


SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Mon.	11/30	7:30 AM	Mary Jane Zumwalt by Our Parish Family
Tue.	12/1	NO MASS	
Wed.	12/2	7:30 AM	Grace Hardesty by Christine Ryan
Thur.	12/3	7:30 AM	Roger Cooke by Christina Daszko
Fri.	12/4	7:30 AM	Donald Lafond by Jim & Mary Jane LaFond
Sat.	12/5	5:00 PM	Nina Varbunker & Inez Grant by Bill & Peg Burwell
Sun.	12/6	8:30 AM	Pauline Melson by Dave & Pam Harvey
		10:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's



Weekly Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, November 22:	\$ 994.00
Online Giving:	\$ 60.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (1,146.00)
St. Joseph's Offering, Nov. 22, 2020:	\$.00

DATES TO REMEMBER IN DECEMBER . .

5/6	Food Pantry
6	2 ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Holy Day Masses: 7 a.m. & 7 p.m.
12/13	Retirement Fund for Religious DOJ Offering
13	3 RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
20	4 TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
24	CHRISTMAS EVE
25	CHRISTMAS

From the desk of Patti Duffy . .

There will NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES held on Wednesday, December 2nd. Classes will resume on Wednesday, December 9th. Thank you.

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
2nd Sunday of Advent
Mark 1:1—8
"Prepare the way of the Lord!"

- How do I receive the messengers God sends to me?
- Do I acknowledge my sinfulness?
- How do I live out my Baptism?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, John the Baptist went before you to prepare us for your coming. Help me truly hear his voice and respond to his call. May my repentance be genuine and authentic as I prepare for Christmas. Amen!

SATURDAY, December 5, 5:00 PM
Lector: Bill Janssen
Ushers: Dick Arie & Sue Butler
Cleaner: Tyler Blanchette

SUNDAY, December 6, 8:30 AM
Lector: Julie Schippert
Ushers: Brittany Cluver & VOLUNTEER
Cleaner: Brittany Cluver

DECEMBER'S items requested by the *Watseka Area Food Pantry* are:
STUFFING, RICE & INSTANT POTATOES

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

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

"Never give up prayer, and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction."
— St. John of the Cross

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.

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

Daniel Mattingly, brother of Monna (Jim) Ulfers and
Pat Shide, wife of Pete Shide

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

4:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

After working on the seating for those who have already signed up for our 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, we are happy to report that it looks like we still have 8 1/2 pews available in which to seat people (and a few pews where we could possibly seat 1-2 more). How many can be seated in each of those pews will depend upon how many are in each group that has signed up. Grouping families together has gotten us a little more room than we had originally thought possible.

Please remember, if we can't fit you in at the 4:00 Mass, we still have ample room at the 6:00 Mass or the 10:30 Mass on Christmas Day.

MONEY COUNTERS FOR DECEMBER ARE:

6	Joe Lyznicki & Steve McCullough
13	Sam Ochs & Bill Janssen
20	John Tonner & Elsie Hankey
27	Julie Arseneau & Barb Mayotte

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!

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—DECEMBER

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| 6 | The Martin Family |
| 13 | The Martin Family |
| 20 | St. Edmund |
| 27 | St. Edmund |



We have been invited to participate in our local Toys for Tots project. Those who wish to participate may bring NEW and UNWRAPPED toys and place them in the box located in the vestibule of the Church. 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 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!

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

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

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MASSSES:

M-W-TH-F

7:30 AM

SATURDAY

5:00 PM

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