

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

219 EAST LOCUST STREET
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

St. Edmund CCW BAKE-LESS BAKE SALE December 2/3, 2023

Your generosity helps us to fund our annual scholarship, make a donation to the local, annual *Food From the Heart, Inc.* campaign, make a donation towards the local *Thanksgiving Bags*, provided by the Watseka Area Food Pantry, purchase our Christmas poinsettias, put on our Spring Banquet, pay expenses incurred for our funeral dinners, and various other small expenses throughout the year.

Please put your donations in an envelope marked *Bake Sale* and place it in the basket that will be at the entrance of the Church that weekend. Any amount of donation is greatly appreciated!

HELP NEEDED

The work that has been done in the Church basement has left it pretty dusty and in need of a thorough cleaning. We will be cleaning it on Monday, November 20th, starting at 3:00 p.m. and again on Tuesday, November 21st, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please bring a bucket, if you have one and come in through the back door of the Church basement.

BOXES OF JOY UPDATE

Our Ford-Iroquois Deanery did very well with this year's *Boxes of Joy* project. A huge THANK YOU to Margaret Ochs and her "elves" for managing this project. Thank you, also, to all who either made up their own box or donated items to put in the boxes. Locally, our counts were:

CHURCH	NUMBER OF BOXES DONATED
St. Edmund	45
St. Joseph	13
St. Mary	12
Deanery Total	224

SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY 2023 PROGRAMS

- **Advent Retreat (Online Series):** Held via ZOOM the 4 Saturdays of Advent (December 2, 9, 16 & 23) from 9:30—11:30 a.m. Cost for the series is \$10/session or \$35 for all 4 sessions.
- **Advent 1-Day Retreat:** Led by Sr. Linda Hatton, sscm and Frank Modica. Will be held at One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center on Sunday, December 3rd, from 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. The day begins with Mass; coffee and rolls will be served after Mass and lunch will be provided. Cost for the Retreat is \$35. **Registration deadline is Monday, November 27th.**
- **Advent Gospel Film Series (Online):** Facilitated by Sr. Myra Lambert, sscm, this series will be held on December 3, 10, and 17 from 3:00—6:00 p.m. Cost for the series is \$5/session.
- **Stations of the Cross—Evening of Reflection (Online):** Presented by Sr. Linda Hatton, sscm, this event will take place on Wednesday, December 6th, from 6:30—8:00 p.m. There is no cost for this event, but free-will offerings will gladly be accepted.

Payments can be made by check, or credit card. Registrations cannot be confirmed until payment is received in full.

Checks may be mailed to:

Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

Attn: Susan Amann

2041 W. State Route 113

Kankakee IL 60901

Please make checks payable to *Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary*.

For further information or to register, you can go to their website, www.sscm-usa.org, call Susan Amann at 708-790-8141, or online readers can click on the link below :

[Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary \(sscm-usa.org\)](http://www.sscm-usa.org)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR November 20—26, 2023

Monday, November 20, 7:30 AM
+ *Sam Ochs by Rick & Kathy McTaggart*

Tuesday, November 21: NO MASS

Wednesday, November 22, 7:30 AM
+ *Raymond Pollice by Rose Irwin*

Thursday, November 23 (THANKSGIVING), 8:00 AM
+ *Imogene German McAnarney by Nick & Roxanne Adsit and Family*

Friday, November 24, 7:30 AM
+ *Mary Claire by Knights of Columbus Council 4391*

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 25, 5:00 PM
+ *Catherine Houmes by Paul and Carol Houmes*

Sunday, November 26:
8:00 AM: + *Walter Smolucha by Eileen & Dave Rogers*
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, November 11/12:	\$ 1,903.80
Online Giving:	\$ 159.00
DEFICIT for the Week:	\$ (1,137.20)

St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, November 12: \$ 605.00

LAY MINISTERS for November 25/26, 2023

SATURDAY, November 25, 5:00 PM

Lector: John Gooding

Ushers: Sam & Sue Stepp

SUNDAY, November 26, 8:00 AM

Lector: Bill Janssen

Usher: Sue Butler

Money Counters: Joe Lyznicki & Laura Stepp

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION

This Weekend ~ November 18/19, 2023

NOTICE

Fake Money Put in Collection Basket

Last weekend at Saturday night's Mass, someone put a \$100 bill in the collection basket only it was a fake piece of money. Unfortunately it wasn't discovered that it was fake until the bank was dealing with our deposit Monday morning. I was told that it had the word "prop" on it as well as something along the line of "not for regular use." Whoever gave it probably didn't realize it was fake.

We are now implementing the use of "money markers" by our money counters to help keep this from happening in the future.

Please be vigilant with your cash. We all work too hard for it for something like this to happen!

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

Solemnity of Christ the King "A"

Matthew 25:31-46

"You did it for me....you did not do it for me!"

- What have I done to help Christ in others?
- What sins of omission am I guilty of in my life?
- How can I make things different tomorrow?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, King of the Universe, You have warned me that when you return in glory you will hold me accountable for what I did or did not do for others. Help me to never miss an opportunity to care for you in my needy brothers and sisters. Amen!

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That Christ the King, judge of the living and the dead, may find a worthy people in his Church when he returns in glory,
- That Christ, poor and afflicted, may be welcomed and embraced when he comes among us in his brothers and sisters in need,
- That Christ, the True Shepherd, may seek out those who have strayed and bring them back to his fold,
- That Christ, the Son of the Living God, may call us "Blessed by his Father",
- That Christ, the Prince of Peace, may give shelter and peace to all who are in danger because of him,
- That Christ, the Fountain of Mercy, may hear the prayers of our parishioners,
- That Christ, the first born from the dead, may bring life to all who have died in him,

We pray to the Lord.

Notes From St. Joseph's....

- St. Joseph's CCW will be having a Bake Sale on Sunday, November 19th following their Sunday Mass.
- St. Joseph's 2024 Church Envelope Packets are available for pick-up in the entrance of the Church. Those who do not have envelopes, but would like to have a box, may sign up for one in entrance of the Church.

Iroquois Memorial Hospice WRITE-A-CHECK CAMPAIGN

This year marks the 26th Anniversary of our Iroquois Memorial Hospice Memorial Fund, a non-profit fund which helps finance items for patients that are not covered by insurance or Medicare, such as durable medical equipment, hospital beds and other supplies. No patient is ever turned away due to their inability to pay for their end-of-life care. We are thankful and grateful for continued support!

Donations can be mailed to:

Iroquois Memorial Hospice Fund

ATTN: Emily Bull

200 N. Laird Lane, Watseka, IL 60970

For questions, please call Emily Bull at 815-432-0185

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

Christine Schroeder, wife of Carl Schroeder

My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.

Exodus 33:14