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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday, August 30, 2026 ~ 1:00 p.m.

Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25, 50, and more than 50 years are welcome to attend. Bishop Dennis Spies will celebrates the Mass at St. Raymond Cathedral in Joliet and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment. *Deadline to register is August 10,2026.*

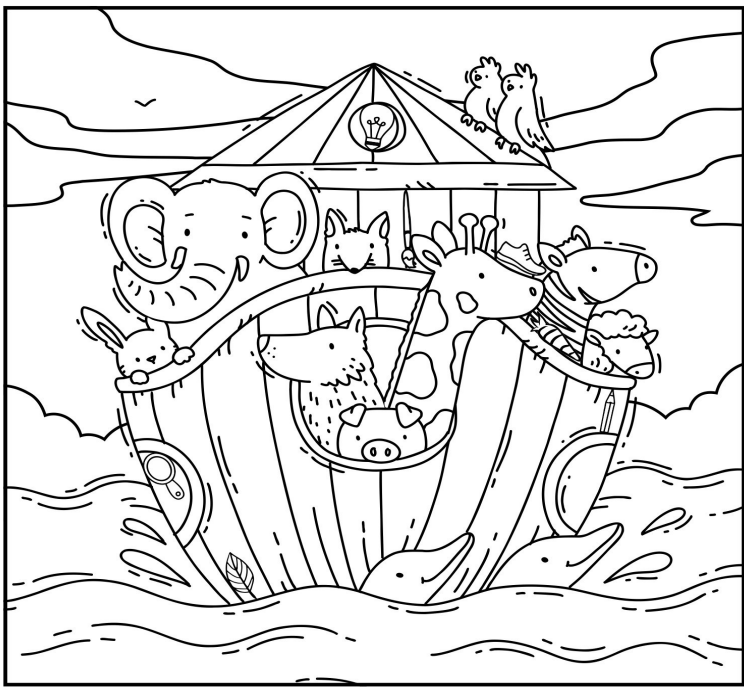
Question? Contact Deacon Doug McIvaine at 815-221-6136 or email at dmcilvaine@dioceseofjoliet.org.

There is also a notice of this on the bulletin board in the vestibule, which has a QR code that you can use to register.

The boy looked up into the vast sky. "I wonder if there's anyone up there watching over us."

"If there is," the rabbit replied, "I think they'd like to see us watching over one another down here, too."

@oxherdboy



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SUNDAY, July 19, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS FOR July 20—26, 2026

Monday, July 20, 7:30 AM
** Russell Patnaude by Dean Peterson*

Tuesday, July 21: NO MASS

Wednesday, July 22, 7:30 AM
** Dick Mayotte by Archie Nagele*

Thursday, July 23, 7:30 AM
** Bruce Williamson 25th Anniversary Remembrance by His Family*

Friday, July 24, 7:30 AM
** Mary Claire by David & Arlene Lanoue*

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 25, 5:00 PM
** John D. Zirkle by Knights of Columbus Council 4391*

Sunday, July 26:
8:00 AM: *Our Parish Families*
9:30 AM: ** Ella Haberkorn by Jean & Ty Herron*
4:30 PM: *Mass at St. Mary's*

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation:	**$ 3,200.00**
Sunday Offering, July 11/12:	**$ 1,753.19**
Online Giving:	**$ 130.00**
DEFICIT for the Week:	**$ (1,316.81)**
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, July 12:	**$ 794.00**

LAY MINISTERS for July 25/26, 2026

SATURDAY, July 25, 5:00 PM
Lector: Bill Janssen
Ushers: Doug & Patti Duffy

SUNDAY, July 26, 8:00 AM
Lector: Sara McTaggart
Ushers: Chuck & Marie Garfield

Money Counters: Sue Butler & Dick Arie

CC Historical Society ICE CREAM SOCIAL

CHEERS TO 250 YEARS!

August 2nd | 1:00-3:00 PM

Crescent City Community Center

Patriotic program to honor and celebrate America's 250th will begin at 2:15 p.m. There will be games, a sing-along, displays & prizes (including homemade pies).
Join Us!

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
17th Sunday Ordinary Time *A*
Matthew 13:44—52
"The Kingdom of Heaven is like…."

- If the Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure, buried in a field, what am I doing to seek it, what would I do if I found it?
- If the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, what am I doing to seek for it, what would I sacrifice for it when it is found?
- If the Kingdom of Heaven is like a net, thrown into the sea, will I be among the good items it hauls in and be collected into God's Kingdom; or will I be among bad items good for nothing but to be thrown away?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to respond to the discovery of your Kingdom as I would to finding a treasure or a pearl of great price. Send me your Spirit to transform me into that which in your eyes is authentically good. Amen!

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That the wisdom of God, gifted to Solomon, may guide the hearts and minds of those who shepherd the Church,
- That the treasure of the Kingdom of God may inspire us to leave worthless goods behind and embrace its fullness,
- That the teachings of Jesus, the pearl of great price, will move all who do not know Christ to invest their all in him,
- That those who suffer from hunger or thirst, drought or heat, may be refreshed and inspired by disciples of the Lord ,
- That those moved to violence or terror may beat their swords into plowshares and study war no more,
- That the prayers in the hearts of our parishioners may be answered as was the prayer of Solomon,
- That those who have responded to the treasure of the Kingdom of God in this life, will know the fullness of redemption,

We pray to the Lord.

From St. Edmund's RE Office….

If you have a child who will be either 4 or 5 years old by September 1st, 2026 and would like to enroll them in our Pre-K RE Class, please call our Religious Education Office to request a Registration Packet. Families (with children) new to St. Edmund's can also call to request a Registration Packet. Thank you.

Registration Packets will be mailed out on August 12th.Fees are still $40/child with a cap of $100/family. Registration papers and fees are DUE by August 27th. Please read through ALL the paperwork carefully. Our first class will be Wednesday, September 9th, 2026, running from 4:00—5:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing all the children!

Please pray for . . .

- Gary Cahoe
- Louise Bruens