

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

We wish to extend our heartfelt congratulations to St. Edmund's First Communicants and their families on this very special day of meeting Jesus at today's 11:00 a.m. Mass, and they are:

Isabella Daily	Emily Rogers
Oaklyn DeBolt	Cora Trumble
Aryana Jeglinski	

A special “thank you” to Gene Ochs for preparing these children for their First Communion and to Gary Cahoe for providing the music.

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- MCSN (USN) Justin McTaggart, son of Kirk & Christine McTaggart
- 2nd Lt. (USMC) Laura Gross, granddaughter of Linda Hunt

Please pray for . . .

- Rolland Morrical
- Tyler Shoven & Family
- Randy Roth
- Karen Wetzel

A shout-out to all my fellow Administrative Professionals this week:

“A great employee is like a four leaf clover, hard to find and lucky to have.”

—Tammy Cohen



HUGE RUMMAGE & PLANT SALE

St. Mary's Parish Hall ~ Beaverville
Benefitting St. Mary's CCW

Thursday, April 27th: 8 a.m.—6 p.m.

Friday, April 28th: 8 a.m.—6 p.m.

Saturday, April 29th: 8 a.m.—12 p.m.

\$5.00 BAG SALE all day Friday

\$2.00 BAG SALE all day Saturday

****Refreshments for Sale****



Catholic Charities—Diocese of Joliet SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

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

Senior Companion volunteers provide assistance and friendship to older adults with difficulty with daily living tasks. This program helps seniors stay independent longer and provides respite to family caregiver. Senior Companion volunteers report better health and longevity, having served the community. Are you ready to forge new relationships and make a significant difference in the lives of others?

In Kankakee and Iroquois Counties, call Bry Williams at 815-933-7791, ext. 9928 or email americorpsseniors@cc-doj.org. For more information about programs provided by Catholic Charities, visit: catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR April 24—30, 2023

Monday, April 24, 7:30 AM

David Hardesty by Christine Ryan

Tuesday, April 25: NO MASS

Wednesday, April 26, 7:30 AM

+ Deceased Members of the LaFond & Francouer Families by Jim & Mary Jane LaFond

Thursday, April 27, 7:30 AM

+ Sylvia Curry by Rick & Kathy McTaggart

Friday, April 28, 7:30 AM

+ Isabelle German Slife by Nick and Roxanne Adsit & Family

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

Saturday, April 29, 5:00 PM

+ Deceased Members of the Langellier & Busick Families by Tom & Marilyn Busick

Sunday, April 30

8:00 AM: + Bruce Williamson Birthday Remembrance by His Family

9:30 AM: Our Parish Families

11:00 AM (First Communion Mass): Our First Communicants

4:30 PM: Mass at St. Mary's

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation: \$ 3,200.00

Sunday Offering, April 15/16: \$ 1,638.00

Online Giving: \$ 175.00

DEFICIT for the Week: \$ (1,387.00)

Times are tough, see what you can do!

St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, April 16: \$ 506.00

LAY MINISTERS for April 29/30, 2023

SATURDAY, April 29, 5:00 PM

Lector: Dick Arie

Ushers: Mike & Jodi Schuler

SUNDAY, April 30, 8:00 AM

Lector: Sara McTaggart

Usher: Carol Houmes

Money Counters: Bill Janssen & Sue Butler

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

"Whenever two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:20

REMINDER: Our first meetings will be on Tuesday, May 2nd, at 1:00 p.m. and Thursday, May 4th, at 6:00 p.m. We look forward to getting together with everyone!

Paula Hodak & Tracy Kelch

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL SECOND COLLECTION

Next Weekend ~ April 29/30, 2023

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

4th Sunday of Easter

John 10:1—10

"The Sheep hear his voice!"

- Do I truly hear the voice of Jesus my Shepherd?
- Do I follow Jesus, my Shepherd, when I hear his voice?
- How can I enter life through Jesus, the true sheep gate?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, victor over sin and death, you are the Good Shepherd leading me to everlasting life. Help me to always be a faithful member of your flock and to live out the gift of Easter life you give to your sheep. Amen! Alleluia!

Remember to pray for all the newly Baptized throughout the World!

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That through repentance and baptism, all may come to eternal life,
- That the gifts of the Holy Spirit, promised in baptism, may be poured out on all the newly baptized,
- That through Jesus, the true Shepherd and sheep gate, we may find nourishment and life,
- That healed by the wounds of Christ, we may be led to follow his example,
- That all may be graced to recognize the voice of Jesus, our shepherd, and to follow him as he walks before us,
- That more may be called to the priesthood and religious life to carry on the shepherding work of Jesus,
- That Jesus, our Good Shepherd, may give life and life in abundance to our parish family,
- That those who have died in baptism may be one with Jesus who is both Lord and Christ,

We pray to the Lord.

St. Edmund CCW MAY BANQUET

Don't forget to sign up now for our May Banquet, which will be held on **Monday, May 1, 2023**, at **6:00 p.m.** in the **Church basement**. This is the last weekend the sign-up sheets will be up in the vestibule of the Church, but if you miss signing up, you have until Wednesday, April 26th to contact Colette at the Rectory. Please leave a message on her voicemail if she doesn't answer.

Our meal is being provided by The Copper Pot and the menu is:
**Chicken Salad on a Croissant ~ Broccoli Salad ~ Potato Salad
Fruit & Veggie Trays ~ Chips**

Our officers will provide an Ice Cream Bar for dessert. Free-will offerings will be accepted to help defray the cost of the meal. We will play BINGO for our entertainment and there will be prizes!

DYNAMIC DUO NEEDED! After 20 years, Barb Mayotte is stepping down from being in charge of our funeral dinners. Therefore, we are looking for a couple of our woman who might be interested in taking over this very worthy ministry. Barb has a notebook with all the information you would need and would gladly pass it on to the next person. It's good to have a team doing this in case there was ever a time when one of them couldn't do it.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you brought a potted flower to decorate the altar for Easter, you may now take those flowers home after Mass, if you wish.