

## ST. EDMUND CHURCH

219 EAST LOCUST STREET  
WATSEKA IL 60970

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

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MASSSES:	M-W-TH-F	7:30 AM
	SATURDAY	N/A
	SUNDAY	8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS: Saturday, 4:30-4:50 PM or by appointment

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“Transforming the world in which we live by bringing the teachings of Jesus Christ to every living person.”

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## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

(A mission of St. Edmund Church)  
307 UNION STREET  
CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

MASS: SUNDAY 10:00 AM (Outdoors, weather permitting)

### THANK YOU!!

September 3<sup>rd</sup> was the day that Religious Education registrations were due. I would like to say THANK YOU to our families that got their forms in by the due date; we had the biggest return EVER!!

We have worked hard to get things organized so that both our students and our volunteer Catechists have both a safe yet rewarding year. Please pray that we can keep our program running for the entire school year, so we have the opportunity to excite our children about the Catholic faith and the love Jesus Christ has for all of us.

Patty Duffy,  
Coordinator of Religious Education

Classes will resume on Wednesday, September 16 at 4:00 p.m.

♥ HAPPY ♥  
GRANDPARENTS  
♥ DAY ♥

If you're lucky enough to still have grandparents, visit them, cherish them and celebrate them while you can.

Regina Brett

When my arms can't reach my grandchildren, I hug them with my prayers.

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### We're Making Progress!

What a year...after all that we have been through this year, we can see the progress we have made and the work that still needs to be done. I hope we can restart 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass soon. The challenge with this plan is to have enough ushers to prepare the Church before the Mass, ensure proper procedures during the Mass and sanitizing after the Mass. Several parishioners have already come forward.

We also have the challenge of steady and adequate collection income. Trust me, in these difficult times when all families have to rethink their budgets, the St. Edmund ~ St. Joseph family is centered on proper and responsible use of our resources. As we often hear, we are in this together and we are slowly but surely moving in the right direction. There's an old Latin proverb: "Festina lente", Make haste, slowly. That's what we are doing.

Blessings,  
Fr. Mike

### A NOTE TO OUR MONEY COUNTERS . . .

I have noticed that a couple of times lately there has only been one Money Counter counting on Sunday. It is Diocesan Policy that there is always 2 people counting. I was remiss in putting a copy of the current schedule in the drawer and I apologize for that, but there is one in there now. If your partner does not show up, please call someone from the list, but if you can't get anyone, please feel free to give me a call and I will be happy to come up and help.

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# SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPT. 14—20, 2020

**Monday, September 14, 7:30 AM**

Ashley Geiger by Chris & Amy Curry & Family

**Tuesday, September 15: NO MASS**

**Wednesday, September 16, 7:30 AM**

Lucille Pence by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

**Thursday, September 17, 7:30 AM**

Dominic "Ditty" Lynch by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

**Friday, September 18, 7:30 AM**

Diana German Pechauer by Nick & Roxanne Adsit & Family

**Saturday, September 19: Private Mass by Fr. Mike**

Robert Lesch by the Jaworski Family

**Sunday, September 20**

**8:30 AM:** Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's

**10:00 AM :** Allen Peterson by Ty & Jean Herron

**8:30 AM Mass: Held at St. Edmund's**

**10:00 AM Outdoor Mass: Held at St. Joseph's in Crescent City**

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering 9/6/20:	\$ 1,653.00
Online Giving:	\$ 330.00
<b>DEFICIT For the Week:</b>	<b>\$ (1,217.00)</b>
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering:	\$ .00

## LAY MINISTERS for September 20, 2020

<b>USHERS:</b>	Brittany Cluver, Mary Decker & Sue Butler
<b>LECTOR:</b>	RaDonna Hasselbring



You can sign up for **Online Giving** by going to our website, [www.stedstjoe.org](http://www.stedstjoe.org) and click on the **Online Giving** button.



**DRIVE-THROUGH ONLY**  
(Use Alley Behind the Church)  
**SEPTEMBER 26, 2020**  
3:00 PM until fish runs out

**MENU: Deep Fried Cod & Chips**

**FREE-WILL DONATION**

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time "A"

Matthew 20:1—16

*"The last will be first, and the first will be last!"*

- Do I welcome new people into my parish?
- Am I envious of those who seem to have more than me?
- Am I content with what God has given me?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, I thank you for calling me to work in your vineyard. Help me to work with my brothers and sisters, never to feel that I deserve more than them. Help me to look forward to the end of the day when you will return in glory. Amen!

## SECOND COLLECTION

September 26/27, 2020

The United States Council of Catholic Bishops has asked all Catholic Churches in the US to help support **Catholic Charities USA** by giving to a **Disaster Relief Collection** that will be taken up the weekends of **September 27<sup>th</sup> & October 4<sup>th</sup>**. This is to help those affected by Hurricane Laura and the western wildfires.

We understand that some may still be feeling the financial aftereffects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and are not able to give at this time. If you feel you can contribute to this cause, please do so, but if you cannot, that is fine. During these difficult and somewhat unstable times, you must use your best judgment in matters of giving. Thank you.

## ST. EDMUND CCW

St. Edmund's CCW **WILL** be doing **Boxes of Joy** this year, though the project will be done a little bit differently than years past. **We are asking that you pack your boxes at home and then bring them to the Church between 8:00—10:00 a.m. on September 27<sup>th</sup> or October 4<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a box to place your **Boxes of Joy** in to the side of the front steps of the Church. **WE ARE ONLY TAKING COMPLETED BOXES**. For those of you who made dresses, those can be brought at this time, too.

When packing your boxes, please make sure they are **FULL** so that things aren't moving around in the boxes. Please stick to the list attached to this bulletin (and on our website) when purchasing items for your boxes.

**Age categories for both, BOYS and GIRLS are:**

2—4 years old 5—9 years old 10—14 years old

**Boxes MUST be marked accordingly.**

**If possible, a check for \$9.00 made payable to St. Edmund CCW should be included with your boxes.** Donations for postage are very welcomed and those checks are also payable to the CCW. When the boxes are delivered, one check will be included to cover postage for ALL the boxes.

This is a much needed project, so even in these difficult times, we felt it was important to follow through and help as much as possible. With your generous help, this project can be a success...thank you!

If you have any questions, please call Margaret Ochs (815-471-5203), Louise Bruens (815-471-3033) or Jeanette Reifel (815-889-4962).

**CCW Officers & Margaret Ochs, Deanery Project Chairwoman**