

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

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

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 4, 2023

Please join Iroquois Memorial Hospital in celebration of *National Day of Prayer* on Thursday, May 4, at 8:00 a.m. at their flagpole located at the corner of East Fairman and S. Fourth Street. The Watseka American Legion Post 23 will be raising the flag to start the ceremony with Rev. John Franklin, Iroquois Memorial Hospice Chaplain Coordinator/Bereavement Co-coordinator, along with other local pastors, who will be leading the prayer time.

National Day of Prayer was proclaimed a day of prayer for our nation in 1952. *This year's theme is derived from James 5, "Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much".*

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

Karen Wetzel, wife of Gil Wetzel and
Mother of Megan and Micah

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

St. Edmund CCW

MAY BANQUET

Monday, May 1, 2023 ~ 6:00 p.m.

St. Edmund's Church Basement

MENU

Chicken Salad Sandwich on a Croissant ~ Broccoli Salad
Potato Salad ~ Fruit & Veggie Trays ~ Chips
Ice Cream Bar

We will play BINGO for our entertainment and prizes will be awarded.

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.

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 Morrival
- Tyler Shoven & Family
- Randy Roth

EASTER FLOWERS

There are still quite a few Easter flowers left. Parishioners are welcome to take some and give them a good home!

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR May 1—7, 2023

Monday, May 1, 7:30 AM
+ Bobby Hansen by Christine Ryan

Tuesday, May 2: NO MASS

Wednesday, May 3, 7:30 AM
+ Sylvia Curry by Chris & Amy Curry and Family

Thursday, May 4, 7:30 AM
+ Leona Shafer by Ron & Dolores Bowers and Sheila Harman

Friday, May 5, 7:30 AM
+ Sam Ochs by Christina Daszko

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

Saturday, May 6, 5:00 PM
+ Deceased Members of the Jo Ann White Family by Jo Ann White

Sunday, May 7
8:00 AM: + Milton & Dolores Kempen by Diane & Larry Buswell
9:30 AM: Our Parish Families
4:30 PM: Mass at St. Mary's

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, April 22/23:	\$ 1,521.00
Online Giving:	\$ 206.00
DEFICIT for the Week:	\$ (1,473.00)

Times are tough, see what you can do!

St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, April 23:	\$ 795.00
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LAY MINISTERS for May 6/7, 2023

SATURDAY, May 6, 5:00 PM
Lector: John Gooding
Ushers: Don & Rosann Miller

SUNDAY, May 7, 8:00 AM
Lector: Rhonda Pence
Usher: Gene Ochs

Money Counters: Kendra Martin & John Tonner

DATES TO REMEMBER IN MAY...

- 1 CCW May Banquet: 6:00 p.m. in Church Basement
- 6/7 Food Pantry
- 10 Last Day of RE Classes—PIZZA PARTY! 🍕❤️
- 11 Euchre Party: 1:00—3:00 p.m. at the Parish Center
Knights of Columbus Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
- 14 **MOTHER'S DAY**
- 25 **Watseka Community High School Graduation**
- 26 **Milford High School Graduation**
- 29 **Memorial Day Observed**

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

5th Sunday of Easter "A"

John 14:1—12

"I go to prepare a place for you!"

- Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, how can I live my life by following his way in the truth?
- How can I more intimately come to the Father through Jesus?
- I do believe that Jesus is in the Father and that the Father is in him. How does this empower me to do the works that Jesus does?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, victor over sin and death, you have promised to prepare a place for me in the future and to be the power and the motivation for me to do your works here in the present. Fill me with your promised Paraclete that I may be a true disciple. Amen! Alleluia!

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

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That through Jesus, the Way, Truth and Life, all may come to the Father,
- That through faith in the Father and in the Son whom He has sent, our hearts may never be troubled,
- That through service and prayer, the order of deacons may be strengthened to continue their ministry,
- That the newly baptized may come to Christ, rejected by his own but approved nonetheless,
- That as living stones, in union with the successor of Peter, we may be built into a spiritual temple,
- That the Lord of the harvest may pour out his blessings on the land and on farmers who till the soil,
- That our parishioners who approach God in prayer and trust may experience his love,
- That those who have passed through the gates of death may rest in that dwelling which is the union of the Father and the Son,

We pray to the Lord.

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—MAY

7	Jo Ann White
14	Robert & Jane Zummallen
21	Dr. Nick Burns
28	Christina Daszko



CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL SECOND COLLECTION

This Weekend ~ April 29/30, 2023

ST. EDMUND CCW SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Dane Martin, this year's recipient of our St. Edmund CCW Scholarship. Dane is the son of John and Kendra Martin.

Dane plans on attending Lincoln Tech in Indianapolis, IN, beginning August 7, 2023. He will be studying to be an Automotive Mechanic. We wish Dane much success in his future endeavors, wherever those may lead him, and we know that he will continue to make his family and "Church" family very proud!