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
Religious Education Office: 815-432-5569
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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

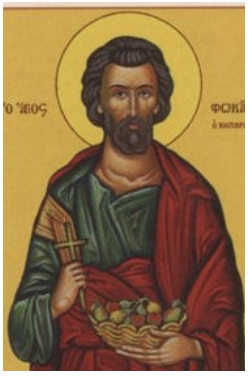
MASS: SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM

The Watseka Area Food Pantry has received a grant of $2,500 from the Diocese of Joliet! This stems from the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development's* yearly Special Collection in November....25% of funds collected stay local. This is the 3rd year in a row that they've applied for and received a grant. This grant will assist in providing food to their many clients throughout Iroquois County, which is so desperately needed. Thank you Diocese of Joliet!

The Food Pantry serves all of Iroquois County and is open from 9—11 a.m., Monday—Friday. Volunteers are needed to answer the phone, call clients and fill orders. To find out about volunteering, call the Food Pantry at 815-432-0122.

St. Isidore
Patron Saint of the Farmer

O St. Isidore, you know how common it is to cultivate the land, for you were employed as a farm laborer for the greater part of your life. In your toils, you were blessed to receive God's help through angels in the fields.



O St. Isidore, help all farmers and gardeners spiritually to see the wonders God has strewn on this earth. Encourage them in their labors and help them to feed numerous people. Amen.

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Money Management Program Volunteers Needed

Share Your Time. Change a Life.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, is seeking volunteers in **Iroquois County** to assist older adults and individuals with disabilities through our Money Management Program. Trained volunteers help clients with tasks such as organizing bills, balancing checkbooks, budgeting and keeping track of important financial matters. The goal is to help individuals maintain their independence and remain safely in their homes. Volunteers receive training and support and are asked to commit at least eight hours per month.

To learn more about volunteering, contact **Sherri Funk at 815-523-9921 or sfunk@cc-doj.org.**

SENIOR COMPANION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, is looking for caring adults age 55 and older in **Iroquois County** to serve as **Senior Companions**. Senior Companions provide friendly visits, companionship, and support to older adults who may be homebound or socially isolated. Volunteers may also assist with occasional transportation, daily tasks, and respite for family caregivers. Senior Companions receive training, transportation reimbursement, meal reimbursement, and may qualify for a tax-free stipend.

If you have a few hours to share each week and a heart for helping others, we'd love to hear from you.

To learn more, call at 815-933-7791, ext. 9928.

SUNDAY, July 12, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS FOR July 13—19, 2026

Monday, July 13, 7:30 AM
** Frank Langner by Dave & Eileen Rogers*

Tuesday, July 14: NO MASS

Wednesday, July 15, 7:30 AM
** Imogene German McAnarney by Nick & Roxanne Adsit & Family*

Thursday, July 16, 7:30 AM
** Gloria Zirkle by Chris & Amy Curry & Family*

Friday, July 17, 7:30 AM
** Melissa Houmes by Larry & Diane Buswell*

Morning Mass….what a way to start the day!
NOTE: *Daily* Morning Mass is held at the Parish Center. *Holy Day*, *First Friday* and *Ash Wednesday* Masses are held at the Church.

Saturday, July 18, 5:00 PM
** Kenneth Ochs by Our Parish Family*

Sunday, July 19:
8:00 AM: * *Renia Domalik by the Family*
9:30 AM: *Our Parish Families*

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation:	**$ 3,200.00**
Sunday Offering, July 4/5:	**$ 2,696.00**
Online Giving:	**$ 185.00**
DEFICIT for the Week:	**$ (319.00)**
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, July 5:	**$ 566.25**

LAY MINISTERS for July 18/19, 2026

SATURDAY, July 18, 5:00 PM
Lector: Gene Ochs
Ushers: Louise Bruens & Jami Overacker

SUNDAY, July 19, 8:00 AM
Lector: Nancy Cowan
Usher: Carol Houmes

Money Counters: John Tonner & Jennifer Dixon

IROQUOIS COUNTY FAIR

The Iroquois County Fair will run from July 14—19, 2026. Check out their website at *iroquoiscofair.com* to see the schedule of events and prices. Fun for the whole family!

"Iroquois County Fair…where friends and family meet!"

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
16th Sunday Ordinary Time *A*
Matthew 13:24—43
"The Kingdom of Heaven. May be likened to…."

- Am I waiting and watching for the Kingdom of God?
- How am I receiving it as it comes into my life?
- Where are the weeds in my life, what is the wheat in my life?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, here in rural Illinois we prepare, watch and wait for our yearly harvest. Help me to learn from this annual exercise to prepare, watch and wait for your Kingdom and the final grand harvest. Amen!

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- For the Church throughout the world, that she may be taught by the deeds of God and make good ground for hope,
- For the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, interceding for us and praying within us,
- For leaders of nations and for those whom they govern,
- For those who follow Christ, that they may be made good seed, that grow into abundance and yield rich fruit ,
- For the poor, the sick, the lonely and all in need, that the leaven of the Gospel worked into all lands and peoples may inspire others to reach out to them,
- For our parishioners, that they may be illuminated by the Spirit who comes to our aid and teaches us how to pray as we ought,
- For the dead, that, like good wheat, they may be gathered into the harvest of the Lord,

We pray to the Lord.

Well, our Knights said they'd have a bigger fireworks display this year in honor of our country's 250th birthday and they delivered! They had some of our favorites from over the years, but there were also some new ones added to the mix, which made for an awesome display…especially the grand finale!
The Knights would also like to thank any and all who gave a monetary donation towards the display this year. Your generosity was greatly appreciated!

ST. EDMUND'S BUILDING FUND
April—June, 2026

BALANCE ON 03/31/26:	**$ 26,996.90**
DEPOSITS:	**$ + 2,890.00**
INTEREST:	**$ + 209.99**
BALANCE ON 06/30/26:	**$ 30,096.89**

Please pray for . . .
- Gary Cahoe
- Louise Bruens