

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

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

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

Rosalyn Szymborski, mother of Georgene (Gerald) Hawkins

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

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.

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)

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

Thursday, December 21, 2023

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

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- MCSN (USN) Justin McTaggart, son of Kirk & Christine McTaggart

Please pray for . . .

- Gary Cahoe
- Tina Gooding

2024 CHURCH CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Our 2024 Church calendars, made in conjunction with the Diocese's 75th anniversary and sponsored by Arie Insurance Agency, Inc., are available for pick-up from the white table on the left side as you enter the Church.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR December 11—17, 2023

Monday, December 11, 7:30 AM
+ Bernadine Buswell by Mary Langellier

Tuesday, December 12: NO MASS

Wednesday, December 13, 7:30 AM:
+ Larry Pratt Anniversary Remembrance by Brilla Pratt

Thursday, December 14, 7:30 AM:
John Powell by Eileen & Dave Rogers

Friday, December 15, 7:30 AM:
+ Helen Bruens by Debbie Ochs

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 16, 5:00 PM:
+ Ed Gooding by John Gooding & Family

Sunday, December 17:
8:00 AM: + Maxine Geiger by Our Parish Family
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, December 2/3: \$ 1,614.00

Online Giving: \$ 297.00

DEFICIT for the Week: \$ (1,289.00)

St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, December 3: \$ 925.00

LAY MINISTERS for December 16/17, 2023

SATURDAY, December 16, 5:00 PM

Lector: Dick Arie

Ushers: Louise Bruens & Jami Overacker

SUNDAY, December 17, 8:00 AM

Lector: Sara McTaggart

Ushers: Chuck & Marie Garfield

Money Counters: Bill Janssen & Kendra Martin

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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Thursday, December 14, 2023

6:30 p.m. in the Church Basement

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

3rd Sunday of Advent "B"

Gaudete Sunday

Mark 1:6-8; 19-28

"Make straight the way of the Lord!"

- How can I, like John the Baptist, testify to the Light?
- How can I, like John the Baptist, be a voice crying out?
- How can I, like John the Baptist, prepare the way of the Lord?

Prayer: Come Lord Jesus! John prepared for your coming and pointed you out when at last you came. Inspire me to mirror John's purpose of proclaiming you as the Christ come among us through your Incarnation. Amen!

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

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That the Spirit of the Lord may come upon the Church throughout the world, strengthening her to announce the favor of the Lord,
- That the Lord may make justice and peace spring up before all nations,
- That God may inspire us to rejoice always, pray without ceasing and in all circumstances give him thanks,
- That God may continue to send prophets into the world to make straight the way of the Lord,
- That the poor, the broken hearted, captives and prisoners may know a year of favor from the Lord,
- That all of us here at St. Edmund's and St. Joseph's Parish may be preserved blameless for the coming of Jesus,
- That the dead may be clothed with a robe of salvation,
We pray to the Lord.

EUCHRE PARTY

Thursday, December 14, 2023

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.

DIOCESE OF JOLIET

Opening Liturgy for the 75th Anniversary

On Monday, December 13th, 2023, the diocese will celebrate the Opening Liturgy for the 75th Anniversary at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus. Ten bishops are expected to be in attendance for this special liturgy, which will begin with 5:15 p.m. performances by three choirs (Vietnamese, Polish and African American) ahead of the 6 p.m. Mass. The universal prayers will be read in seven languages, and a custom 75th Anniversary Psalm and Prayer will be incorporated into the liturgy. The Mass will be livestreamed starting at 5:15 p.m. from the Diocese of Joliet's YouTube channel.

Those viewing our website online can click on this livestream link: <https://youtube.com/live/kFavZcgnDBM>

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS SPECIAL COLLECTION

This Weekend, December 9/10, 2023

"Please give to those who have given a lifetime."