

# 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 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.*

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



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## BREAKING BARRIERS

*Men's Guide to Mental Wellness*  
(Virtual Group Sessions)

Starting Monday, October 16, 2023 ~ 4:30 p.m.

Four Monday Sessions With New Topics Each Week

For more information, please email: [counselingreferrals@cc-doj.org](mailto:counselingreferrals@cc-doj.org)

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

[Breaking Barriers \(Counseling\) \(jotform.com\)](https://www.jotform.com)

*Please pray for our Service Members . . .*

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

*Please pray for . . .*

- Gary Cahoe
- Tina Gooding
- Those in the Teutopolis area affected in any way by the anhydrous ammonia tanker accident.

## 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.

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR October 9—15, 2023

**Monday, October 9, 7:30 AM**  
+ Sylvia Curry by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

**Tuesday, October 10:** NO MASS

**Wednesday, October 11, 7:30 AM**  
+ Jennie Langner by Eileen & Dave Rogers

**Thursday, October 12, 7:30 AM**  
+ Adele Daszko by Christina Daszko

**Friday, October 13, 7:30 AM**  
+ Mary Kay Rabe by Paul & Carole Houmes

**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 14, 5:00 PM**  
+ Helen Bruens by Sam & Sue Stepp

**Sunday, October 15**  
8:00 AM: + Anita Crouch by Colette Elliott  
9:30 AM: Our Parish Families  
4:30 PM: Mass at St. Mary's

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| St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation: | \$ 3,200.00         |
| Sunday Offering, Sept. 30/Oct. 1:         | \$ 2,519.00         |
| Online Giving:                            | \$ 365.00           |
| <b>DEFICIT for the Week:</b>              | <b>\$ ( 316.00)</b> |

St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, September 30: \$ 690.00

## LAY MINISTERS for October 14/15, 2023

**SATURDAY, October 14, 5:00 PM**  
Lector: Doug Duffy  
Ushers: Tom & Marilyn Busick; Linda Hunt

**SUNDAY, October 15, 8:00 AM**  
Lector: Bill Janssen  
Usher: M/M Kyle Cluver Family

**Money Counters:** Dick Arie & Sue Butler

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023....

- Our Euchre Party will be held from 1—3 p.m. at the Parish Center. Parishioners, as well as non-parishioners, are welcome. Donations to our local Food Pantry are gladly accepted, but not a requirement to play. Dessert follows card play.
- Knights of Columbus Council 4391 will have their next meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Church basement.

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

**Helen Martin, Mother of Joe (Joanne) Martin and Tom (Pam) Martin**

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

## Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

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

Matthew 21:33—43

**"The Kingdom of Heaven may be likened to a wedding!"**

- How have I heard Jesus inviting me to his wedding banquet?
- Have I had any reasons to refuse his invitation or to delay in my response?
- Do I come to Mass well prepared on the inside and on the outside?

**Prayer:** Loving Father, you have prepared a great wedding banquet for your Son and have invited me to join in the celebration. Help me to hear, prepare and respond to your invitation in this age and to arrive at the feast readily and worthily to share in the joy of the coming age. Amen!

## Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- For those whom God sends to announce the good news of His Kingdom,
- For the wisdom to always respond readily and worthily to the call of the Lord,
- For all who suffer from human malice, natural tragedy, famine or disease,
- For vocations to the priesthood and religious life, that more servants of Christ may call all people to His banquet,
- For all of us gathered here in prayer, that God may fully supply whatever we need from the riches of Christ,
- For all the intentions of our parish, that the Lord who is Shepherd may never leave us wanting,
- For those who have died, that having shared in the Eucharistic Banquet on earth, they may now share in the everlasting Banquet of Heaven,

*We pray to the Lord.*

## FOOD FROM THE HEART, INC.

Special Collection ~ November 4/5, 2023

The weekend of November 4/5 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 \$50, but any amount of donation is appreciated. **Checks are made payable to Food From the Heart, Inc.** (NOT the Church) and can be sent directly to them at 301 S. Fourth St.; Watseka, IL, 60970. THEY ASK THAT YOU AVOID SENDING CASH, if possible. Thank you!

**Any donations we collect at Church will be sent directly to them, so these donations will NOT show up on year-end statements sent to parishioners.**

There are also some referral forms on the table in the vestibule for those in need who would like to be considered to receive a basket.

Please contact Marcia Yates, 815-432-3510, with any questions.

## PHONES ARE OUT

With the power outage we had late last Wednesday night into early Thursday morning, our phone system went out. The tech was supposed to have come Friday to check it out, but canceled due to an emergency situation elsewhere. He didn't know when he'd be able to get to us. But, we are slated to get our new phone system installed on October 16<sup>th</sup>. So, there is a possibility we will be without working phones until the then. Not an ideal situation, but it is what it is.