

ST. EDMUND CHURCH

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MASSSES:

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 p.m.

We will take a holiday break for two weeks. We'll see you all again in the New Year!



ST. EDMUND CCW

If anyone would like 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!



A huge THANK YOU to Debbie Ochs for designing the new setup for our Nativity display and to Gene Ochs for working with Debbie to get it set up. It looks awesome!



I APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT, BUT I JUST GOT JESUS TO SLEEP.



Christmas Word Find

G C P M E H E F F N Y Y A S E
V F I O G K N O C Y R R I L B
Z H S J Z X U H E G A B Z N B
H A T I D U R X S Z M E I P E
R P L R S I L E N T N I G H T
R K O Q S N E M E S I W A J H
Y L X T Y Z S W C Z S P E P L
M I M F H F N P N S J V E K E
J A B T T B A R I O R S X Z H
S A I Y L Y T E K V O F L W E
H A Y E Y T I G N J I O E E M
F A M K R H V N A E V U G P E
M A A N W A I A R S A S N O E
C I H O T C T M F U S O A H F
D J E D K Q Y S V S W T E K Q

JESUS	HAY
MARY	ANGEL
JOSEPH	FAITH
WISEMEN	HOPE
MANGER	FRANKINCENSE
NATIVITY	MYRRH
BETHLEHEM	SILENT NIGHT
CAMEL	LORD
DONKEY	SAVIOR
STAR	CHRISTMAS



SUNDAY, December 22, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR December 23—29, 2024

Monday, December 23, 7:30 AM

+ Ed Sullivan by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

Tuesday, December 24 (CHRISTMAS EVE):

4:00 PM: + Dave Harvey by His Family

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

Wednesday, December 25 (CHRISTMAS DAY):

8:00 AM: + Joe Fordyce & Cindy Tooley by Marge Fordyce

9:30 AM: + Robert G. "Bob" Taylor by Our Parish Family

Thursday, December 26, 7:30 AM

+ Betty Campbell by the FIK RE Deanery

Friday, December 27, 7:30 AM

+ Ken & Mary Sorensen by Suzanne & Mike Sorensen

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 28, 5:00 PM

+ Dave Harvey by Sam & Sue Stepp

Sunday, December 29

8:00 AM: Our Parish Families

9:30 AM: + Jim Hamilton by Wayne & Cathy Pree

4:30 PM: Mass at St. Mary's

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

Feast of the Holy Family C

Luke 2:41—52

"I must be in my Father's House"

- How have I been called to search for Jesus as Mary and Joseph did in Jerusalem?
- What do I want to ask Jesus when I find him?
- How must I be in my Father's House?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Only Begotten Son to the care of Mary and Joseph. May the love of that Holy Family mirror in my family's love for each other and may that love spill over to all I encounter. Amen!

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

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph may serve as a model for all families,
- That the family of the Church may gather together the sons and daughters of the Father as brothers and sisters of Christ,
- That God may help families in need through the work and generosity of his disciples,
- That broken families may find healing in Christ,
- That this Octave of Christmas may bring joy and gladness to all nations,
- That the prayers in the hearts of our parishioners may be heard by the Divinity who humbled himself to take on our humanity,
- That our family members who have died may be joined to the Holy Family in the Kingdom of Heaven,

We pray to the Lord.

A Carol of the Years

Another year sails swiftly by
And we who dwell below the sky
Like the trees through which the brisk winds sing
As yet another yearly ring!

A fresher year of seasons four
Taps gently at our cabin door
And calls us to again renew
Our lives Lord Jesus Christ in you.

An ancient year comes back to mind
When out of love for humankind
The Word made flesh in time and space
Took up his humble dwelling place.

When years are gone, and time is past
And fleeting life is o'er last,
Eternal life, full, free from sin
Will in Lord Jesus Christ begin!
(M. Powell ~ 2013)

Blessings during this Christmas Season
and through the holy Year of Jubilee, 2025!, Fr. Mike

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, December 14/15:	\$ 1,707.00
Online Giving:	\$ 285.00
DEFICIT for the Week:	\$ (1,208.00)
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, December 15:	\$ 545.00

LAY MINISTERS for December 28/29, 2024

SATURDAY, December 28, 5:00 PM

Lector: Paula Williamson

Ushers: Mike & Mary Ann Kiefer

SUNDAY, December 29, 8:00 AM

Lector: Julie Schippert

Usher: Carol Houmes

Money Counters: Dick Arie & Joe Lyznicki

Please pray for . . .

- Gary Cahoe
- Morgan Shoemaker