

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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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!

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—NOVEMBER

5 Barb Quigley

12 Jeanette Reifel

19 Paul & Carol Houmes

26 The Chris & Amy Curry Family



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

Raymond Pollice, long time, dedicated parishioner

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

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 there will be a ceremony at the park in Cissna Park on Saturday, December 16th at 11:00 a.m. Wreaths will be picked up then and distributed to the veteran's gravesites at the four listed cemeteries.

You may 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 without knowing a veteran. Just write ANY on the veteran line on the form, along with your name and amount of donation.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Wreaths must be PRE-PAID by NOVEMBER 15, 2023.
- Checks are made payable to: *Cissna Park American Legion*
- Forms and payments can mailed to Richard Gocken; PO Box 111; Crescent City, IL, 60928 or Glen Mennenga; PO Box 247; Crescent City, IL, 60928.
- Forms can be picked up from the bulletin board at the entrance of St. Joseph's Church.

We thank everyone who donated last year....every gravesite got a wreath! For more information on this project go to wreathsassamerica.org or call Glen Mennenga at 309-660-6500.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR Oct. 30—Nov. 5, 2023

Monday, October 30, 7:30 AM

+ Richard Jaworski by Penny Hardesty

Tuesday, October 31:

7:00 PM: *Holy Day Vigil Mass at St. Mary's*

Wednesday, November 1 (All Saints Day):

7:30 AM: Deceased Members of the Daszko, Filch & Tuelp Families

4:30 PM: * Helen Bruens by St. Edmund's RE Staff (*RE Student Mass*)

6:30 PM: * Jerome Manos by His Parish Family

Thursday, November 2 (All Souls' Day), 7:30 AM

+ David Stepp by Andrew, Anthony & Jacob Derry

Friday, November 3, 7:30 AM

+ Bernadine Buswell by Mary Langellier

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, November 4, 5:00 PM

+ Bill Dirks by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

Sunday, November 5:

8:00 AM: Ryan Carson by Christine Ryan

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 21/22: \$ 2,410.00

Online Giving: \$ 75.00

DEFICIT for the Week: \$ (715.00)

St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, October 22: \$ 880.00

DATES TO REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER...

1	ALL SAINTS DAY: <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>
2	ALL SOULS' DAY
3	First Friday: Benediction w/Adoration Following AM Mass
4/5	Food Pantry Food From the Heart Special Collection 
5	Daylight Saving Time Ends
6	CCW Meeting: 6:30 @ Parish Center
9	Euchre Party: 1—3 p.m. @ Parish Center Knights of Columbus Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
11	Veteran's Day
11/12	Diocesan <i>I Will Give You Shepherds</i> Special Collection
13	Parish/Finance Council Meeting: 6:30 @ the Parish Center
18/19	Campaign for Human Development Special Collection
23	HAPPY THANKSGIVING! 

REMINDER: *Daylight Saving Time* ENDS next Sunday, November 5th, so don't forget to turn your clocks BACK one hour Saturday night before going to bed.

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

31st Sunday Ordinary Time "A"

Matthew 23:1—12

"Whoever humbles himself will be exalted!"

- What in my life may be a danger to pride?
- Am I humble in the practice of my faith?
- How can I grow in authentic humility?

Prayer: Lord God, you have created me for your honor and glory and that is my only cause for boasting. Help me to live as a worthy disciple in humble service to you and to the Gospel message of Jesus. Amen!

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- For the Universal Church, that God may strengthen her to continue in her task of nurturing and caring for her children,
- For all who labor day and night to proclaim the Gospel of Christ,
- For all who lead in the Church and in our country, that God may give them the wisdom to strengthen their teachings by their actions,
- For the grace to always exercise the faith of Christ strongly and with humility,
- For all who suffer, for the hungry, the lonely and those without direction in life,
- For all the prayers in the hearts of our parishioners, that the Lord may incline his ear to our needs,
- For those who have died in the peace of Christ,, that having heard the Word of God in this life, they may now be united with him forever in 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!

LAY MINISTERS for November 4/5, 2023

SATURDAY, November 4, 5:00 PM

Lector: Dick Arie

Ushers: Sandra Harris & Jo Ann White

SUNDAY, November 5, 8:00 AM

Lector: Julie Schippert

Usher: Kendra Martin

Money Counters: John Tonner & Louise Bruens

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

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

Please pray for . . .

- Gary Cahoe
- Tina Gooding