

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020

Mon.	10/5	7:30 AM	John Davenport by Our Parish Family
Tue.	10/6	NO MASS	
Wed.	10/7	7:30 AM	Dorothy Barlow by Her Family
Thur.	10/8	7:30 AM	Annalea Carson by Christine Ryan
Fri.	10/9	7:30 AM	Jim Roberts by the Barlow Family
Sat.	10/10		<i>Private Mass by Fr. Mike: Jennie Langner by Dave &amp; Eileen Rogers</i>
Sun.	10/11	8:30 AM	Rodney Popham by His Family
		10:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
			<i>Private Mass by Fr. Mike: Melissa Brassard by M/M Nick Adsit &amp; Family</i>



Weekly Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, September 27:	\$ 1,209.00
Online Giving:	\$ 55.00
<b>DEFICIT For the Week:</b>	<b>\$ (1,936.00)</b>
St. Joseph's Offering, Sept. 27, 2020:	\$ 445.00

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:  
 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time "A"  
 Matthew 22:1-14  
 "Everything is ready, come to the feast!"

- How do I respond when the Lord invites me to join in the feast?
- How do I prepare myself on the inside and on the outside for that feast?
- I have been invited to share in the Supper of the Lamb, how can I more sincerely answer that invitation?

*Prayer:* God, our Father, in the Incarnation, teachings and in the death and resurrection of your Son you have begun the feast of the Heavenly Banquet. Help me to hear and to respond to your invitation. Amen!

**OCTOBER'S** items requested by the *Watseka Area Food Pantry* are:  
**CANNED FRUIT OF ANY KIND**

**PLEASE NOTE:** These are only suggestions. They gladly accept any and all donations.



**SPECIAL COLLECTION**  
 October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

At the request of our Bishop in support of Catholic Charities USA, today we will have a SPECIAL COLLECTION for DISASTER RELIEF to help those affected by the recent hurricanes and western wildfires.

Donors are asked to please place your check or cash for this in an envelope marked *Disaster Relief*. **THANK YOU!**

**FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—OCTOBER**

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11	Barb Florido
18	Chris Daszko
25	Terry & Gwen McTaggart

# LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Sunday

October 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 AM
LECTOR	Rhonda Pence
USHERS	Sue Butler, Brittany Cluver & Mary Decker

**2020 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE!**

**WHAT:** The Holy Rosary  
**WHERE:** St. Edmund Courtyard by Statue of Mary  
**WHEN:** Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. (Rain or Shine!)  
**NOTE:** Please bring a lawn chair and umbrella

*For more information please contact Barb Florido at 815-644-0484.*

Coordinated nationally by Tradition, Family and Property and its *America Needs Fatima* campaign.  
**For questions or comments, email us at:** ANFRosaryRally@aol.com  
**Visit their website at:** www.ANF.org (866) 584-6012

**Knights of Columbus**  
**TOOTSIE ROLLS SALES**

Tootsie Rolls sales are beginning now, but are being done a little differently this year. Parishioners are asked to contact Dick Arie if interested in purchasing some. You can contact him at work, 815-432-4208 or on his cell phone, 815-471-5569. Thank you!

Case of 300: \$45  
 Box of 50: \$10  
 Case of Banks (24/case): \$40  
 Bank Tubes: \$10 for 4

**PLEASE NOTE:** You have your choice of flavors with the Tootsie Rolls Midgies that come in the Bank Tube... Chocolate or Assorted Fruit Flavors.

**HOW TO COME BACK TO SUNDAY MASS**

It was recently brought to my attention that some parishioners are still not sure what they have to do to be able to attend Mass, so if any of you know of someone wanting to come back, but is unsure of what to do, please just have them give Colette a call and she will get them set up.

**FYI:** We have the parishioners divided into 2 groups—Group A & Group B and they alternate Sundays. Mass is currently being offered on Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

We're also still in need of a few more volunteers in order to open up our 5:00 p.m. Saturday night Mass, so if any of you can help us out with this, please call Colette.

Thank you,  
 Colette

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION**  
 Sunday, October 18, 2020

Pope Francis, in his message for *World Mission Sunday*, implores us, "In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in the light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: 'Here I am, send me' (6:8). This is the ever-new response to the Lord's question: 'Whom shall I send?' This invitation from God's merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity, in the current world crisis."

This year Bishop Pates has invited ALL of us to respond in the most generous way we are able, reaching out in love throughout Mission Month. Thank you!

**NOTE:** Because of our current situation of parishioners attending Mass every other Sunday, special collection donations will be accepted for 2 weekends to accommodate all that may want to give.



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.

#### YEAR-END GIFTING

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 in an investment in our future. Thank you!*

#### ST. EDMUND CCW **BOXES OF JOY**

Don't forget, you can bring your **FULLY PACKED Boxes of Joy** to the Church the next 2 Sundays (October 11 & 18) between the hours of 8:00—10:00 a.m. and place them in the box to the side of the steps leading into the Church. **If able, please include a check for \$9, made payable to St. Edmund CCW, to cover the cost of shipping.** Thank you!

#### Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- Staff Sgt. (USAF) Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- PV2 Austin Grosvenor, great-grandson of Leona Shafer

#### FOOD FROM THE HEART, INC. Special Collection ~ November 1, 2020

On Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, we will take up a Special Collection for Iroquois County's Food Basket Program, *Food From the Heart, Inc.*, which is planning on distributing 400 food baskets in time for Christmas.

The cost of 1 basket is approximately \$30, but any amount of donation is very much appreciated. **Checks are to be made payable to Food From the Heart, Inc.** (NOT St. Edmund's or St. Joseph's) and **can be sent directly to them at 301 S. Fourth Street; Watseka, IL, 60970.** THEY ASK THAT YOU AVOID SENDING CASH. Thank you!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Any donations that we collect at Church will be sent directly to them, which means that these donations will NOT show up on the year-end statements that several parishioners receive.

If you have any questions, please contact Marcia Yates at 815-432-3510.

#### From the Diocese . . .

**Bishop Hicks provided a "taste" of Diocese of Joliet**  
On the day of the announcement of his appointment as Bishop of Joliet by Pope Francis, Bishop Ronald Hicks enjoyed a "taste" of Pastoral Life in highly personal visits with four programs in the Diocese of Joliet.

You can SHARE THE TASTE with Bishop Hicks at:  
[www.dioceseofjoliet.org/bishophicks](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/bishophicks)

#### African Priest begins education project

Father Benedict Zele, a priest of the Archdiocese of Blantyre, Malawi, is undertaking a project to revolutionize the outcome of secondary education in his Archdiocese. His project has been titled: *Transformation Through Education.*

The video is available for viewing at:  
[www.dioceseofjoliet.org/transformationthrougheducation](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/transformationthrougheducation)

**October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.** To learn more about the Catholic response, visit the U.S. Bishop's website for their Pastoral Letter, **"When I Call for Help."**

If you, a family member or friend needs help now, contact the **National Domestic Violence Hotline**, 800-799-7233 (24/7); 800-787-3224 (TTY), [www.thehotline.org](http://www.thehotline.org). If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

## ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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Website: [www.stedstjoe.org](http://www.stedstjoe.org)

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

CONFESSIONS: 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