

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

219 EAST LOCUST STREET
WATSEKA IL 60970

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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

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.

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—SEPTEMBER

3	Sandra Harris
10	Christina Daszko
17	Isabel Rogers
24	Chuck & Marie Garfield



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

Bernadine Buswell, Matriarch of the Buswell Family
and
William Reichling, Son of Beulah Carrie

My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.
Exodus 33:14

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

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

Please pray for . . .

- Rolland Morrical
- Gary Cahoe
- Tina Gooding

SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY 2023 PROGRAMS

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. 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.**

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 \(sscm-usa.org\)](http://www.sscm-usa.org)

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR Aug. 28—Sept. 3, 2023

Monday, August 28, 7:30 AM
+ Donald McDonough by Georgene & Gerald Hawkins

Tuesday, August 29: NO MASS

Wednesday, August 30, 7:30 AM
+ Melvin Rogers by Eileen & Dave Rogers

Thursday, August 31, 7:30 AM
+ Debbe Quick by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

Friday, September 1, 7:30 AM
+ Randy Roth by Georgene & Gerald Hawkins

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, September 2, 5:00 PM
Amanda Harris by Her Family

Sunday, September 3
8:00 AM: + Jim Gallahue by Knights of Columbus Council 4391
9:30 AM: Parish Families
4:30 PM: Mass at St. Mary's

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, August 19/20:	\$ 2,514.00
Online Giving:	\$ 165.00
DEFICIT for the Week:	\$ (521.00)
Times are tough.....see what you can do!	
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, August 20:	\$ 690.00

LAY MINISTERS for September 3/4, 2023

SATURDAY, September 3, 5:00 PM
Lector: John Gooding
Ushers: Mike & Jodi Schuler

SUNDAY, September 4, 8:00 AM
Lector: RaDonna Hasselbring
Ushers: M/M Kyle Cluver Family

Money Counters: Pat McTaggart & John Tonner

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.

The Gilman United Methodist Church will be hosting *A Natural High Concert* on Sunday, August 27th, at 3:30 p.m. with a *Spaghetti Dinner* to follow the concert. A free-will donation will be taken during the concert to support their International Latin America Missions project. The free-will donation for dinner will support the missions of their Church.

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
22nd Sunday Ordinary Time "A"
Matthew 16:21—27

"Whoever wishes to come after me must take up his cross!"

- What "crosses" have I been called to take up in my life as a disciple of Jesus?
- How can I "lose my life" to better follow Jesus?
- Have I ever, like Peter, reacted negatively to what I hear Jesus say?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, You willingly took up your horrible cross because of my sins and have demanded me to take up my cross and follow you. Help me to overcome any fear or hesitancy I may have in faithfully following you to Calvary. Amen!

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That all disciples may have the courage to take up their cross and follow Jesus,
- That, not conforming to this passing age, our bodies may be offered as a spiritual sacrifice to God as our minds are renewed,
- That the Word of God, like fire burning in our hearts, may move all in the Church to cry out God's message to the World,
- That those who are suffering today, especially those suffering because of their faith in Christ, may know the consolation of God,
- That upon his return, the Son of Man may find us worthy of himself,
- That all of our parishioners may come to discern the will of God and do what is pleasing in his sight,
- That the dead may be enabled to lay down their crosses and join in the Resurrection of the Lord,

We pray to the Lord.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN SEPTEMBER...

- 1 First Friday: *Benediction with Adoration following 7:30 AM Mass at the Church*
- 2/3 Food Pantry
COLLECTION FOR OUR RE PROGRAM
- 4 Labor Day Observed: *Church Office will be CLOSED*
- 5 **CCW Salad Supper & BINGO: 6:00 p.m. at the Parish Center**
- 6 **RE Staff Mass & Meeting: 5:00 p.m. at the Parish Center**
- 10 **Grandparents Day**
- 13 **RE Classes Resume: 4:00 p.m. at the Parish Center**
- 14 **Euchre Party: 1:00—3:00 p.m. at the Parish Center**
Knights of Columbus Meeting: 6:30 p.m. (Church Basement)
- 16 **K of C CASH BASH: 6—10 p.m. at the Watseka Elks Club**
- 16/17 **Catechetical Sunday**
- 23 **First Day of Autumn**

ST. EDMUND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM COLLECTION
Next Weekend ~ September 3/4, 2023

Next weekend there will be a basket in the entrance of the Church for the offering for our Religious Education Program. 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!