

# ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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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

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH  
307 UNION STREET  
CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

MASS: SUNDAY AT 4:30 PM

MASS: SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM

## FOOD FROM THE HEART, INC. Special Collection ~ November 1/2, 2025

The weekend of November 1/2 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 the 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. Thank you!

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

Referral forms can be found on the table in the vestibule of the Church for those in need who would like to be considered to receive a basket. There's also some forms available for you to send with your donation.

Any support you could give them would be greatly appreciated!

## MEMORIAL CEREMONY Saturday, November 1, 2025

If you have lost a loved one since November of last year and did not receive an invitation to participate in our Memorial Ceremony on Saturday, November 1st, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass and would like to participate, please call Colette at the Rectory by WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> to let her know.

Those who were sent an invitation, please remember to RSVP no later than Wednesday, October 29th. Thank you.

## BOXES OF JOY

PLEASE NOTE: ALL FILLED *Boxes of Joy* must be returned no later than WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>. 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.). *Monetary donations towards the \$9.00/box shipping fee may also be placed in the bin.* Please make checks payable to St. Edmund CCW and put in an envelope marked *Boxes of Joy*. Thank you!

## HAUNTED CARNIVAL

October 26, 2025

St. Mary's Parish Hall ~ Beaverville

5:00—8:00 p.m.

COST: Free-Will Offerings Gladly Accepted

HAUNTED HOUSE

HAYRIDES

GAMES

FOOD

COSTUMES WELCOME

# SUNDAY, October 19, 2025

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR October 20—26, 2025

Monday, October 20, 7:30 AM  
 \* Eric Norris by Penny Hardesty

Tuesday, October 21: NO MASS

Wednesday, October 22, 7:30 AM  
 \* Sam Ochs by Shirley, Bonnie & Anna Willis

Thursday, October 23, 7:30 AM  
 \* Lloyd Eastburn by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

Friday, October 24, 17:30 AM  
 \* Carole & Marshall Zepp by Christina Daszko

*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 25, 5:00 PM  
 \* Dave Harvey by Kendra & Johnny Martin and Family

Sunday, October 26  
 8:00 AM: \* Angie Taylor by Our Parish Family  
 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, October 11/12:	\$ 2,195.00
Online Giving:	\$ 180.00
<b>DEFICIT for the Week:</b>	\$ (825.00)

St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, October 12: \$ .00

### LAY MINISTERS for October 25/26, 2025

SATURDAY, October 25, 5:00 PM  
 Lector: Gene Ochs  
 Ushers: Sandra Harris & Jo Ann White

SUNDAY, October 26, 8:00 AM  
 Lector: RaDonna Hasselbring  
 Usher: Carol Houmes

Money Counters: Sue Butler & Laura Stepp

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLLS SALES

After ALL Masses Next Weekend

Stock up for Halloween!

Bag of 50:	\$10
Case (6 Bags of 50):	\$50
Bank Tubes (Chocolate or Fruit Flavor):	4/\$12
Case of 24 Banks (Chocolate or Fruit Flavors):	\$60



Tootsie Roll Day

Please pray for . . .

- Gary Cahoe
- Louise Bruens

### Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time C

Luke 18:9—14

*"O God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"*

- Does pride ever creep into my prayer and religious life?
- Am I truly aware of my sinfulness?
- Do I pray for forgiveness?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, help me to pray in an honest and genuine manner that reflects who I am in my unworthiness and who you are in your great love and mercy. Amen!

### Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That God may justify all who have come to Baptism for the remission of sin,
- That those who minister in the Holy Church of Christ may be rescued from every evil and brought into his Kingdom,
- That the cry of the oppressed, the cry of widows and orphans and the cry of all the lowly may pierce the lofty heavens and reach the Most High,
- That the proud may be brought to humility and that the humble may be brought to joy,
- That God may respond to all prayer for human needs,
- That the cares and concerns of our parishioners who lovingly serve God, may be soothed by the Lord's loving response,
- That the dead who have fought the fight, ran the race and kept the faith may receive the crown of righteousness from the Lord,

*Let us pray to the Lord.*

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

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can make contributions (up to \$105,000) 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!*

### Iroquois County CHRISTMAS CANTATA 2025

Do you like to sing? Are you vocally inclined? Then please consider joining this year's Christmas Cantata. This year's selection, *Light of the Stable*, is a beautiful musical by Russell Mauldin. Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church. There will also be a few Tuesday night rehearsals offered at 6:30 p.m. Choir members are asked to bring a pencil to rehearsals to mark their music and \$20 to cover a partial cost of the book, demo CD, and music.

There will be 4 performances: Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 & 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.