

ST. EDMUND CHURCH
219 EAST LOCUST STREET
WATSEKA IL 60970

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

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St. Edmund/St. Joseph Website: www.stedstjoe.org
St. Mary Website: www.stmaryschurchbeaverville.com

MASSES:	M-WTH-F	7:30 AM
	SATURDAY	5:00 PM
	SUNDAY	8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS (at St. Edmund): 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
PHONE: 815-435-2432

MASS: Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

307 UNION STREET
CRESCENT CITY IL 60928

MASS: Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR December 18—24, 2023

Monday, December 18, 7:30 AM
 + Russell Patnaude by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

Tuesday, December 19: NO MASS

Wednesday, December 20: NO MASS

Thursday, December 21, 7:30 AM:
 + Greg Hankey by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

Friday, December 22, 7:30 AM:
 + Joe Fordyce by David & Rita Brutlag

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 23, 5:00 PM:
 + Randy Roth by Our Parish Family

Sunday/Christmas Eve, December 24 :

8:00 AM: Parish Families

9:30 AM : + Helen Martin by Jean & Ty Herron

4:00 PM: + Joe Fordyce by Marge Fordyce

7:00 PM: Mass at St. Mary's

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation: \$ 3,200.00

Sunday Offering, December 9/10: \$ 3,405.00

Online Giving: \$ 207.00

BONUS for the Week: \$ 412.00

St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, December 10: \$ 2,375.00

LAY MINISTERS for December 16/17, 2023

SATURDAY, December 23, 5:00 PM

Lector: John Gooding

Ushers: Tom & Marilyn Busick; Linda Hunt

SUNDAY, December 24, 8:00 AM

Lector: Nancy Cowan

Usher: Gene Ochs

SUNDAY, December 24 (Christmas Eve), 4:00 PM

Lector: Doug Duffy

Ushers: Mike and Mary Ann Kiefer

Money Counters: Dick Arie & Joe Lyznicki

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

St. Edmund Parish Center

MONDAYS at 6:00 PM

TUESDAYS at 1:00 PM

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

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

Please pray for . . .

- Gary Cahoe
- Tina Gooding

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

4th Sunday of Advent "B"

Luke 1:26—38

"You will conceive in your womb and bear a Son!"

- Do I, like Mary, welcome the Lord when he comes into my life unexpectedly?
- Do I, like Mary, ever sincerely question God's plan, purpose and meaning?
- Do I echo Mary's "Amen" to God's call to me?

Prayer: God our Father, you looked on Mary, your lowly servant, and raised her to be the Mother of Jesus, your Son and my Lord. Help me to always mirror her "yes" to you and to join with her in doing my part in your loving plan of salvation. Amen!

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

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- O Wisdom, breath of the Most high, pervading and permeating all creation, ordering all things mightily yet tenderly; come and show us how to live,
- O Sacred Lord of Ancient Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai; come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free,
- O Flower of Jesse's Stem, every eye is held by you, every prince and foreign power bows in silent worship to your beauty come, let nothing keep you from our rescue,
- O Key of David and ruler of the House of Israel, controlling at you will the gate of heaven, come, break down the prison walls of death and lead your captive nation into freedom,
- O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light and sun of justice; come shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,
- O King of all nations, the only joy of every human heart, O Keystone of the mighty arch of time, come and save the people you fashioned from dust,
- O Emmanuel, God who lives with us to rule and guide, the nations of the earth cry out in longing; o come and set us free, our Savior God,
We pray you O Lord.

REMINDERS...

- Fr. Mike will hear individual confessions on Thursday, December 21st from 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. and then again at 7:00 p.m.
- Our 2024 Church calendars are still available for pick-up from the white table on the left side as you enter the Church.
- There are still some 2024 Church Envelope Packets that have not been picked up yet. They, too, can be found on the white table on the left side as you enter the Church.
- There are still dates available to provide flowers for Mary's Altar.

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 basket in the entrance of the Church. Checks are made payable to St. Edmund CCW. After Christmas, you may take a poinsettia home with you, if you wish. Thank you! PLEASE NOTE: The basket will be up this weekend and next.

