



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Mon.	11/23	7:30 AM	Genevra Gooding by Terry & Rhonda Pence and Family
Tue.	11/24	NO MASS	
Wed.	11/25	7:30 AM	Don Noonan by Knights of Columbus Council 4391
Thur.	11/26	8:00 AM	Frank & Geraldine Langellier by Tom & Marilyn Busick
Fri.	11/27	7:30 AM	Walter Smolucha by Dave & Eileen Rogers
Sat.	11/28	5:00 PM	Bonnie & Ditty Lynch by Peg & Bill Burwell
Sun.	11/29	8:30 AM	Genevra Gooding by Leonard & Carole Tuttle
		10:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's

Weekly Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, November 15:	\$ 1,824.00
Online Giving:	\$ 105.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (1,271.00)
St. Joseph's Offering, Nov. 15, 2020:	\$ 400.00

SATURDAY, November 28, 5:00 PM
Lector: Doug Duffy
Ushers: Sandra Harris, Jo Ann White & Patti Duffy
Cleaner: Dick Arie

SUNDAY, November 29, 8:30 AM
Lector: Rhonda Pence
Ushers: Carol Houmes & VOLUNTEER
Cleaner: Paul Houmes

There will be NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25th. Classes will resume on Wednesday, December 2nd.
Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

NOTE: If the Watseka Unit 9 school system would go to all remote learning, we would NOT have on-site class as well.

Patti Duffy, CRE

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
1st Sunday of Advent
Mark 13:33—37
"Be watchful and alert!"

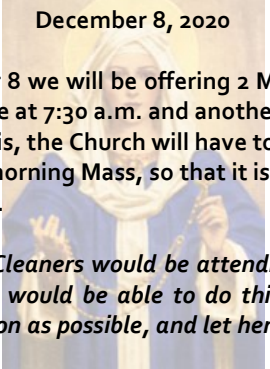
- Am I aware of the things God has done for me in the past?
- Am I alert to the things God is doing for me today?
- Am I watchful for the things God will do for me in the future?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to welcome in this new year of grace. As I begin this Advent season, help me to prepare my heart and mind to remember that sacred time when you took on human nature and joined us as true God and true man. Amen!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY HOLY DAY
 December 8, 2020

On December 8 we will be offering 2 Masses for the Holy Day; one at 7:30 a.m. and another at 7:00 p.m. Because of this, the Church will have to be disinfected after the morning Mass, so that it is ready for the evening Mass.

If one of our Cleaners would be attending the morning Mass and would be able to do this, please call Colette, as soon as possible, and let her know. Thank you!



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
 December 24/25, 2020

December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE	4:00 p.m. (St. Edmund) 6:00 p.m. (St. Edmund)
December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY	9:00 a.m. (St. Joseph) 10:30 a.m. (St. Edmund)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CHRISTMAS MASSES

- Sign-up sheets for our Christmas Masses are now up in the vestibule of the Church. We are hoping to be able to seat between 70—75 people per Mass, so when you sign up, please remember to note how many will be in your group, especially if you will be bringing out-of-town family members.
- If you sign up for one of the Christmas Masses but then, for whatever reason, are not be able to attend, please let us know as soon as possible in case we end up with a waiting list of people wanting to attend. We want to accommodate as many as possible.
- Also, as we go along, we are going to try and work on pre-arranged seating, again, to accommodate as many as possible. We also don't want our ushers scrambling around at those Masses, trying to move people around to make room for more. Prayers and fingers crossed that this works!

We want to be able to accommodate as many people as possible this Christmas, but under our current circumstances, we also want to keep all those able to attend as safe as possible. We hope we can have your understanding in this matter. If you're not able to get the Mass that you want, we hope you will be okay with attending another one, if possible.

Thank you!
 Colette

PLEASE NOTE the change in Mass time for the Mass on Thursday, November 26th (Thanksgiving). Mass will begin at 8:00 a.m. and NOT 7:30 a.m. Thank you.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Confession is still by appointment only, so those of you wanting to go to confession before Christmas, please give Fr. Mike a call. Thank you.

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.

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. Please prayerfully consider how you can help the CCHD this year. For more information, check out their website at: www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

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

Mary Jane Zumwalt, mother of Dr. Phil (Anne) Zumwalt
 and
Effie Mae Stone, mother-in-law of John (Tina) Gooding

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

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the rise in positive COVID-19 cases, we have had a LECTOR and an USHER take themselves off of the schedule until further notice, so if our current lectors and ushers notice the need of a volunteer in the schedule in the bulletin, please feel free to help us out. Thank you!

The 2021 Church Contribution Packets are available in the Church basement. They are in alphabetical order. *Please write your name on the front of your new envelopes the first few weeks of the new year.*

If you were new to St. Edmund's this past year and asked for (and used) envelopes or you signed up for a box last year (and used them), there should be a box with your name on it.

If you DO NOT see a box with your name on it and would like a box, please take a box IN NUMERICAL ORDER and write your name on the corresponding line on the envelope sign-up sheet on the table in the basement.

PLEASE:

- DO NOT sign up for envelopes if there is already a box with your name on it.
- DO NOT take someone else's envelopes.
- DO NOT use envelopes from previous years once the new year starts.

If you are currently getting envelopes and decide you no longer wish to receive them, please call Colette at the Rectory and let her know.

Thank you!

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!

**Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary
ADVENT PROGRAMS**

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.

CHURCH CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Our 2021 Church Calendars, courtesy of Arie Insurance Agency, are available for pick-up from the table in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you, Arie Insurance Agency, for this generous gift to St. Edmund's and St. Joseph's!

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- Staff Sgt. (USAF) Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- PV2 Austin Grosvenor, great-grandson of Leona Shafer

Please pray for . . .

- Pat Shide

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MASSES:

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)
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PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

MASS: SUNDAY 10:00 AM