

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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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

This Weekend, December 2/3, 2023

Please make checks payable to St. Edmund CCW

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

St. Edmund Parish Center
TUESDAYS at 1:00 PM

Our Evening Bible Study Group will resume meeting on MONDAYS at 6:00 PM, starting December 11th at the Parish Center.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 23—25

DATE	TIME	CHURCH
Sat. 12/23	5:00 PM	St. Edmund
Sun. 12/24	8:00 AM	St. Edmund
Sun. 12/24	9:30 AM	St. Joseph
Sun. 12/24	4:00 PM	St. Edmund
Sun. 12/24	7:00 PM	St. Mary
Mon. 12/25	8:00 AM	St. Edmund
Mon. 12/25	9:30 AM	St. Joseph

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 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)

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next Weekend, December 9/10, 2023

“Please give to those who have given a lifetime.”

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR December 4—10, 2023

Monday, December 4, 7:30 AM

+ *William Reichling Birthday Remembrance by Beulah Carrie Kelly Lindsey by her Aunt, Beulah Carrie*

Tuesday, December 5: NO MASS

Wednesday, December 6, 7:30 AM

+ *Greg Hankey by Our Parish Family*

Thursday, December 7:

7:30 AM: Fr. + *Rob Bernotas by Knights of Columbus Council 4391*

7:00 PM: *Mass at St. Mary*

Friday, December 8:

7:30: + *Bob Tonner Anniversary Remembrance by His Family*

6:30 PM: + *David Stepp by Nick and Roxanne Adsit*

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, December 9, 5:00 PM

+ *Sheryl Lynn Stewart by Ron and Dolores Bowers*

Sunday, December 10:

8:00 AM: + *Paul Houmes Sr. by Paul & Carol Houmes*

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 25/26: \$ 1,384.00

Online Giving: \$ 300.00

DEFICIT for the Week: \$ (1,516.00)

St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, November 26: \$ 585.00

LAY MINISTERS for December 9/10, 2023

SATURDAY, December 9, 5:00 PM

Lector: Paula Hodak

Usher: Amy Curry

SUNDAY, December 10, 8:00 AM

Lector: Julie Schippert

Ushers: Terry & Gwen McTaggart

Money Counters: Sue Butler & Louise Bruens

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

Greg Hankey, son of Elsie Hankey

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

Exodus 33:14

"Being thankful must become a holy discipline. Thanksgiving is a choice, an act of will, especially when you face unpleasant or distressing situations."

—Jeff Cavins

Praise God and Thank Him: Biblical Keys for a Joyful Life

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

2nd Sunday of Advent "B"

Mark 1:1—8

"Behold, I send my messenger ahead of you!"

- How can I help "prepare the way of the Lord"?
- What can I learn from the example of John the Baptist?
- How can I best prepare for the Christmas Season?

Prayer: Come Lord Jesus! As your Father sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for you so long ago, help me to prepare your way in our day and age, right here now. Amen!

The best way to keep CHRIST in Christmas is to keep MASS in Christmas!

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That hills and deserts and all rough roads, anything that hinders the Lord's coming, may be eliminated,
- That Pope Francis and all who lead in the Church may nourish the flock of the Lord and gather them together in unity,
- That we may be strengthened to wait readily and patiently for the Day of the Lord,
- That, by the prompting of John the Baptist, we may come to repentance of sin and new life in baptism,
- That God may send more workers to prepare the way of the Lord,
- That all the prayers in the hearts of our parishioners may win a hearing before God,
- That when heaven and earth pass away, all the dead may be found without fault or blemish before the throne of God,

We pray to the Lord.

St. Edmund's 2024 Church Contribution Packets are available in the entrance of the Church on the left side as you enter. 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 entrance of the Church.

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 GIFTS

To those of you who like to give a single year-end gift to St. Edmund's, we kindly ask that you get it in as soon as possible to ensure it gets deposited in a timely fashion and you get credit for it in 2023. Thank you!