

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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

CONFESSIONS: By appointment only.

“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 10:00 AM

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 3rd Sunday of Advent we light the Candle of Joy.



“Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day.”

—Henri J. M. Nouwen

JOY

“Joy is a decision, a really brave one, about how you are going to respond to life.”

—Wess Stafford

BUILDING FUND

Attached to this week's bulletin is our list of projects that we have completed and those yet to be done, so if any of you are needing to make a charitable donation before the end of the year for tax purposes, please consider giving to our Building Fund. Thank you!

NOTE: As of 11/30/20, we have \$74,933.50 in our Building Fund Account.

Our Jr. High RE Class had a lot of fun decorating our Christmas trees at Church during class time this past Wednesday. They did a great job and the trees look awesome! Thanks for a job well done!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS FOR DEC. 14—20, 2020

Monday, December 14, 7:30 AM

John Powell by Dave & Eileen Rogers

Tuesday, December 15: NO MASS

Wednesday, December 16, 7:30 AM

Jim Pence by Our Parish Family

Thursday, December 17, 7:30 AM

Robert Curry by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

Friday, December 18, 7:30 AM

Dominic "Ditty" Lynch by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

Saturday, December 19, 5:00 PM

Esther Ingram by Her Family

Sunday, December 20

8:30 AM: Carmen O'Connor by Her Family

10:00 AM: Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering Dec. 5/6:	\$ 1,262.00
Online Giving:	\$ 80.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (1,858.00)
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering Dec. 6:	\$ 1,016.00

LAY MINISTERS for December 19/20, 2020

SATURDAY, December 19, 5:00 PM

Lector: Amy Curry

Ushers: Don & Rosann Miller and Kayla Duffy

Cleaner: Sue Butler

SUNDAY, December 20, 8:30 AM

Lector: VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Ushers: Terry & Gwen McTaggart

Cleaner: Terry McTaggart

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

This weekend is last chance for parishioners to sign up to attend one of our Christmas Masses. We still have spaces available at our 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass and our 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass.

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:

4th Sunday of Advent

Luke 1:26—38

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord!"

- How does God call me to bring Jesus to others?
- Do I follow the ways God offers me to serve Him?
- How can I mirror Mary as a servant of God?

Prayer: God, our Father, you looked on Mary, your lowly servant, and raised her to be the mother of Jesus, your Son. Help me to learn from her the lesson to joyfully hear your call to me and to respond whole-heartedly. Amen!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24/25, 2020

December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE	4:00 p.m. (St. Edmund) 6:00 p.m. (St. Edmund)
December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY	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

This 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!

From the desk of Patti Duffy . . .

Our last RE Class for 2020 will be on December 16th. We will be back in session on Wednesday, January 6th, 2021.

Everyone have a blessed Christmas and joyous New Year !

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

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