

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 GROUP

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

A Note from our RE Office....

Registration packets for our 2023-2024 year of Religious Education have been sent out and forms are due back by August 31st, 2023. If your child is eligible to attend class, but you did not receive a packet, please call Patti Duffy, our Coordinator of Religious Education to request one. A few packets will also be available for pick-up from the table in the vestibule of the Church.

Classes will resume on Wednesday, September 13th, at 4:00 p.m.

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 Morrical
- Gary Cahoe
- Tina Gooding

FREEWILL

Make-A-Will Sunday

August is National Make-A-Will Month and a perfect opportunity for our community to reflect on the many gifts God has blessed us with. At St. Edmund's and St. Joseph's, we're taking this a step further with Make-A-Will Sunday. Today, we invite you to set aside time to think through your estate plan and how you can best steward what God has entrusted to you.

To help you with this process, St. Edmund's and St. Joseph's offer an online estate planning tool you can use to create your will for free online and safeguard all that you have.

Visit FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet to get started on your will.

HARVEST DAZE DONATIONS

This year's Harvest Daze will be held on October 7/8. 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 6th or Saturday, October 7th, between 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Please mark baked goods if they are sugar-free, gluten-free or have nuts in the ingredients.

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR Aug. 21—27, 2023

Monday, 21, 7:30 AM

+ Frank & Geraldine German Langellier by Nick & Roxanne Adsit

Tuesday, August 22: NO MASS

Wednesday, August 23, 7:30 AM

+ Bobby Hansen by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

Thursday, August 24, 7:30 AM

+ Mary Claire by Chris & Amy Curry and Family

Friday, August 25, 7:30 AM

Healing for Augustos Borgonia by Brilla Pratt

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 26, 5:00 PM

Our Parish Families

Sunday, August 27

8:00 AM: + Ryan Rippe by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

9:30 AM: + Bill Dirks by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

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

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

Sunday Offering, August 12/13: \$ 2,032.00

Online Giving: \$ 102.00

DEFICIT for the Week: \$ (1,066.00)

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

St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, August 13: \$ 2,250.00

LAY MINISTERS for August 26/27, 2023

SATURDAY, August 26, 5:00 PM

Lector: Paula Hodak

Ushers: Sam & Sue Stepp

SUNDAY, August 27, 8:00 AM

Lector: Sara McTaggart

Usher: Sue Butler

Money Counters: Bill Janssen & Kendra Martin

ST. EDMUND CCW

The first meeting of our new season, our annual *Salad Supper*, will be held on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH** 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 dessert will be provided.

Copies of our 2023-2024 Directory are available for pick-up from the table in the vestibule of the Church. If any of you notice a wrong phone number, please contact Colette and let her know. Thank you.

Daily Reflection....

"Just as our bodies need food,
our souls need nourishment, too."

Lisa Brenninkmeyer
Walking with Purpose

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

21st Sunday Ordinary Time "A"

Matthew 16:13—20

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!"

- How have I been asked who Jesus is?
- What is my answer to the question of who Jesus is?
- As a member of the Catholic Church, do I keep the Pope, Peter's successor, in my prayers?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you built your Church on Peter's profession of faith. Help me echo his understanding of you as the Christ, the Holy One of God. Amen!

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- For our Holy Father, that God may enable him to strengthen his brothers and sisters in faith,
- For the Church throughout the world, that she may share deeper in the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God,
- For all who exercise authority in civil government, and for all who serve in police and fire protection,
- For all who do not acknowledge the authority of God, and for those who are like sheep without shepherds,
- For the needs of our Diocese, parish and community,
- For all the members of our parish who, in wonder, approach the inscrutable judgments and unsearchable ways of God,
- For the dead, that the mercy of God may open the gates of Heaven to them,

We pray to the Lord.

SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY 2023 PROGRAMS

Poetry of Presence Writing Workshop Online Series: Please join Erin Sweeney for this workshop where we will read, write, and reflect on the topics of living, flexibility, looking outward, and silence. **The dates for this are:** September 9, 16 and 30, and October 7 from 10:00—11:30 a.m. **The cost for this series is \$45.**

Finding Miracles in Our Everyday Life: Many miracles happen in our lives everyday, but we often fail to recognize them because we aren't looking for God's glory and mystery. Please join Sr. Loretta Finn, sscm, for this presentation on **Thursday, September 14th** from **10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.** at **One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center** in Kankakee. **The cost for this program is \$15.**

The 19th Annotation of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius: In The 19th Annotation, the participant experiences the Spiritual Exercises in daily life. Each participant will be given material to use in daily prayer. Participants will meet individually with a spiritual director each week. In a larger context, participants will gather every two weeks for a group meeting designed to be informational on elements of the spiritual life and a support to each individual. The first meeting will be **Tuesday, September 19th**, from **7:00—8:00 p.m.** **Registration closes September 12th.** **The cost for this series is \$150.** **Our Spiritual Directors are:** Susan L. Amann, Kathy Brady-Murfin, Judy Bumbul, Sr. Linda Hatton, sscm and Sr. Myra Lambert, sscm.

For further information or to register, you can go to their website, www.sscm-usa.org, call Susan Amann at 708-790-8141, or online readers can click on the link below :

Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary (sscm-usa.org)