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
Religious Education Office: 815-432-5569
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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

ST. EDMUND CCW SALAD SUPPER
Tuesday, September 8 ~ 6:00 p.m.
St. Edmund's Parish Center

Bring a salad to share and a wrapped prize for BINGO!

Our CCW works to support the needs of our parish and to provide spirituality, leadership, and service opportunities for the women of St. Edmund's. **Our schedule of meetings are:** ***September:*** First Tuesday after Labor Day at 6:00 p.m. at the Parish Center; ***October, November, March & April:*** First Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center; and our ***May Banquet*** is held on the first Monday in May at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Basement. All this information can be found in our Directory.

Music Ministry

We would like to reinstate a choir. Mark Calvin (lector & usher) will moderate the choir. Sue Bennett (8:00 Sunday Mass organist) will be the accompanist. As husband and wife, they desire to lift us all in song during Mass. We are asking you to join St. Edmund's Music Ministry and form a choir to enrich our music at Mass. Mark has a background in musical theater and Sue has been in choirs, grade school through college. As a couple, they desire to lift us all in song during Mass.

If Interested, sign up on the clipboard at the table by the organ. Watch the bulletin for updates. At our first meeting—tentative in September—we will decide practice day and time that works for the group. We will discuss a Mass schedule for dates to sing as well. Our goal is to begin during Advent and Christmas.

For more information, talk to Mark or Sue after the 8:00 Mass.

God Bless You.

St. Edmund & St. Joseph
OUTDOOR MASS & PICNIC
Sunday, September 20, 2026 ~ 10:30 AM
(You will need to bring your own lawn chairs.)
In case of rain, Mass will be held inside the Church.

MENU
Burgers ~ Hot Dogs ~ Chips ~ Side Salads
Drinks ~ Desserts
Provided by our Knights of Columbus,
St. Edmund's CCW & St. Joseph's CCW

There Will be a basket in which to place FREE-WILL OFFERINGS. Proceeds will once again go towards our Building Fund.

Sign-Up Sheets Can be Found in the Vestibule of the Church. Last day to sign up is Sunday, September 13th.

HARVEST DAZE DONATIONS

This year's Harvest Daze will be held on October 3/4. 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 2nd or Saturday, October 3rd, between 10:00 a.m. —4:00 p.m. Please mark the baked items if they are sugar-free, gluten-free, or have nuts in them in the ingredients.

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS FOR September 7—13, 2026

Monday, September 7, 7:30 AM
*** Peter Daszko by Chris Daszko**

Tuesday, September 8: NO MASS

Wednesday, September 9, 7:30 AM
**** Mary Claire by Christ Daszko***

Thursday, September 10, 7:30 AM
**** Keith "Skip" Bowers Birthday Remembrance by Ron & Dolores Bowers & Sheila Harman***

Friday, September 11, 7:30 AM
**** Lee & Donna Guimond by Chris & Amy Curry & Family***

Morning Mass….what a way to start the day!
NOTE: *Daily* Morning Mass is held at the Parish Center. *Holy Day*, *First Friday* and *Ash Wednesday* Masses are held at the Church.

Saturday, September 12, 5:00 PM
**** Tina Gooding by John Gooding & Family***

Sunday, September 13:
8:00 AM: ** Jerome Manos Anniversary Remembrance by His Family*
9:30 AM: *Our Parish Families*
4:30 PM: *Mass at St. Mary's*

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation:	**$ 3,200.00**
Sunday Offering, August 29/30:	**$ 1,757.00**
Online Giving:	**$ 360.00**
DEFICIT for the Week:	**$ (1,083.00)**
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, August 30:	**$ 428.00**

LAY MINISTERS for September 12/13, 2026

SATURDAY, September 12, 5:00 PM
Lector: John Gooding
Usher: Gene Ochs

SUNDAY, September 13, 8:00 AM
Lector: RaDonna Hasselbring
Usher: Carol Houmes

Money Counters: Bill Janssen & Joe Lyznicki

A Prayer for our Catechists….

Loving Father, pour forth your Holy Spirit upon me that I may be a good catechist of your Word, your Son, Jesus Christ.

Render my mind and heart so open, receptive and responsive to your Holy Spirit that, like Mary, I might become a living instrument of your Word to others. Help me to be a faithful witness to Gospel life so that your Church may become ever more alive.

Let the fire of your love so enkindle my heart that I may be an instrument of drawing other to love of you in the Church of your Son.

I ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen!

United States Council of Catholic Bishops

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
24th Sunday Ordinary Time *A*
Matthew 18:21—35
"A debtor who owed a bombastic amount of money"

- Have I ever been in debt up to my eyeballs? How did it feel? Was I shown compassion…or not?
- Has anyone ever been in debt to me? How did I handle that situation?
- As I stand before the throne of God, how great is my debt to him?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to realize my unimaginable debt to you and let that knowledge guide me in how I deal with others who, by comparison, may be in trivial debt to me. My Jesus, mercy. Amen!

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- For the forgiveness that we need from the Lord and for the resolve to sin no more,
- For the love we need to forgive others and to let go of past wrongs and hurts,
- For strength for the Church of Christ as she continues the work of reconciliation,
- For health for the sick, substance for the hungry and a harbor for those at sea,
- For all who live in the Lord, that Christ, Lord of the living and the dead, may claim them as his own,
- For those of our parish seeking God's forgiveness and mercy,
- For our beloved dead, that having been cleansed of sin through the death of Christ, they may enter into his heavenly Kingdom,

We pray to the Lord.

RE CLASSES TO RESUME

Our Religious Education Classes will resume on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th, at 4:00 p.m. at the Parish Center.

Our Catechists and the grades they teach are as follows:

GRADE	CATECHISTS
Pre K/Kindergarten	Diana Wessels
1st Grade	Wendy Arnold
Sacrament Prep	Kendra Martin
3rd Grade	Erin DeBolt
4th/5th Grade	Paula Williamson & Annmarie Kieffer
Confirmation	Sue Bennett
Outdoor & Upstairs Monitor	Ashley Jeglinski

Please pray for . . .

- Gary Cahoe
- Ted Iverson
- Ryder Gwaltney