

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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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

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

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)

Today is **Catechetical Sunday**. Below is a blessing for our catechists, as well as all others out there who are dedicated to teaching our faith to our young people. We are truly blessed to have each and every one of you!

Fr. Mike

Heavenly Father, you are the source of life and love.

Send down your Spirit upon these catechists. Inspire them to be not only teachers of your truth, but witnesses of your love.

Give them courage to heal. Help them to see the pain of those around them so that they may offer hope through loving gestures of support and prayer. May they be merciful to others as you are merciful.

Give them the joy to proclaim the Good News of salvation. Help them see your will at work in their lives so that they may share it with others. May they, in their words and deeds, offer continual praise to the one who saves us.

Give them the wisdom to teach. Help them discover the mysteries of our faith in new and exciting ways. May their curiosity inspire those who they instruct to become your loyal disciples.

We pray to you, almighty Father, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ the Master-Teacher, the Healer, and the Savior, and in unity with the Holy Spirit who inspires us with knowledge, courage, and understanding. Amen.

Jared Dees
thereligionteacher.com

Our 2020-2021 year of Religious Education has begun. Our teachers and their aides are:

GRADE	TEACHER	AIDE
Pre-K	Diana Wessels	
1 st Grade	Gracie Seabert	Crystal Tiarks
2 nd Grade	Kendra Martin	Jackie Bell
3 rd Grade	Sophia Melgoza	
4 th Grade	Gene Ochs	
5 th Grade	Claudio & Nancy Garcia	
7 th Grade	Ericka Clark	Morgan Shoemaker
8 th Grade	Louise Bruens	Chris Daszko

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 27th & October 4th**. This is to help those affected by Hurricane Laura and the western wildfires. **Donors are asked to please place your check or money for this in an envelope marked Disaster Relief**

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.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPT. 21—27, 2020

Monday, September 21, 7:30 AM
In Celebration of Terry & Rhonda Pence's 40th Wedding Anniversary

Tuesday, September 22: NO MASS

Wednesday, September 23, 7:30 AM
Marybeth Claire by Dewey & Marie Haag

Thursday, September 24, 7:30 AM
Marie Brown by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

Friday, September 25, 7:30 AM
Sharon Shafer Anniversary Remembrance by Her Family

Saturday, September 26: Private Mass by Fr. Mike
Tom & Mary Ahearn by Peg & Bill Burwell

Sunday, September 27
8:30 AM: Carmen O'Conner by Her Family
10:00 AM : Allen Peterson by Ty & Jean Herron
Private Mass by Fr. Mike: Dr. John Martin by the Martin Family

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 9/13/20:	\$ 2,249.00
Online Giving:	\$ 55.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (896.00)
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering:	\$.00

LAY MINISTERS for September 27, 2020

USHERS:	Carol Houmes, Kayla Duffy & Patti Duffy
LECTOR:	Bill Janssen

PARISH COUNCIL & FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

St. Edmund's Parish Council and Finance Council will meet on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st** at 6:30 p.m. at the **PARISH CENTER**. Masks are required and social distancing will be observed. If any members of either council cannot make it to the meeting, please let Colette know. Thank you.



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:

26th Sunday Ordinary Time "A"

Matthew 21:28—32

"Which of the two did his father's will"

- Have I ever given my word to someone and then failed to do what I said I would do?
- What change of heart might be needed in my life?
- How can I better respond to the call to repentance?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you call your disciples to hear the call of your Father and to promptly respond. Help me to hear that call and to sincerely respond to it. May I never think of myself as better than others. Amen!

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 SUNDAYS ONLY, SEPTEMBER 27th and OCTOBER 4th, 11th and 18th.** 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

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.

Colette