

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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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

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR DEC. 24/25 & DEC. 31/JAN. 1

DATE	TIME	CHURCH
Tue. 12/24	4:00 PM	St. Edmund
Tue. 12/24	7:00 PM	St. Mary
Wed. 12/25	8:00 AM	St. Edmund
Wed. 12/25	9:30 AM	St. Joseph
Tue. 12/31	4:00 PM	St. Mary
Wed. 1/1	8:30 AM	St. Edmund



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

St. Edmund Parish Center

TUESDAYS at 1:00 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

PLEASE NOTE: There will NOT be Bible Study on December 24th & 31st. We will have a Christmas Party on December 17th.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

Thursday, December 19, 2024

Fr. Mike will hear individual confessions from 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. on the above date.

“A wise man fills his brain before emptying his mouth.”

—African Proverb

SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY

2024 Advent Programs

One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center

Advent Gospel Film Series: Facilitated by Sr. Myra Lambert, this film series will take place, via ZOOM, the first 4 Sundays in December from 3:00—6:00 p.m. Cost for the series is \$5/session.

One Day Retreat—The Way of The Crib: This one day retreat will take place at One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center in Kankakee on Saturday, December 14th from 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Coffee and rolls will be served in the morning and lunch will be provided. The cost for this is \$35. **Registration deadline is Friday, December 6th.**

Those reading this online can click on the link below for more information or to register:

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

ST. JOSEPH CCW

St. Joseph's CCW will be decorating their Church for Christmas after Mass on December 15th and would like to invite parishioners to help. We will also be serving coffee and cookies. Please plan on joining us for a fun time of fellowship!

Please pray for . . .

- Gary Cahoe
- Morgan Shoemaker

SUNDAY, December 8, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR December 9—15, 2024

Monday, December 9, 7:30 AM
 + Robert Tonner Anniversary Remembrance by His Family

Tuesday, December 10: NO MASS

Wednesday, December 11, 7:30 AM
 + Helen Bruens by Debbie Krones

Thursday, December 12, 7:30 AM
 + Paul Houmes Sr. by Paul & Carol Houmes

Friday, December 13, 7:30 AM
 + Russell Patnaude by Richard & Susie Boomgarden

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 14, 5:00 PM
 + Bernadine Buswell by Debbie Ochs

Sunday, December 15
 8:00 AM: Our Parish Families
 9:30 AM: + Jim Hamilton by Mary & Family
 4:30 PM: Mass at St. Mary's

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, Nov. 30/Dec. 1:	\$ 2,726.00
Online Giving:	\$ 415.00
DEFICIT for the Week:	\$ (59.00)
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, December 1:	\$ 2,528.00

LAY MINISTERS for December 14/15, 2024

SATURDAY, December 14, 5:00 PM

Lector: Bill Janssen
 Ushers: Tom & Marilyn Busick; Linda Hunt

SUNDAY, December 15, 8:00 AM

Lector: Sara McTaggart
 Usher: Gene Ochs

Money Counters: Brittany Cluver & John Tonner

EUCHRE PARTY

Thursday, December 12, 2024
 1-3 p.m. ~ St. Edmund's Parish Center.

Parishioners, as well as non-parishioners, are welcome! We gladly accept donations to our local Food Pantry, but are not a requirement in order to play. Dessert follows card play.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Thursday, December 12, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Church Basement

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

3rd Sunday of Advent C

Luke 3:10—18

"One mightier than I is coming!"

- The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" What should I do to prepare for Christmas and for Christ coming into my life?
- How have I been baptized with the Holy Spirit and with fire?
- What is the "chaff" in my life that needs to "be burned"?

Prayer: Come Lord Jesus in your Word and in your Sacraments. Fill my mind and heart with your love and open my eyes to see what I must do to be a more authentic follower. Help me to hear the words of John the Baptist as they are addressed directly to me. Amen!

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

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That God may strengthen us to wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
- That the Lord, who is in our midst, may renew his love in us,
- That the Church may be led to works of justice and charity,
- That the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, may keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus,
- That this Season of Advent may prepare us to celebrate a worthy Christmas,
- That the prayers and petitions on the minds and in the hearts of our parishioners may be heard and answered by the Lord who is near,
- That the dead may rejoice in the Lord always,

Let us pray to the Lord.

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 2024.

St. Edmund's 2025 Church Contribution Packets are available in the entrance of the Church on the left (east) 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 remember in prayer those called to eternal life. We extend our prayers and heartfelt sympathy to the friends and family of:

Shirley C. Arseneau, former St. Edmund Parishioner

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

Exodus 33:14