FOOD FROM THE HEART, INC.
Special Collection ~ November 7/8, 2026

The weekend of November 7-8 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. 4th St., Watseka, IL, 60970. Whatever cash we collect, St. Edmund's will write a check to them. Thank you!

Any donations by check that 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 FORM: Referral forms, along with an envelope, are on the table on the left side as you enter the Church for those i need who would like to be considered to receive a basket. Please place your filled out form in the envelope and place it in the basket that's provided on the table. Forms must be returned to St. Edmund's by MONDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2026. We will make sure that all forms get to the Methodist Church. Families already signed up for TOYS FOR TOTS do NOT have to fill out another application.

NOVEMBER EVENTS AT ST. EDMUND'S

- All through November, parishioners are welcome to place pictures of deaceased loved ones on a table that will be beneath our statue of Mary at the front of the Church.
- St. Edmund's will have a float in this year's Christmas parade on November 27th.

Iroquois Memorial Hospice

30th Annual Brunch & Silent Auction

Sunday, November 1, 2026

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Watseka Community High School

Special Music at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Featuring Southern Gospel Singing Group
A Natural High

BUFFET MENU:
Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage, Egg & Potato Casserol, Bacon, Egg & Potato Casserol, Fruit, Donuts & Cinnamon Rolls
FREE-WILL DONATION TO BENEFIT THE IROQUOIS MEMORIAL HOSPICE MEMORIAL FUND

Silent Basket Auction
Features a variety of items donated by local businesses and community members.

Our 4th/5th grade RE class members are holding the crosses they made in class last week. Their teacher is Paula Williamson

We would like to give a shout-out to St. Joseph's for so graciously gifting St. Edmund's $10,000 to go towards our Building Fund. Your generosity was greatly appreciated!

Thank you

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

219EASTLOCUST STREET
WATSEKA IL 60970

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

Rectory: 815-432-3274 ~ Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. M-F
Religious Education Office: 815-432-5569
St. Edmund /St. Joseph Website: www.stedstjoe.org

MASS SCHEDULE: M-W-TH-F 7:30 AM
SATURDAY 5:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS: 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

308ST.CHARLES STREET
BEAVERVILLE IL 60912

MASS: SUNDAY AT 4:30 PM

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

307UNION STREET
CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

MASS: SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

Mon.	10/26	NO MASS
Tue.	10/27	NO MASS
Wed.	10/28	NO MASS
Thur.	10/29	NO MASS
Fri.	10/30	NO MASS
Sat.	10/31	5:00 PM Our Parish Families
Sun.	11/1	8:00 AM Vincent Bowers Anniversary Remembrance by His Family
		4:30 PM Mass at St. Mary's

LAY MINISTERS for Oct. 31/Nov. 1,2026

SATURDAY, October 31, 5:00 PM
Lector: John Gooding
Usher: Gene Ochs

SUNDAY, November 1, 8:00 AM
Lector: Jeanette Reifel
Ushers: M/M Nathan McTaggart Family
Money Counters: Louise Bruens & Joe Lyznicki

Weekly Target for Operation:	$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, Oct. 17/18:	$ 2,507.00
Online Giving:	$ 140.00
DEFICIT FOR THE WEEK:	$ (553.00)
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering	$ 826.30

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR-NOVEMBER

1	Barb Quigley
8	Isabel Rogers
15	Paul & Carol Houmes
22	
29	Don & Rosann Miller

DATES TO REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER:

1	**Daylight Saving Time Ends**
2	**CCW Meeting: 6:30 p.m. at the PC** All Soul's Day
7	**CCW Fall Coffee: 9:00 a.m.**
7/8	**Food From the Heart Collection** Seminarian Ed. Endowment Trust Coll.
11	Veteran's Day
12	Euchre Party: 1-3 p.m. at the PC **Knights of Columbus Meeting**
15	Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection
26	**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

PLEASE NOTE: All of our Boxes of Joy will be picked up on WEDNESDAY, October 28th, sometime in the morning.

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Rolls Sales

Our Knights of Columbus will be holding their Tootsie Rolls Sales this weekend after all Masses. Stock up now so you won't get tricked on Halloween!

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
Solemnity of All Saints
Matthew 5:1-12
"Blessed are the....!"

- **Which Beatitude reflects me most accurately today?**
- **Which Beatitude do I really need to work toward achieving more genuinely?**
- **How am I preparing to be a saint?**

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you are glorified in the beauty of all your saints. Help me hear the Beatitudes as if for the first time and let me be a lamp shining on a stand, giving light to all in the Church. Amen!

Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions:

- That, like the patriarchs and prophets from old, God's people may continue to live in faithfulness to the Covenant,
- That, like the apostles and martyrs of the early Church, God's people may continue to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus to all peoples,
- That, like the doctors of the Church, God's people may continue to consecrate their lives, minds and will to Jesus,
- That, like all holy men and women, the saints of our parish may continue to grow in grace,
- That, like Mary, the Mother of God, all the dead may continue to experience the fullness of redemption in body and soul,

Let us pray to the Lord,

MEMORIAL CEREMONY

If you received an invitation to our Memorial Ceremony on Saturday, October 31st to honor a deceased loved one, please RSVP by Wednesay, October 28th if you will be particiapting. Thank you

Ford-Iroquois Deanery CCW

FALL COFFEE

Saturday, November 7, 2026
St. Edmund Church

Mass: 9:00 AM
Light Breakfast to Follow

Theme: Women in Faith
Guest Speaker: Fr. Mike Powell
Topic: Hannah and Her Sisters

RSVP by October 30 to Colette Elliott
Phone: 815-432-3274
Email: cmelliott@stedwatseka.org

Ladies of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's, don't forget to RSVP if you plan on attending!

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

Bruce A. Peters, brother-in-law of Lynara and John Tonner

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

ST. EDMUND'S BUILDING FUND
July - September, 2026

BALANCE ON 6/30/26:	$	30,096.89
DEPOSITS:	$	2,433.00
INTEREST:	$	235.55
BALANCE ON 9/30/26	$	32.765.44