

## 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

### ST. EDMUND CCW

Thanks to all of you who made a donation to the CCW *Bake-Less Bake Sale*. A total of \$800 was raised, which will be put towards various projects. Your generosity was greatly appreciated! May you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Joy-Filled New Year!

### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Due to the Christmas Holiday, our Monday Night and Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study Groups will NOT be meeting this week. See you all in the new year!

“May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the Magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.”

—Ray Pritchard



### SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY 2024 PROGRAMS

- **Scripture & Faith Sharing:** Would you love to get together with a small group of fellow Christians and share Scripture? Praying the Scriptures in a group gives us the opportunity to share our faith and how God is working in our lives. Please join Susan Amann for this 2 part series at One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center in Kankakee on Thursdays, January 11<sup>th</sup> & February 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00—10:30 a.m. There is no cost for this program, but free-will donations will gladly be accepted.
- **Reviving our Love of the Eucharist:** Presented by Sr. Linda Hatton, SSCM, please join her via ZOOM for this 4-part series on the following Wednesdays: January 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> and February 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30—8:00 p.m. Together we will review the history and praxis of our worship and included in each session, will be an opportunity to discuss Cardinal Blaze J. Cupich's booklet: *Take, Bless, Break, Share: A Strategy for a Eucharistic Revival*, which can be purchased at Amazon. The cost for this series is \$35.

For further information or to register, you can go to their website, [www.sscm-usa.org](http://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)

### 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! .



# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR Dec, 25—31, 2023

## CHRISTMAS, December 25

8:00 AM: + Kevin Kaufman by Our Parish Family

9:30 AM: Our Parish Families

Tuesday, December 26: NO MASS

Wednesday, December 27: NO MASS

Thursday, December 28, 7:30 AM:

+ Barbara Bohlmann by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

Friday, December 29, 7:30 AM:

Deceased & Living Members of the Krones/Bruens Families

## 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 30, 5:00 PM:

+ JoEll Lemenager by the Harvey Family

Sunday, December 31 :

8:00 AM: + Jim & Judy Krones by Dr. Gonzalo & Barb Florido

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 16/17: \$ 2,370.00

Online Giving: \$ 143.00

DEFICIT for the Week: \$ (687.00)

St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, December 17: \$ 800.00

## Carol of the Eucharist

To the City, Bethlehem, House of Bread and Jesse's stem,  
Came a Maiden, Mother mild, filled with grace and great with child.  
Mary, Virgin Mother mild, looked upon her babe and smiled,  
Knowing in her little Son, our salvation has begun.  
Mary was the first to say, on that bliss-filled Christmas day:  
"This is my body; this, my blood!" pouring forth a grace-filled flood.  
Joseph, son of David's line. Guardian of the Babe Divine.  
Gazing on the child with awe, laid him on the manger's straw.  
Joseph, as he feeds his own, speaks with such a loving tone,  
Words that Jesus will repeat: "Take and drink and take and eat!"  
Jesus gives a healing flood: "This my Body, this, my Blood!"  
"Take and drink and take and eat" under signs of wine and wheat!  
~Michael Powell, 2019

As we come to the celebration of Christmas during this year of our Eucharistic Revival, let us remember that ....

The best way to

"Keep Christ in Christmass" is to

"Keep Mass in Christmass!"

Blessings at Christmas and through 2024!

Fr. Mike

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

Feast of the Holy Family "B"

Luke 2:22—40

*"The Child grew and the favor of God was upon him!"*

- Do I, like the Holy Family of Nazareth, observe all the prescriptions the Lord has commanded me to do?
- Am I, like Simeon, on the watch for God entering my life?
- Do I, like Anna, share all that the Lord has given me?

**Prayer:** God our Father, in obedience your own Son and his Holy Family traveled to the Temple to fulfill your law. Let me, like Saints Simeon and Anna, faithfully watch for Jesus to come into my life. Let me, like the Child of Nazareth, grow strong and be filled with your wisdom and favor. Amen!

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

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That by the sacred mystery of the Word made Flesh we may come to oneness with God,
- That by the wondrous birth in time of the timeless Son of God all our days may be hallowed,
- That by the humble nativity of the King of Glory in the manger at Bethlehem we may come to true humility of heart,
- That by the splendid manifestation of the King of the Jews to shepherds and Magi, all nations may be brought to Christ,
- That by the lowly submission of the Maker of the world to Mary and Joseph, we may share more fully in the communion of the saints,
- That by the baptism of the spotless Son of God by John at the Jordan, we may share sacramental life in Christ,
- That by the revealing miracle of water made wine at Cana, we may come to fully know the love of God,
- That by the victorious rising of Jesus from the dead, all who have died may come to eternal life,

*We pray to the Lord.*

LAY MINISTERS for December 25 & 30/31, 2023

MONDAY, December 25 (CHRISTMAS), 8:00 AM

Lector: Bill Janssen

Usher: Carol Houmes

SATURDAY, December 30, 5:00 PM

Lector: Amy Curry

Ushers: Sandra Harris & Jo Ann White

SUNDAY, December 31, 8:00 AM

Lector: RaDonna Hasselbring

Usher: Sue Butler

Money Counters: Brittany Cluver & Laura Stepp

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

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

Please pray for . . .

- Gary Cahoe
- Tina Gooding

*"Fall on your knees, oh, hear the angel voices  
O night divine, the night when Christ was born."*

*O Holy Night  
—John Berry*