

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

219 EAST LOCUST STREET
WATSEKA IL 60970

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

Rectory: 815-432-3274 ~ Office Hours: 8 a.m.—12 p.m. M-F

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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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF WATSEKA

Parishioners are cordially invited to attend a concert by the *Rivers of Life Clergy Band* who will be performing on May 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Watseka. The band is made up of five clergy who have played state-wide, and have donated over \$10,000 to missions. While this is a free, family-friendly concert open to the public, free-will offerings will be accepted and funds will go to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Pawnee, IL, a designated mission of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference.

The band plays a variety of Contemporary Christian, Gospel Music, and traditional hymns as well as a small selection of carefully selected secular music. Pastor Joe Scheets, a member of the band, is a former pastor at the church.

2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

August 27, 2023 ~ 2:00 p.m.

The Diocese of Joliet will be holding their annual Wedding Anniversary Mass, celebrated by Bishop Ronald Hicks, on Sunday, August 27th, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet.

They are inviting all parishioners celebrating 10, 25, or 50 plus years of marriage this year to attend. If you would like to receive an invitation from the diocese, please contact Colette by May 19th.

From the Desk of Patti Duffy....

St. Edmund's 2022-2023 year of Religious Education is complete. Thank you to all the wonderfully dedicated staff and subs who gave so generously of their time. We had a very successful year! Thank you to the parents for making sure their children regularly attended class.

A special THANK YOU to our KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS for so generously providing Monical's Pizza as a special year-end treat for all classes....the students really look forward to it!

FOURTH GRADE TEACHER NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR

Our program is in need of a 4th grade teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are interested in teaching or just have some questions, please call Patti Duffy at our Religious Education Office, Tuesday—Thursday, 9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Also, a very sincere "Thank You" to all that donated goods for our Lenten Food Drive to benefit the Watseka Area Food Pantry. We were so blessed with donations that I had to make THREE separate deliveries to the Food Pantry! This was the first year for this project, but since it was such a success, we will probably do it again!

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
- Randy Roth
- Gary Cahoe

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR May 15—21, 2023

Monday, May 15, 7:30 AM
+ Barbara McDonough by Georgene & Gerald Hawkins

Tuesday, May 16: NO MASS

Wednesday, May 17: NO MASS

Thursday, May 18, 7:30 AM
+ Deceased Members of the Curby/Blais Families by M/M Jim LaFond

Friday, May 19, 7:30 AM
+ Sam Ochs by Allen & Joy Niebuhr

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

Saturday, May 20, 5:00 PM
+ Charles & Bonnie Arie by Dick & Peg Arie and Diane Tegtmeyer

Sunday, May 21
8:00 AM: + Myron Cailteux by Linda Cailteux
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, May 6/7:	\$ 2,002.00
Online Giving:	\$ 110.00
DEFICIT for the Week:	\$ (1,088.00)

Times are tough, see what you can do!

St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, May 7:	\$ 2,256.00
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LAY MINISTERS for May 20/21, 2023

SATURDAY, May 20, 5:00 PM

Lector: Paula Hodak

Ushers: Tom & Marilyn Busick; Linda Hunt

SUNDAY, May 21, 8:00 AM

Lector: Julie Schippert

Ushers: Chuck & Marie Garfield

Money Counters: Joe Lzynicki & Brittany Cluver

2023 CMAA REPORT

	ST. EDMUND	ST. JOSEPH
PARISH GOAL:	\$ 12,400	\$ 3,600
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$12,650	\$4,025
AMOUNT PAID:	\$12,060	\$3,010
BALANCE DUE:	\$590	\$1,015
# DONORS:	36	12

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

Carl Thomas "Papa" Stone, Father of Tina (John) Gooding

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

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

Solemnity of the Ascension "A"

Matthew 28:16—20

"I am with you always!"

- Like the disciples at the Mount of the Ascension, how do I worship Jesus?
- Like the disciples at the Mount of the Ascension, how do I still doubt Jesus?
- How can I better live out my baptism into the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, victor over sin and death, after completing your work of redemption you took your place at the right hand of the Father, not to abandon me but to be my hope. Help me to carry your good news to others by my words and my example. Amen! Alleluia!

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

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That the Lord Jesus, who has taken his seat at the right hand of the Father, may always remain with his Church,
- That our hearts and minds may always be raised to higher things,
- That the Father of glory may bless us with an abundance of the Spirit of Wisdom,
- That the newly baptized may continue in their growth in faith, hope and love,
- That Christians may continue learning all that Jesus did and taught,
- That the intentions and concerns in the hearts of our parishioners may find a hearing before God,
- That the deceased who have shared in the death of Christ may also share in his resurrection and glory,

We pray to the Lord.

HONORING OF MARY

This weekend we honor all Mothers, but especially the Mother of God. Mary was instrumental in bringing Jesus to the world when she gave birth to Him. Jesus is pleased with a people who honor his Mother.



Louise Bruens, St. Edmund CCW's *Woman of the Year*, has the honor of placing the crown on Mary at this weekend's 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday.

Tracy Kelch, St. Joseph CCW's *Woman of the Year*, has the honor of placing a bouquet of flowers on Mary's altar at this Sunday's 9:30 a.m. Mass.

"You should be known for the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God."

1 Peter 3:4

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!