

# ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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MASSSES:

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

## FAREWELL RECEPTION

Deacon Lloyd Eastburn will be moving to Peoria at the end of this month. On **Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**, at our **8:00 Mass**, He will be giving his last Homily at St. Edmund's. Following Mass, there will be a reception, in his honor, in the Church basement. Donuts and drinks will be available.

Parishioners are invited to stop by and bid Lloyd a fond farewell as he embarks on this next chapter of his life.

We thank you, Lloyd, for your many years of service to St. Edmund's!

## August is Catholic Charities Month!

Your generous donations will help provide food, shelter, and other critical services to our most vulnerable neighbors. Each gift makes a positive difference in the lives of those we serve. Will you help the poor and vulnerable in honor of Catholic Charities Month?

To donate, visit <https://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org/> or call 815-724-1140.



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY GROUP  
St. Edmund Parish Center

TUESDAYS at 1:00 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Please pray for . . .

- Gary Cahoe
- Tina Gooding
- Morgan Shoemaker

## ST. EDMUND CCW

The first meeting of our new season, our annual Salad Supper, will be held on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. All attendees are asked to please bring a salad to share and a wrapped prize for BINGO. Drinks and desserts will be provided.

Copies of our 2024-2025 Directory will be available for pick-up **NEXT WEEKEND**. I received information for the Directory too late to get it printed and put together for this weekend. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Colette

## HARVEST DAYS DONATIONS

This year's Harvest Daze will be held on October 5/6. We are reaching out to Iroquois County residents for donations of baked goods, jams, jellies, craft items, garden produce, etc. These items can be brought to the Courthouse Museum on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, between 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Please mark the baked items if they are sugar free or have nuts in the ingredients.

Please call Denise Harwood at 815-432-4604, or the museum office at 815-432-2215 with any questions.

The Iroquois County Historical Society thanks everyone for their past donations. In 2023, the Bake Sale profited over \$1,000. This money was used to help defray the heating bills for the Old Courthouse Museum.

“All who are broken, if they seek God, will find love.”

Kevin Matthews  
Mary's Roadie

# SUNDAY, August 18, 2024

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR August 19—25, 2024

Monday, August 19, 7:30 AM

+ Steven Smolucha by Dave & Eileen Rogers

Tuesday, August 20: NO MASS

Wednesday, August 21, 7:30 AM

+ Frances Ducat by Ron & Dolores Bowers; Sheila Harman

Thursday, August 22, 7:30 AM

+ William Reichling By Christina Daszko

Friday, August 23, 7:30 AM

+ Bernadine Buswell by Christina Daszko

**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 24, 5:00 PM

+ Bernadine Buswell by Sue Butler

Sunday, August 25

8:00 AM: + Renata Domalik 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance by Her Family

9:30 AM: Our Parish Families

4:30 PM: Mass at St. Mary's

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### ITALY PILGRIMAGE



HOSTED BY:  
Fr. Mike Powell  
\$4979 from Chicago  
(Airfare, air prices \$499 plus \$300 government taxes/airline surcharges)

11 DAYS: APRIL 28 - MAY 8, 2025

**VISITING:**  
Venice ♦ Florence ♦ Assisi ♦ Rome  
Including  
The Opportunity to Pass Through The Holy Doors of the Basilica of St. Peter in Vatican City & the Other Three Major Basilicas

**TOUR FEATURES:**

- Roundtrip air from /Chicago
- \$530 government taxes & airline surcharges
- First class/select hotels based on 2 persons sharing in twin bedded rooms with private bath
- Most Meals
- Services of a professional English-speaking tour director
- Comprehensive sightseeing

For More Information, Please Contact:  
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### Holy Year Pilgrimage Update!

On Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Edmund Parish Center, we will have an information evening for the upcoming trip to Italy for the Holy Year 2025. We will take a virtual tour of the cities we will be visiting and it will be a great opportunity for any questions or concerns regarding this event. All are welcome, come enjoy the presentation, whatever your plans may be.

Looking forward to seeing ya' all!

Fr. Mike

### HAPPY 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Please join me in wishing Dick and Peggy Arie a very HAPPY 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Wishing you many more years of wedded bliss and blessings!

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

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time B

John 6:60—69

"Master, to whom shall we go?"

- What teachings of Jesus do I have trouble accepting? Why?
- How would I answer Jesus were he to ask me, "Do you also want to leave?"?
- How can I better live out my conviction that Jesus is the Holy One of God?

**Prayer:** God, our Father, Jesus, your Son, honestly asks me if I am wholeheartedly dedicated to him. Help me to respond to that question with the same eager faith that led Simon Peter to answer that same question. Help me truly accept all that Jesus teaches me. Amen!

### Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That the Holy Spirit may always inspire us to serve the Lord, our God,
- That husbands and wives, joined together in Christ, may be strengthened by the Sacrament that mirrors the love of Christ for his Church,
- That those who are weak in faith or cannot accept the teachings of Jesus may be led to deep and lasting faith,
- That all who have separated themselves from the Eucharist may be led to return by the grace of God,
- That victims of hatred, violence and terrorism may find justice, and through justice, may find peace,
- That the prayers of our parishioners may be brought to the Father by Jesus,
- That the dead, who confessed Jesus as the Holy One of God, may come to eternal life,

Let us pray to the Lord.

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, August 10/11:	\$ 1,810.00
Online Giving:	\$ 125.00
<b>DEFICIT for the Week:</b>	<b>\$ (1,265.00)</b>
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, August 11:	\$ 2,371.07

### LAY MINISTERS for August 24/25, 2024

SATURDAY, August 24, 5:00 PM

Lector: Doug Duffy

Ushers: Sam & Sue Stepp

SUNDAY, August 25, 8:00 AM

Lector: Kendra Martin

Usher: Gene Ochs

Money Counters: Dick Arie & Louise Bruens

### One Liners...

- I was addicted to the Hokey Pokey, but then I turned myself around.
- Despite the high cost of living, it remains popular.
- When life gives you melons, you might be dyslexic.

