus Meeting: 6:30 p.m. in Church Basement
- 17 **CCW & Robert Haas Memorial/K of C Scholarship Applications Due**
- 24 **Administrative Professionals Day**
- 28 **FIRST COMMUNION:** 11:00 a.m. Mass
Catholic Home Missions Collection
- 30 **Fr. John Sebahar Scholarship Applications due to Debbie Kronos**

This is the day the
Lord has made;
We will rejoice and
be glad in it.

