

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

219 EAST LOCUST STREET
WATSEKA IL 60970

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

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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.*

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who donated to the *Good Samaritan Fund*. We collected \$127, which is pretty good, considering the short notice that you were given!

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.

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

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

Please pray for . . .

- Gary Cahoe
- Tina Gooding
- The people of Israel

ST. JOSEPH'S WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA PROJECT 2023

Crescent City's Committee for the *Wreaths Across America* Project is once again raising money to buy wreaths to place on all veteran's gravesites for Christmas at the following cemeteries: St. Peters, Flesher, Pierce, and Wilson. This year each wreath will cost \$17, but any amount of donation is greatly appreciated! They are working in conjunction with the Cissna Park American Legion and they will hold a ceremony at the park in Cissna Park on Saturday, December 16th, at 11:00 a.m. Wreaths will be picked up then and will be placed on the veteran's gravesites at the four listed cemeteries.

You can also purchase wreaths to take to a gravesite outside of the Crescent City community. They can be picked up after 1:00 p.m. on December 16th. Anyone can purchase a wreath even without knowing a veteran. Just write ANY on the veteran line on the form, along with your name and amount of donation.

We thank everyone who donated last year....every gravesite got a wreath!

Forms can be picked up from the bulletin board at the entrance of St. Joseph's Church.

For more information on this project go to wreathscrossamerica.org or call Glen Mennenga at 309-660-6500.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR October 23—29, 2023

Monday, October 23, 7:30 AM
+ Maria Borgonia by Brilla Pratt

Tuesday, October 24: NO MASS

Wednesday, October 25, 7:30 AM
+ Carole & Marshal Zepp by Christina Daszko

Thursday, October 26, 7:30 AM
+ Jim & Judy Krones by the Chris & Amy Curry Family

Friday, October 27, 7:30 AM
+ Debbe Quick by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

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 28, 5:00 PM (Memorial Ceremony)
For the Health & Well-Being of Chris Lee by the Harvey Family

Sunday, October 29
8:00 AM: + Kevin Kaufman by Jason Temple
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 14/15:	\$ 2,585.00
Online Giving:	\$ 167.00
DEFICIT for the Week:	\$ (448.00)

St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, October 15:	\$ 2,105.00
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LAY MINISTERS for October 28/29, 2023

SATURDAY, October 28, 5:00 PM
Lector: Paula Hodak
Ushers: Mike & Mary Ann Kiefer

SUNDAY, October 29, 8:00 AM
Lector: RaDonna Hasselbring
Ushers: Chuck & Marie Garfield

Money Counters: Joe Lyznicki & Pat McTaggart

MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Saturday, October 28, 2023

If you have lost a loved one since November of last year and did not receive an invitation to participate in our 5:00 p.m. Mass and would like to participate, please call Colette at the Rectory by **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH** to let her know.

Those who were sent an invitation, please remember to **RSVP** no later than **Wednesday, October 25th**. Thank you.

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

30th Sunday Ordinary Time "A"

Matthew 22:34-40

"Love the Lord and your neighbor!"

- Do I love God with everything I am and with everything I have?
- How can I better love my neighbor?
- Do I see my entire life of faith in the light of this commandment?

Prayer: Lord God, Heavenly King, Jesus your Son commanded me to love you above all else and to love my neighbor as myself. Help me to live this summary of your law for me, prompted by your desire to see me live life to the full. Amen!

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That God may strengthen all in the Church to love the Lord Jesus with all their hearts, souls and minds,
 - That our love for our Lord may mirror itself in love for our brothers and sisters,
 - That we may be made imitators of the Lord, receiving the Word with joy from the Holy Spirit,
 - That strangers and aliens may know the welcome of the Lord through His people,
 - That farmers may be blest for their efforts and brought to an abundant harvest,
 - That prayers in the hearts of our parishioners may have a speedy hearing before God,
 - That all the dead who have served the living and true God may enjoy the vision of Christ, whom the Father raised from the dead,
- 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!**

REMINDERS....

- The sign-up sheet to provide flowers for Mary's Altar in 2024 is now up in the vestibule.
- You can now get your 2024 Mass Intentions in to Colette at the Rectory.
- Our **All Saints Day Student Mass** will be held on **November 1st**, at **4:00 p.m.** All are welcome to attend!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

This Weekend ~ October 21/22, 2023

Your donations and prayers support priests and religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, and serve the poor.