ST. EDMUND CHURCH

219 EAST LOCUST 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
Website: www.stedstjoe.org

MASSES:	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
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

ST. EDMUND CCW MEETING
Monday, November 2, 2026 ~ 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting of St. Edmund's CCW will be on Monday, November 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center.

Our guest speaker will be Helen Gerber from the Watseka Community Renewal Group. She will give us information on current and upcoming projects and information on volunteering.

Refreshments will be provided by Sandra Harris & Kendra Martin.

YEAR-END GIFT GIVING TO
ST. EDMUND or ST. JOSEPH

If you are 70 ½ or older, you can make contributions up to $111,000 ($222,000 for married couples) 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 advantage 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!

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Crescent City is partaking in *Wreaths Across America*. Wreaths will be placed on gravesites for Veterans in the St. Peter, Flesher, Pierce and Wilson Cemeteries. Wreaths may also be ordered by others who wish to honor a veteran they know by placing a wreath on their gravesite.

The cost is $17/wreath. WREATHS MUST BE ORDERED AND PREPAID by NOVEMBER 16TH, 2026. Wreaths can be picked up between 1:00-3:00 p.m. on December 19th at the Crescent City Community Center.

Some order forms can be found on the table in the vestibule of the Church.

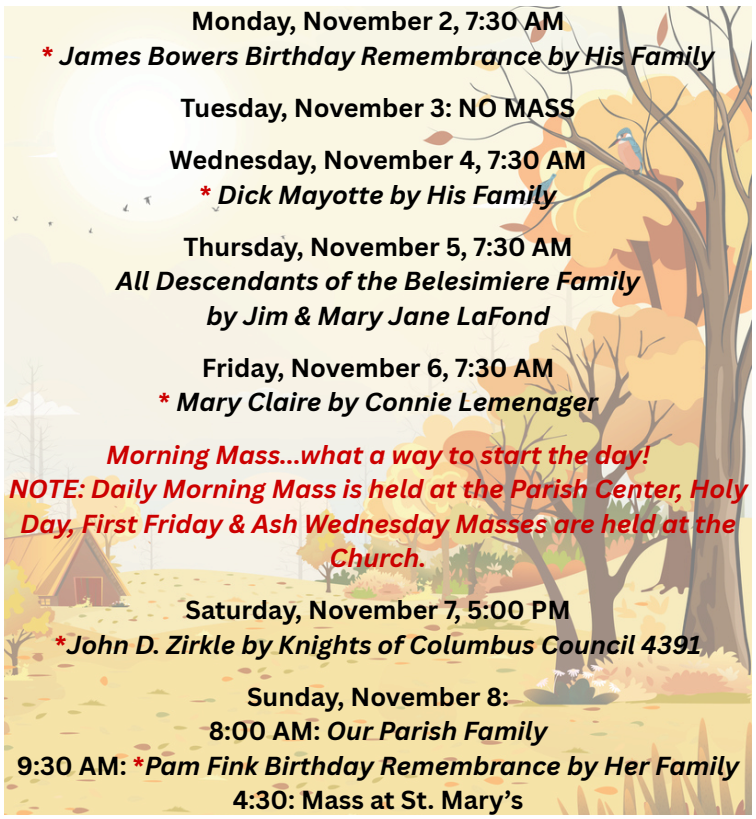
Mail order forms and payments to:
Richard Gocken: PO Box 111, Crescent City, IL, 60928 or
Glen Mennengra: PO Box 247, Crescent City, IL, 60928

Doesn't our newly painted name look amazing on the front of the Church! I bet some of you didn't even realize that our name was up there since the concrete was all one color and our name never really stood out.

Thanks to Justin Wolfe at Fine Lines Painting for bringing our name to life!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS FOR November 2-8, 2026



Monday, November 2, 7:30 AM
**** James Bowers Birthday Remembrance by His Family***

Tuesday, November 3: NO MASS

Wednesday, November 4, 7:30 AM
**** Dick Mayotte by His Family***

Thursday, November 5, 7:30 AM
All Descendants of the Belesimiere Family
by Jim & Mary Jane LaFond

Friday, November 6, 7:30 AM
**** Mary Claire by Connie Lemenager***

Morning Mass...what a way to start the day!
NOTE: Daily Morning Mass is held at the Parish Center, Holy Day, First Friday & Ash Wednesday Masses are held at the Church.

Saturday, November 7, 5:00 PM
****John D. Zirkle by Knights of Columbus Council 4391***

Sunday, November 8:
8:00 AM: *Our Parish Family*
9:30 AM: *Pam Fink Birthday Remembrance by Her Family
4:30: Mass at St. Mary's

Weekly Target for Operation:	**$ 3,200.00**
Sunday Offering, Oct. 24/25:	**$ 1,664.00**
Online Giving:	**$ 210.00**
DEFICIT for the Week:	**$ (1,326.00)**
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering:	**$ 989.00**

LAY MINISTERS for Nov. 7-8,2026

SATURDAY, November 7, 5:00 PM
Lector: Paula Williamson
Ushers: Sandra Harris & Jo Ann White

SUNDAY, November 8, 8:00 AM
Lector: Nancy Cowan
Ushers: Christ & Aries Quidet Family

Money Counters: Sue Butler & Laura Stepp

REMINDERS:

- **Nov. 2nd:** All Souls Day (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)
- **Nov. 7: CCW Deanery Fall Coffee - 9:00 a.m.**
- **Nov. 7/8: *Food From the Heart Collection***
- Seminarian Ed. Endowment Trust Collection
- **Nov. 11: Veteran's Day**

Please pray for...

- Gary Cahoe

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

32nd Sunday Ordinary Time
Matthew 25:1-13
"You know neither the day nor the hour!"

- Do I live each day prepared for death?
- Will I be "awake and ready" for Jesus when he returns in glory?
- What exactly is the "oil" that I need for my lamp to shine?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me be ready to meet you when you call me home to you and to join in the Wedding Celebration when you return in glory. Amen!

Preparing for Next Sunday's Petitions:

- That God may grace those who lead his Church with unfailing wisdom and bless all those who seek the truth of Christ,
- That the people of God may faithfully wait for his coming, prepared to meet him at his arrival,
- That those who have rejected the Church or have drifted away from her, may return to their true home,
- That teachers of the faith may, by their words and actions, prudently pass on the wisdom of God to their students,
- That all in need, physical or spiritual, may know the concern of the Lord through the outreach of his holy people,
- That the concerns of our Parish brought forth in prayer may find love in the heart of Jesus,
- That those who have fallen asleep may be raised by the Lord and remain with him in eternity,

We pray to the Lord,

Seminarian Education Endowment Trust Special Collection
November 7/8, 2026

Priests are essential to our Catholic faith, as only these men can transform bread and wine into the precious Body and Blood of Christ.

We currently have 24 men in seminary formation, which costs $55,500/year per seminarian. To ensure we are always able to support our seminarians both prayerfully and financially, the Diocese of Joliet established this special collection.

At Masses next weekend, there will be a basket in which to place your donation to this collection. Gifts will be invested in an endowment designated specifically for seminarian education. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection.