

# 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

- Every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. at the Parish Center
- Every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Parish Center

### Bountiful Blessings

May 10, 2023 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Please join us for a delicious meal and special music provided by New Heights Glory, a talented group from the Hoopston Baptist Church.

Sponsored by Crescent City United Methodist Church  
United Women in Faith  
600 Union Street

### St. Edmund CCW

The CCW officers would like to thank ALL of the ladies from St. Edmund's who have volunteered in ANY way during the past year to help our parish accomplish many things.

We are grateful for those who help with our funeral dinners, either by helping at the dinner or bringing a salad or dessert, for those who donated to our Bake-Less Bake Sale, those who came to our meetings and/or furnished refreshments for said meetings, those who contributed to our *Boxes of Joy* Christmas project, those who volunteer in our Religious Education program, those who serve as a Lector, Usher or Money Counter....and those who volunteered in any other capacity. All of these things...and more...help to bring us together in fellowship and lets us know you are always willing to help in any way you can. We appreciate each and every one of you and all that you do!

## SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY 2023 PROGRAMS

*Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life:* Richard Rohr, noted spiritual author, uses two halves of life to illustrate the wisdom needed to create the “kingdom” of our life, and the wisdom to live detached from what does not last. What do we do with failure, suffering and even death? When does second half of life wisdom begin?

Please join Fr. Vern Arseneau on **Thursday, May 11** from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. at *One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center* in Kankakee for this short retreat during the Easter Season.

An optional lunch will be served after the retreat.

Cost for this program is \$25, or \$35, if you stay for lunch.

*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 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
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. (USMC) Laura Gross, granddaughter of Linda Hunt

*Please pray for . . .*

- Rolland Morrical
- Tyler Shoven & Family
- Randy Roth
- Gary Cahoe

“Every storm runs out of rain.”

—Maya Angelou

# SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR May 8—14, 2023

**Monday, May 8, 7:30 AM**  
+ Debbe Quick by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

**Tuesday, May 9: NO MASS**

**Wednesday, May 10, 7:30 AM**  
+ Marybeth Claire by Members of the Pence Family

**Thursday, May 11, 7:30 AM**  
+ Wendell Drew by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

**Friday, May 12, 7:30 AM**  
+ David Stepp by Bernadine Buswell

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

**Saturday, May 13, 5:00 PM**  
+ Todd Lareau by Nick & Roxanne Adsit

**Sunday, May 14**  
8:00 AM: + Robert Lang by Eileen & Dave Rogers  
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 29/30:	\$ 2,360.86
Online Giving:	\$ 330.00
<b>DEFICIT for the Week:</b>	<b>\$ ( 509.14)</b>

**Times are tough, see what you can do!**

St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, April 30:	\$ 624.19
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## LAY MINISTERS for May 13/14, 2023

**SATURDAY, May 13, 5:00 PM**

Lector: Amy Curry

Ushers: Doug & Patti Duffy

**SUNDAY, May 14, 8:00 AM**

Lector: RaDonna Hasselbring

Ushers: Gwen & Terry McTaggart

Money Counters: Dick Arie & Pat McTaggart

## EUCHRE PARTY

Thursday, May 11, 2023

1-3 p.m. - St. Edmund's Parish Center.

*Parishioners, as well as non-parishioners, are welcome! We gladly accept donations to our local Food Pantry, but are not a requirement in order to play. Dessert follows card play.*

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Thursday, May 11, 2023 ~ 6:30 p.m.

St. Edmund's Church Basement

## Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter "A"

John 14:15—21

*"I will not leave you orphans!"*

- How can I better love Jesus by keeping his commandments?
- How can I more intimately invite the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, into my life?
- How can I abide in the Father in whom Jesus himself abides?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, victor over sin and death, at your Last Supper with your disciples you spoke to us of the intimacy you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Thank you for inviting me to share in that very divine life. Amen! Alleluia!

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

## Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- For an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate of all people,
- For healing for all those paralyzed in body, and hope for all those paralyzed in mind or spirit,
- For the resolve and strength to suffer with Christ for the sake of doing good,
- For the grace to always love Christ and to keep his commandments,
- For all those newly baptized in water and the Holy Spirit,
- For the good earth which God has given us and for the wisdom and will to protect it,
- For our parish entrusted to God through prayer and works of charity,
- For a Christian end to our lives and for all who have fallen asleep in Christ,

*We pray to the Lord.*

## A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE....

The Diocese of Joliet is preparing to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Annunciation of the Establishment of the Diocese. Our Anniversary year will begin on December 11, 2023 and conclude on December 8, 2024.

Thus, we are inviting you to draft a prayer asking God's blessings upon our Anniversary Year and the Diocese. As you pray with the theme of this Anniversary "Founded in Faith, Called to Witness, Sent Forth to Serve" write down your reflections, then use them to develop a prayer text that can be easily prayed aloud in a group setting. The Anniversary Prayer will be translated into the languages used for prayer in the Diocese, so write your prayer in your spoken language.

We encourage all people to spend time in prayer developing our Anniversary Prayer—young, old and in-between. Parents might make this a family project. Parish Organizations might also make this a group project.

**All prayers should be sent to the Office of Divine Worship via USPS or email by June 1, 2023 and should include name, address, phone number and name of parish or institution.** The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Prayer will be created by the Anniversary Committee using the prayers received from the people of the Diocese.

Should you have any questions please contact Sister Sharon Marie Stola, OSB at the Office of Divine Worship. **Phone:** 815-221-6230 or

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