

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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WATSEKA IL 60970

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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

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
307 UNION STREET
CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

MASS: SUNDAY AT 4:30 PM

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A Note from our RE Office....

Registration Packets for our 2024-2025 year of Religious Education have been sent out and forms and payment are due back by September 5th, 2024. 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 18th at 4:00 p.m.

ST. EDMUND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COLLECTION

Next Weekend ~ Aug. 31/Sept.1, 2024

Next weekend there will be a basket in the entrance of the Church for the offering for our Religious Education Department. Unlike other special collections that get sent to the diocese or elsewhere, this collection stays right here at St. Edmund's and benefits our children and our parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated....thank you!



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

St. Edmund Parish Center

TUESDAYS at 1:00 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Please remember in prayer those called to eternal life. We extend our prayers and heartfelt sympathy to the friends and family of:

Norma Morgan, Sister of Edmund Bower

My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.

Exodus 33:14

ST. EDMUND CCW

The first meeting of our new season, our annual Salad Supper, will be held on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. All attendees are asked to please bring a salad to share and a



BINGO

7	26	40	58	73
14	22	34	55	68
4	24	FREE	46	72
9	20	36	52	74
6	28	35	49	64

wrapped prize for BINGO. Drinks and desserts will be provided.

Copies of our 2024-2025 Directory are now available for pick-up from the table in the vestibule of the Church.

Notes from Fr. Mike....

This Thursday, August 29th, all the priests of the diocese will join in a recollection day at the Diocesan Center in Crest Hill. It begins at 9:00 a.m., so there will be NO MORNING MASS this Thursday. Keep us in your prayers on this day of renewal.

Also, thanks to Deacon Lloyd for 35 years of Diaconal service to our Diocese and our Parish. Our prayers go with him as he moves on to a new season of life in nearby Joliet.

Blessings,
~Fr. Mike

“Generosity is at the heart of the Christian life, just as it is at the heart of the Gospel. For it is often through our generosity that we are able to bring the love of God to life for others in a real and tangible way.”

Matthew Kelly

The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic

SUNDAY, August 25, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR Aug. 26—Sept. 1, 2024

Monday, August 26, 7:30 AM
 + Steven Smolucha by Dave & Eileen Rogers

Tuesday, August 27: NO MASS

Wednesday, August 28, 7:30 AM
 + Judi Bowers by Ron & Dolores Bowers and Sheila Harman

Thursday, August 29: NO MASS

Friday, August 30, 7:30 AM
 + Ken & Mary Sorensen by Suzanne & Mike Sorensen

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 31, 5:00 PM
 + Amanda Harris Birthday Remembrance by Her Family

Sunday, September 1
 8:00 AM: Our Parish Families
 9:30 AM: + Jim Hamilton by M/M Steve Kronos
 4:30 PM: Mass at St. Mary's

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, August 17/18:	\$ 2,750.00
Online Giving:	\$ 175.00
DEFICIT for the Week:	\$ (275.00)
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, August 18:	\$ 892.42

LAY MINISTERS for Aug. 31/Sept. 1, 2024

SATURDAY, August 31, 5:00 PM

Lector: John Gooding

Usher: Dick Arie

SUNDAY, September 1, 8:00 AM

Lector: Nancy Cowan

Ushers: Chuck & Marie Garfield

Money Counters: Bill Janssen & John Tonner

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—SEPTEMBER

1	Sandra Harris
8	Margaret & Gene Ochs
15	Chris Daszko
22	Bill & Chris Janssen
29	Chuck & Marie Garfield



Please pray for . . .

- Gary Cahoe
- Tina Gooding
- Morgan Shoemaker

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

22nd Sunday Ordinary Time B

Mark 7:1—8; 14—15; 21—23

"Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person!"

- Do I observe the regulations of my religion in a healthy manner?
- Do I ever confuse the letter of the law with the spirit of the spirit of the law?
- What aspects of my faith life that are merely human should I leave behind?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me live out my faith in such a manner that less important details never draw more attention than they rightfully deserve. May human tradition never lead me to disregard your commands. Amen!

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That in the wisdom and knowledge of the Holy Spirit, the Church may be led to hear and observe the statutes and ordinances of the Lord God,
- That by the grace of God, we may humbly welcome the Word that God has planted in us,
- That we may be purified from all that leads to inner evil and defilement,
- That the pure religion of the Father may lead to the care of orphans, widows and all in need,
- That God may bless all human labor and bring it to a rich harvest, shared equitably by all,
- That the prayers of our parishioners may serve as the bridge between human need and divine love,
- That those, who in this life bore the name Christian, may in death be welcomed to the heavenly banquet,

Let us pray to the Lord.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN SEPTEMBER:

- 1 Collection for our RE Program
- 2 Labor Day Observed: Church Office will be CLOSED
- 3 CCW Salad Supper & BINGO: 6:00 p.m. at the Parish Center
- 5 RE Registration Papers/Payment Due
- 6 First Friday: Benediction w/Adoration following AM Mass at Church
- 7/8 Food Pantry
- 8 Grandparents Day
- 9 Information Meeting for Italy Trip in 2025: 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center
- 11 RE Staff Mass & Meeting: 5:00 p.m. at the Parish Center
- 12 Euchre Party: 1:00—3:00 p.m. at the Parish Center
Knights of Columbus Meeting: 6:30 p.m. Church Basement
- 14/15 Catechetical Sunday
- 22 First Day of Autumn
- 28 Knights of Columbus CASH BASH: 6—10 P.M. at the Elks Lodge