

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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WATSEKA IL 60970

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

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MASSSES:

M-W-TH-F

N//A

SATURDAY

6:00 PM

SUNDAY

8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS: Saturday, 5:30—5:50 PM or 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 9:30 AM

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- PV2 Austin Grosvenor, great-grandson of Leona Shafer
- MCSN (USN) Justin McTaggart, son of Kirk & Christine McTaggart
- 2nd Lt. (USMC) Laura Gross, granddaughter of Linda Hunt
- Lance Cpl. (USMC) Janie Gross, granddaughter of Linda Hunt

Please pray for . . .

- Tina Gooding
- Rolland Morriral



You can sign up for **Online Giving** by going to our website, [St. Edmund Parish - Home \(stedstjoe.org\)](http://St.Edmund Parish - Home (stedstjoe.org)) and click on the **Online Giving** button.

For anyone wanting to send a card or a note to Fr. Mike, especially with the upcoming holiday season, please address it as below:

Fr. Mike Powell
c/o Guest House
1601 Joslyn Road
Lake Orion, MI 48360

END-OF-THE-YEAR LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	CHURCH
Dec. 15	5:15 PM	*Penance Service for all 3 Parishes at St. Edmund's Church
Dec. 24	4:00 PM	CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES Mass at St. Mary's in Beaverville
Dec. 24	6:00 PM	Mass at St. Edmund's Church
Dec. 25	8:00 AM 9:30 AM	CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES Mass at St. Edmund's Church Mass at St. Joseph's Church
Dec. 26	8:00 AM 9:30 AM	Mass at St. Edmund's Church Mass at St. Joseph's Church
Jan. 1/2		4:00 PM Mass at St. Mary's <i>Regular Weekend Mass Schedule for St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's</i>

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 you get credit for it in 2021. Thank you.

The magic of *Christmas* is not in the presents, but in *His presence.*

Author Unknown

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS FOR December 18/19, 2021

Saturday, December 18, 6:00 PM

Esther Ingram by Her Family

Sunday, December 19

8:00 AM: Grace Hardesty by Christine Ryan

9:30 AM: Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's

COMMUNION SERVICE

Monday ~ Wednesday ~ Friday

7:30 a.m. at the Parish Center

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, December 4/5:	\$ 1,804.00
Online Giving:	\$ 120.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (1,276.00)
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, December 5:	\$ 438.00

LAY MINISTERS for December 18/19, 2021

SATURDAY, December 18, 6:00 PM

Lector: John Gooding

Eucharistic Minister: VOLUNTEER

Ushers: Mike & Jodie Schuler

Cleaner: Mike Schuler

SUNDAY, December 19, 8:00 AM

Lector: Sara McTaggart

Eucharistic Minister: Ira Claire

Usher: Sue Butler

Cleaner: NONE NEEDED

Money Counters: Louise Bruens & Elsie Hankey

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, December 15 ~ 5:15 p.m.

Fr. Vern will hold a Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, December 15 at 5:15 p.m. at the Church. This service will take the place of individual confessions, but for those who wish individual mention of sins and a blessing, Fr. Vern will be up front near the Cry Chapel waiting for each one.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

This Weekend ~ December 11/12, 2021

Give My Soul a Heavenly Hush

Let me tarry as I go; if not my feet, my heart be slow.

As I run from rush to rush give my soul a heavenly hush—

That I may touch instead of shove,

that I may see those needing love.

In passing may I leave a glow; of kindly words that help peace grow.

Gail McGoig Blanton

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

4th Sunday of Advent "C"

Luke 1:39—45

"Blessed are you among women!"

- How can I help those in need as Mary helped her cousin Elizabeth?
- Does my presence enhance the groups I am part of; family, workplace, neighborhood, parish?
- Like Mary and Elizabeth, do I believe that "what the Lord has spoken to me would be fulfilled"?

Prayer: O come, O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Israel
To thee shall come Emmanuel.

Our last RE class for 2021 will be on December 15th. We will be back in session on Wednesday, January 5th, 2022.

Thank you to our 8th grade class for helping to decorate our Christmas trees. They look amazing!

*Everyone have a safe and blessed Christmas
and a joy-filled New Year!*

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.** After Christmas you may take a poinsettia home with you, if you wish. Thank you!



END-OF-YEAR REMINDERS....

- Our 2022 Church calendars, courtesy of Arie Insurance Agency, are still available for pick-up from the table in the vestibule of the Church.
- There are still plenty of dates available to sign up to provide flowers for Mary's Altar.
- Our 2022 Church Envelope Packets are still available for pick-up from the table in the basement of the Church. **Please remember to put your name on the front of the envelope for the first few weeks of the new year.**