

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

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

St. Edmund Parish Center

- Every TUESDAY at 1:00 p.m.
- Every THURSDAY (resuming October 5th) at 6:00 p.m.

Newcomers are always welcome!

Knights of Columbus
TOOTSIE ROLLS SALES 2023

Tootsie Rolls Sales at St. Edmund's and St. Joseph's will be conducted the weekend of October 28/29, AFTER ALL MASSES. This is a great opportunity to stock up before Halloween! For sales prior to October 28/29, feel free to stop by Dick Arie's office at 108 E. Oak St. and pick some up there.

Case (6 Boxes of 50):	\$45
Box of 50:	\$10
Case of 24 Banks (Chocolate or Fruit Flavors):	\$45
Bank Tubes:	\$10 for 4



©Tootsie Roll Day

PIANO & CABINET FREE FOR THE TAKING

We are in the process of starting some renovations in the Church basement (getting rid of the carpet and putting down flooring, tuck pointing the walls, and taking down the folding walls) and need to get rid of some things.

The piano down there is free for the taking, as well as a large glass cabinet. but the taker is responsible for moving them. If there are no takers, we will just be junking them.

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

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

Please pray for . . .

- Rolland Morrical
- Gary Cahoe
- Tina Gooding

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND COLLECTION

October 14/15, 2023

The Watseka Ministerial Association, in cooperation with the Watseka Police Department, are reactivating a program aimed to provide assistance to transients, stranded motorists, and others passing through Watseka who are in need of emergency help. *Starting in 2024, we will pick a weekend in May in which to hold an annual second collection for this, but we wanted to do something this year, so the weekend of October 14/15 there will be a basket in the entrance of the Church in which to place your donations.* We thank you in advance for your contributions to this very worthy cause!

YEAR-END GIFT GIVING TO ST. EDMUND'S or ST. JOSEPH'S

If you are over 70 1/2, you can make contributions (up to \$100,000) from your IRA to qualified charities tax-free. IRA distributions are typically federally taxed at your ordinary income tax rate. However, distributions are TAX-FREE if made payable directly to a qualified charity.

Please consider donating to St Edmund's or St. Joseph's directly from your IRA. It is a great way to support our parishes and provide tax savings for you! Consult your tax or investment advisor to determine the tax advantages for you and to authorize the distribution.

It is our hope that you prayerfully reflect on this and find St. Edmund's or St. Joseph's worthy of your gift. A gift to St. Edmund's or St. Joseph's is an investment in our future. Thank you!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR October 2—8, 2023

Monday, October 2, 7:30 AM
+ JoEll Lemenager by Alan Hubert

Tuesday, October 3: NO MASS

Wednesday, October 4, 7:30 AM
+ Jim Pence by Debra Deno

Thursday, October 5, 7:30 AM
+ Mary Claire by Rick, Beth & Piper Hanson

Friday, October 6, 7:30 AM
+ Sylvia Curry by the John Gooding Family

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, October 7, 5:00 PM
+ Helen Bruens by Our Parish Family

Sunday, October 8
8:00 AM: Annalea Carson by Christine Ryan
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, September 23/24: \$ 1,530.00

Online Giving: \$ 418.00

DEFICIT for the Week: \$ (1,252.00)

St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, September 24: \$ 799.00

LAY MINISTERS for October 7/8, 2023

SATURDAY, October 7, 5:00 PM

Lector: John Gooding

Ushers: Doug & Patti Duffy

SUNDAY, October 8, 8:00 AM

Lector: Nancy Cowan

Usher: Sue Butler

Money Counters: Louise Bruens & Pat McTaggart

TEEN TALK

A Teen's Guide to Mental Wellness
(Virtual Group Sessions)

For Ages 13—17

Starting October 18, 2023

Four Sessions With New Topics Each Week

For more information, please email: counselingreferrals@cc-doj.org

Those reading this online can sign up by clicking on the link below:

[Teen Talk \(Counseling\) \(jotform.com\)](https://www.jotform.com/TeenTalk(Counseling))

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

Rolland "Ron" Morrical, husband of Linda Morrical

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

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

27th Sunday Ordinary Time "A"

Matthew 21:33—43

"The Kingdom of God will be given to a people that produces fruit!"

- How responsible am I with the gifts that God has entrusted to me?
- Do I respect those whom God has sent to me and respond to them in a positive way?
- Have I ever said "no" to God by my words or by my actions?

Prayer: Almighty God and Father, you have sent your prophets to prepare the way for your Son whom you have also sent into our world. Forgive me for the times I have refused to receive him and to listen to his call to me. Help me to welcome Jesus by welcoming those whom he sends me today. Amen!

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That the Lord of the harvest may bless with abundance the good earth He has given to our care,
- That those who lead the Church may always be strengthened by the Son whom the Father has sent,
- That our ears and our hearts may be opened to those whom God sends us,
- That at this time of harvest, farmers may find blessing and success in their labors,
- That the poor, the hungry, the homeless and the lonely may know the love of God through the actions of His people,
- That our parishioners, who by prayer and petition, make their needs known to God, may know His peace which surpasses all understanding,
- That those who have died may be with the God of peace,
We pray to the Lord.

SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY

2023 PROGRAMS

Why Pray the Rosary?: Please join Sr. Kathleen Mulchay, sscm, for this presentation on Thursday, October 12th, from 9:00—10:30 a.m. at One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center. *The cost for this program is \$15.*

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)

ST. EDMUND CCW MEETING

Monday, October 2 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Parish Center

We will be working on **Boxes of Joy**. Refreshments will be provided by Georgene Hawkins and Jeanette Reifel.

PLEASE NOTE: All FILLED **Boxes of Joy** must be returned no later than October 8th. They can be placed in the bin in the vestibule of the Church or dropped off at the Rectory during normal hours of operation (8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.). Thank you!

"For it is in the giving that we receive."
—St. Francis of Assisi