

# 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 GROUP

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

## SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE & ROLLS



Our Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study Group will once again be hosting *Coffee & Rolls* after the 8:00 a.m. Mass NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>. So please plan to join us for a tasty treat and a bit of socializing with your fellow parishioners.



Catholic Charities is offering a *Caregiver Educational Series* at the Kankakee Public Library from 2:00—3:00 p.m. on the following days:

- Aug. 30: *Finding Help and Accessing Services* (presented by Amanda Foltz, Catholic Charities)
- Sept. 6: *Nurturing the Caregiver: The Power of Self-Care* (presented by Emily Eikeland, Catholic Charities)
- Sept. 13: *Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors* (presented by Hadi Finerty, The Alzheimer's Assoc.)
- Sept. 20: *The Legal How-To's: Guardianship of the Estate and POA of Property* (presented by Deanna Carlson Webb, Attorney-at-Law)
- Sept. 27: *New Rules for End-of-Life Care* (presented by Darla Savoie, Uplifted Care)

For more information or to register, please contact Amanda Foltz at 815-523-9919.

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- MCSN (USN) Justin McTaggart, son of Kirk & Christine McTaggart

Please pray for . . .

- Rolland Morrival
- Gary Cahoe
- Tina Gooding

## A Prayer for Students

Lord,  
As I prepare for my studies, open my mind to knowledge.  
Open my ears to the lessons I will hear.  
Open my eyes to the wonders I will see.  
Open my heart to the new experiences and friendships.

Lord,  
Watch over me as I begin each day, eager to learn.  
May I proclaim Your love in all that I say and do.  
Watch over me and keep me safe.  
Help me to be an example to my friends,  
and please watch over and guide my teachers,  
as they, in turn, do for us.

Lord,  
Thank You for all You have given me,  
and may You always keep me close to you.  
Amen.

Fr. David P. Uribe, O.M.I.  
Oblate Chaplain Director

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# SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR Aug. 14—20, 2023

**Monday, August 14 (Assumption of Mary Vigil Mass), 6:30 PM**  
+ Joe & Marge Fordyce Wedding Anniversary Remembrance

**Tuesday, August 15 (Assumption of Mary):**  
7:30 AM: Larry Pratt by Brilla Pratt  
7:00 PM: Mass at St. Mary's

**Wednesday, August 16: NO MASS**

**Thursday, August 17, 7:30 AM**  
+ Donna Eastburn by Lloyd Eastburn

**Friday, August 18, 7:30 AM**  
+ Steven Smolucha by Eileen & Dave Rogers

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

NOTE: Daily Morning Mass is held at the Parish Center. Holy Day Morning Masses and First Friday Masses are held at the Church.

**Saturday, August 19, 5:00 PM**  
+ Dr. John Martin by the Martin Family

**Sunday, August 20**  
8:00 AM: Our Parish Families  
9:30 AM: + Shirley Peterson by David & Dolores Johnson  
4:30 PM: Mass at St. Mary's

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation: \$ 3,200.00

Sunday Offering, August 5/6: \$ 1,516.00

Online Giving: \$ 247.00

DEFICIT for the Week: \$ (1,437.00)

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

St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, August 6: \$ 650.00

## LAY MINISTERS for August 19/20, 2023

**SATURDAY, August 19, 5:00 PM**  
Lector: Amy Curry  
Ushers: Don & Rosann Miller

**SUNDAY, August 20, 8:00 AM**  
Lector: Julie Schippert  
Usher: Kendra Martin

Money Counters: Dick Arie & Louise Bruens

### ST. JOSEPH'S CCW

St. Joseph's CCW will meet on **Sunday, September 24** immediately following Mass. All the ladies of St. Joseph's are cordially invited to attend and see what kind of projects/programs we will be undertaking. Please plan to attend and be a part of this awesome group of women!

*Tracy Kelch, President*

### Daily Reflection....

"What is the secret to a good life? The answer is gloriously simple: goodness itself."

Matthew Kelly  
*The Rocking Chair Prophet*

### Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time "A"

Matthew 15:21—28

*"O woman, great is your faith!"*

- What needs in my life have I brought to Jesus as the Canaanite woman brought to Jesus from her life?
- How do I react when God seems to delay in responding to my prayers?
- Can I, like the Canaanite woman, be blunt with Jesus when I need to be?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, when the foreign woman teased you back, you answered her prayers for her daughter. Help me be humble, yet persistent in my prayer. Amen!

### Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That all who cry out to Jesus may receive his healing and his salvation,
- That leaders of the Church may be graced to listen as the Lord speaks to them,
- That all in positions of authority may work towards the justice and peace that comes from God,
- That all who minister in health care to bring the healing of Christ to others may be blest and strengthen in their work,
- That all harmful divisions and wrongful discriminations may soon end among all peoples,
- That our parishioners, who seek the Lord in prayer, may come to know the will of God,
- That those who have died in Christ may be welcomed by God and greeted as great in faith,

*We pray to the Lord.*

### Preparing for the Assumption of Mary's Petitions:

- That, like Mary, those who receive Christ into their lives, may be strengthened to bring him to others,
- That all Christians may be inspired to echo Mary's song of praise,
- That the example of the obedience and humility of Mary may move all people to better serve the Lord,
- That, like Elizabeth, we may welcome Jesus into our homes with Mary, his mother,
- That the example of Mary, the Mother of God given to us as our Mother, too, may strengthen all families,
- That our parishioners, who seek the Lord in prayer, may come to know the will of God,
- That after the course of their earthly lives, those who have died in Christ may be raised, body and spirit, to eternal life,

*Let us pray to the Lord.*

### A Teacher's Prayer

Lord,

Enable me to teach with WISDOM, for I help to shape the mind.

Equip me to teach with TRUTH, for I help to shape the conscience.

Encourage me to teach with VISION, for I help to shape the future.

Empower me to teach with LOVE, for I help to shape the world.

—Abbey Press