

## ST. EDMUND CHURCH

219 EAST LOCUST STREET  
WATSEKA IL 60970

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

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MASSSES:	M-W-TH-F	7:30 AM
	SATURDAY	5:00 PM
	SUNDAY	8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS: Saturday, 4:30-4:50 PM or by appointment

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“Transforming the world in which we live by bringing the teachings of Jesus Christ to every living person.”

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## 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

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

Diane Houmes, sister of Paul (Carol) Houmes

Jim Pence, father of Terry (Rhonda) Pence and Lynette (Rich) Moyer

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

### FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR

There are still plenty of dates available to sign up to provide flowers for Mary's Altar.

### 2021 CHURCH ENVELOPE PACKETS

Our 2021 Church Envelope Packets can still be picked up from the table in the Church Basement.

*Please remember to put your name on your envelope the first few weeks of the new year. Thank you!*

*This 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent we light the Candle of Peace.*



### 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 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](mailto:Lhatton@sscm-usa.org).

DECEMBER'S items requested by the *Watsseka Area Food Pantry* are:

STUFFING, RICE & INSTANT POTATOES

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

# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR DEC. 7—13, 2020

**Monday, December 7, 7:30 AM**  
Allen DeWitt by Knight of Columbus Council 4391

**Tuesday, December 8**  
*Solemnity of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**7:30 AM:** Pat Shide by Our Parish Family  
**7:00 PM:** Effie May Stone by Our Parish Family

**Wednesday, December 9, 7:30 AM**  
Rhonda Wittenborn by Chris & Amy Curry and Family

**Thursday, December 10, 7:30 AM**  
Lucille Pence by Nick Burns

**Friday, December 11, 7:30 AM**  
Diane Houmes by Our Parish Family

**Saturday, December 12, 5:00 PM**  
Paul Houmes Sr. by Paul and Carol Houmes

**Sunday, December 13**  
**8:30 AM:** Ed Gooding by John Gooding & Family  
**10:00 AM:** Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's

**NOTE:** Both of the Masses for the *Holy Day* on **December 8<sup>th</sup>** will be held at the Church.

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering Nov. 29:	\$ 1,164.00
Online Giving:	\$ 325.00
<b>DEFICIT</b> For the Week:	<b>\$ (1,711.00)</b>
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering Nov. 29:	\$ 381.00

## LAY MINISTERS for December 12/13, 2020

**SATURDAY, December 12, 5:00 PM**

**Lector:** John Gooding

**Ushers:** Mike & Mary Ann Kiefer, Amy Curry

**Cleaner:** Don Miller

**SUNDAY, December 13, 8:30 AM**

**Lector:** Nancy Cowan

**Ushers:** Gene Ochs & Mary Decker

**Cleaner:** Gene Ochs

## ST. EDMUND CCW

If anyone would like to make a donation to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please put your donation in an envelope marked *CCW Poinsettia* and place it in the collection basket. **Checks are made payable to ST. EDMUND CCW.** Thank you!



Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**John 1:6—8, 19—28**

*"There was sent by God a man named John!"*

- Do I know and understand the teachings of John and of the other prophets as well?
- Do my words and actions help make the Lord's way straight?
- Do I recognize Christ among us?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, John went before you preparing your way. Help me to live out the Baptism you have given me as a gift. May my discipleship be genuine and authentic as I prepare for Christmas. Amen!

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24/25, 2020

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

## RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) BEFORE CHRISTMAS

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.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

December 12/13, 2020

Next weekend's Special Collection is for the *Retirement Fund for Religious*.

## 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!



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!

**Please pray for our Service Members . . .**

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