

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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MASSSES:	M-W-TH-F	7:30 AM
	SATURDAY	N/A
	SUNDAY	8:30 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. JOSEPH CHURCH

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

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

MASS: SUNDAY 10:00 AM (Outdoors, weather permitting)

GIVING TUESDAY December 1, 2020

Support the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal this *Giving Tuesday!*

This December 1st, the Diocese of Joliet is participating in *Giving Tuesday!* Please mark your calendar and consider supporting the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) on this annual day of giving.

St. Edmund's has raised \$9,474 of our goal of \$13,400 and St. Joseph's has raised \$3,140 of their goal of \$3,600 for the 2020 CMAA. 70% of any amount we raise over our parish goals is returned to us for our use. This is a great opportunity for our parish and will help the diocese meet its \$8.2 million goal.

Every gift, no matter the size, is greatly appreciated and will help support 30 ministries that benefit every parish in the diocese, including both of ours. If you have already pledged (and paid) your gift to the 2020 CMAA, thank you!

For more information about the CMAA before *Giving Tuesday*, please visit jolietdioceseappeal.org or follow @DOJCMAA on Facebook or Twitter.

Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary ADVENT PROGRAMS

With the pandemic still raging on and the inability to have in-person programs, I want to draw your attention to some of the programs that the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary are offering for Advent.

ADVENT IN THE DOMESTIC CHURCH: WHAT IS A JESSE TREE (ZOOM): This could be a great way to prepare for Advent as a family and have fun doing it. Tuesday, November 17, at 7 p.m.

ADVENT BUSY PERSON'S RETREAT: This is a prayer/reflection program for each day of Advent. Participants receive a booklet to use as a guide. You commit yourself to 1/2 hour of prayer each day and a weekly meeting with me or one of the SSCM spiritual directors. This can be done by phone, Messenger, or in-person meeting at the rectory (observing appropriate safety restrictions).

ZOOM MORNING OF ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER ON DECEMBER 2ND: I will be the presenter for this 2 hour event. Love to see some of you there!

ZOOM ADVENT SERIES: Each week during Advent (Saturday mornings or Monday evenings) we offer a time of reflection on each Advent Sunday's Readings. (This replaces the Advent retreat that is usually offered at One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center in Kankakee.)

For more information or to register, visit our website at:
<http://sscm-usa.org/online-programming.html>

Or feel free to contact me, Sr. Linda Hatton, sscm, at 815-931-1425 or email Lhatton@sscm-usa.org.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOV. 16—22, 2020

Monday, November 16, 7:30 AM
Mary Kay Rabe by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

Tuesday, November 17: NO MASS

Wednesday, November 18, 7:30 AM
Joann Yarneau by M/M Percy Caise Jr.

Thursday, November 19, 7:30 AM
Catherine Houmes by Paul & Carol Houmes

Friday, November 20, 7:30 AM
Genevra Gooding by Jane Ann Murray

Saturday, November 21, 5:00 PM
Esther Ingram by Her Family

Sunday, November 22
8:30 AM: Pauline Melson by Robert & Janice Lubben
10:00 AM: Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
Private Mass by Fr. Mike: Dr. John Martin by the Martin Family

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering Nov. 8:	\$ 2,047.00
Online Giving:	\$ 155.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (998.00)
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering Nov. 8:	\$ 785.00

LAY MINISTERS for November 21/22, 2020

SATURDAY, November 21, 5:00 PM
Lector: Ericka Clark
Ushers: Louise Bruens & Kayla Duffy
Cleaner: Sue Butler

SUNDAY, November 22, 7:30 AM
Lector: Jeanette Reifel
Ushers: Gene Ochs & Mary Decker
Cleaner: Gene Ochs

FINANCE/PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 16 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Our Finance and Parish Councils will meet on Monday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. Members of either council are to call the Rectory if not able to attend. Thank you.

ATTENTION LECTORS

Your new **Lector Workbooks** for 2021 can be picked up from the front pew of the Church where you sit when you are Lector. Thank you.

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

Solemnity of Christ the King
Matthew 25:32—46
"Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you!"

- How have I treated Jesus by how I have treated my brothers and sisters?
- Do I acknowledge Jesus as my King?
- What opportunities for loving others have I neglected?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to acknowledge your Kingship by my words and actions. May I see you in a special way in those who are in special need. All authority in Heaven and on Earth has been given to you, may my world see you in all of your glory. Amen!

INFORMATION ON CHRISTMAS MASSES

We will 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 ST. EDMUND'S CHRISTMAS MASSES WILL BE POSTED IN THE VESTIBULE NEXT WEEKEND.**
- **THE SIGN-UP SHEET FOR ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS MASS WILL BE POSTED IN THEIR ENTRANCE ON NOVEMBER 29TH.**

PLEASE CONTINUE ABIDING BY THE PROTOCOLS GIVEN TO US BY THE DIOCESE. WITH THE CONTINUED RISE IN COVID-19 CASES, WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO HOLD OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION

November 21/22, 2020

Your support for this collection brings change to people across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. In addition to making a national impact, we empower those living in poverty in our own diocese. 25% of the funds we collect stay here.

Your contributions make a difference for the people living in poverty across the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can help the CCHD this year. For more information, check out their website at: www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR

The 2021 Flowers for Mary sign-up sheets are now up in the vestibule of the Church. Please sign up soon if you have a special date you would like to provide flowers for Mary's Altar.



"Surely, in the light of history, it is more intelligent to hope rather than fear, to try rather than not to try. For one thing we know beyond all doubt: Nothing has ever been achieved by the person who says, 'It can't be done.'"

Eleanor Roosevelt—You Learn by Living (1960)