

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020

Mon.	11/2	7:30 AM	David Stepp by His Family
Tue.	11/3	NO MASS	
Wed.	11/4	7:30 AM	Hedda Lautenschlager by Nick & Roxanne Adsit & Family
Thur.	11/5	7:30 AM	Ryan Carson by Christine Ryan
Fri.	11/6	7:30 AM	Landon Miller by Bill & Peg Burwell
Sat.	11/7	Private Mass by Fr. Mike: Military in Harm's Way by Bill & Peg Burwell	
Sun.	11/8	8:30 AM	Pauline Melson by Randie & Tammy Orr
		10:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's



Weekly Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, October 25:	\$ 972.00
Online Giving:	\$ 130.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (2,098.00)
St. Joseph's Offering, Oct. 25, 2020:	\$ N/A

DATES TO REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER . .

- 1 ALL SAINTS' DAY
Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 2 ALL SOULS' DAY
- 3 Election Day 
- 7/8 Food Pantry
- 11 Veterans Day
- 16 Parish/Finance Council Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
- 21/22 CCHD Diocesan Special Collection
- 26 THANKSGIVING 
- 29 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GOOD NEWS!

St. Joseph's has completed the requirements and is now certified by the diocese to begin offering Mass INDOORS! It will continue to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays and our first indoor Mass will be on Sunday, November 1st. **FACIAL MASKS ARE A REQUIREMENT TO ATTEND.**

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
32nd Sunday Ordinary Time
Matthew 25:1—13
"Stay awake!"

- Am I ready to welcome Jesus when he returns in glory?
- What is the "oil" that I need to be a watchful disciple?
- How can I better "stay awake" as a follower of Jesus?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you have promised me that you will return and take me to yourself in eternity. Help me to be a disciple in this world and to live joyfully waiting for the world to come. Amen!

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE This Weekend & Next

Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, in lieu of our annual Memorial Ceremony, where our parishioners participate, to honor those who have passed away over the past year, we will have a **Mass of Remembrance**. During Mass on **November 1st** and **November 8th** Fr. Mike will read the names of those who have passed away over the past year.

NOVEMBER'S items requested by the **Watseka Area Food Pantry** are:

SWEET POTATOES & PUMPKIN

PLEASE NOTE: These are only suggestions. They gladly accept any and all donations.

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Sunday

November 8 th	8:30 AM
LECTOR	RaDonna Hasselbring
USHERS	Brittany Cluver & Linda Hunt

OCTOBER PEW COUNTS

DATE	8:30 AM	10:00 AM (St. Joseph's)	TOTAL
4	51	Rained Out	51
11	58	N/A	58
18	65	N/A	65
25	62	N/A	62

FOOD FROM THE HEART, INC. Special Collection ~ November 1 & 8, 2020

This weekend and next, 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.

Checks are to be made payable to Food From the Heart, Inc. and can be sent directly to them at 301 S. Fourth Street; Watseka, IL, 60970. THEY ASK THAT YOU AVOID SENDING CASH. Thank you!

INFORMATION ON CHRISTMAS MASSES

It was decided that we would offer the same Christmas Mass schedule that we have been using for years. A 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass at St. Edmund's; a 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass at St. Joseph's in Crescent City and a 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass at St. Edmund's.

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES WILL BE POSTED IN THE VESTIBULE NEXT MONTH.

ST. EDMUND CCW

We were able to provide 37 **Boxes of Joy** this year. While it's not as many as we've had in the past, with all things considered, we were pleased with what we got. THANK YOU to all who participated!

We also donated \$300 to **Food From the Heart, Inc.** to help make Christmas a little extra special for a few families.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

From Our RE Students & Staff



SATURDAY NIGHT MASS

We did it!! We will once again be able to offer our 5:00 Saturday night Mass beginning November 14th.

I have the names of some parishioners who have already told me that they would like to attend that Mass. If there are any parishioners currently attending our 8:30 Sunday morning Mass and would like to be moved to the 5:00 Saturday night Mass, please call me at the Rectory during my normal work hours.

Since I am not sending out a letter about this, I need your help. ***PLEASE help me to get the word out that this Mass is available and to please have those interested CALL me at the Rectory during my normal work hours.*** I NEED THOSE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THIS MASS TO LET ME KNOW BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6th. I will need to compile a list for our Ushers and see where we stand with our Sunday morning Mass, if some of those parishioners choose to move to the Saturday night Mass.

The same protocols we have in place for our Sunday morning Mass will also be the same for our Saturday night Mass. Facial masks are mandatory, social distancing of 6', use the hand sanitizer, no singing, and no loitering in the vestibule or right outside of the Church.

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YEAR-END GIFTING

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.

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 in an investment in our future. Thank you!

MONEY COUNTERS FOR NOVEMBER ARE:

1	Steve McCullough & Sam Ochs
8	Dick Arie & Bill Janssen
15	Julie Arseneau & John Tonner
22	Brittany Cluver & Elsie Hankey
29	Barb Mayotte & Pat McTaggart

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—NOVEMBER

- 1 Barb Quigley Family
- 8 Zakk & Marisa Clark
- 15 Paul & Carol Houmes
- 22 Kent & Julie Schippert
- 29 Jeanette Reifel



POSSIBLE LIMITING OF GATHERINGS

I am sure you have all heard our governor's recent proclamation regarding the limiting of gatherings in Kankakee County due to the rise in positive COVID-19 cases.

After just now being able to begin to offer our 5:00 Saturday night Mass and the re-opening of St. Joseph's indoor Sunday morning Mass, we DO NOT want this to happen to us.

We have been reminded by our diocese to continue to:

- Be in compliance with our original reopening plan.
- Keep a 6' minimum separation between households.
- Make sure EVERYONE is socially distanced at ALL time during Mass.
- Everyone MUST wear a mask and keep it on except when consuming the Host.
- Make sure sanitation is properly handled.

"The recent increases in cases throughout Illinois and the neighboring states are due to people becoming lax. We cannot afford to become lax in our obligation to protect our community." We DO NOT want to go backwards! Thank you.

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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MASS:

M-W-TH-F

7:30 AM

SATURDAY

N/A

SUNDAY

8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS: By appointment

"Transforming the world in which we live by bringing the teachings of Jesus Christ to every living person."

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

(A mission of St. Edmund Church)
307 UNION STREET
CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

MASS:

SUNDAY

10:00 AM