ST. EDMUND CHURCH

219 EAST LOCUST STREET
WATSEKA IL 60970

PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

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MASSES:	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

DATES TO REMEMBER IN JANUARY…

1	***The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God***
4	**RE Classes Resume:** 4:00 p.m. at the Parish Center
6	**First Friday**
7/8	**Food Pantry**
8	***EPIPHANY OF THE LORD***
9	***BAPTISM OF THE LORD***
12	**Euchre Party:** 1:00—3:00 p.m. at the Parish Center **Knights of Columbus Meeting:** 6:30 p.m. in Church Basement
21/22	**Collection for the *Church in Latin America***

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—JANUARY

1	St. Edmund's
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15	Sandra Harris
22	Chris Daszko
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"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 2023 PROGRAMS

Spiritual Direction: Is It For Me?: Please join Sr. Myra Lambert, sscm, for this 4 part ONLINE (via ZOOM) series, which will take place on **the following Thursdays: January 5 & 19, and February 2 & 16** from **7:00—8:00 p.m.**

For further information or to register, you can go to their website, www.sscm-usa.org, call Susan Amann at 708-790-8141, or click on the link below:

Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary (sscm-usa.org)

ST. EDMUND CCW

We want to thank all of you who donated so generously to our Bake-Less Bake Sale and for our poinsettias. Currently, the total donated towards the Bake-Less Bake Sale is $670 and the total donations for the poinsettias are $230. ALL donations are very much appreciated and will be used for future projects. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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 Morrical

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS FOR DEC. 26—JAN. 1, 2022

Monday, December 26, 7:30 AM
+ Jim Pence by Justin Moyer

Tuesday, December 27: NO MASS

Wednesday, December 28, 7:30 AM
+ Rosemary German Reeves by Nick & Roxanne Adsit

Thursday, December 29, 7:30 AM
+ Bert Stepp by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

Friday, December 30, 7:30 AM
+ Sam Ochs by Eileen Meyer

Morning Mass…what a way to start the day!!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
5:00 PM: + Mary Claire by Mike & Jodi Schuler

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1
8:00 AM: Parish Families of St. Edmund, St. Joseph & St. Mary
9:30 AM: + Myron Cailteux by Ruth Heideman
4:30 PM: Mass at St. Mary's

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation:	**$ 3,200.00**
Sunday Offering, December 17/18:	**$ 1,921.00**
Online Giving:	**$ 110.00**
DEFICIT For the Week:	**$ (1,169.00)**
Times are tough, see what you	***can do!***
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, December 18:	**$ 1,765.00**

LAY MINISTERS for Dec. 31, 2022/Jan. 1, 2023

SATURDAY, December 31, 5:00 PM
Lector: Doug Duffy
Ushers: Sam & Sue Stepp

SUNDAY, January 1, 8:00 AM
Lector: Bill Janssen
Usher: Carol Houmes

Money Counters: Dick Arie & Elsie Hankey

On this joyful Christmas Day I wish a Blessed Christmas Season to all of our parishioners, friends and guests who join us today. As we remember the gift of Jesus' Incarnation over 2,000 years ago, as we celebrate his presence here among us today, especially in Mass, and as we prepare for his return in glory at the end of time, let us make this day a prayerful and a merry day!

Thanks to all of you for your Christmas kindness to our parish and to me as well. Like the Inn-Keeper, let us make room in our homes and in our hearts to welcome Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

A blessed Christmas and a grace filled 2023,
~ Fr. Mike

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Luke 2:16—21
"He was named Jesus!"

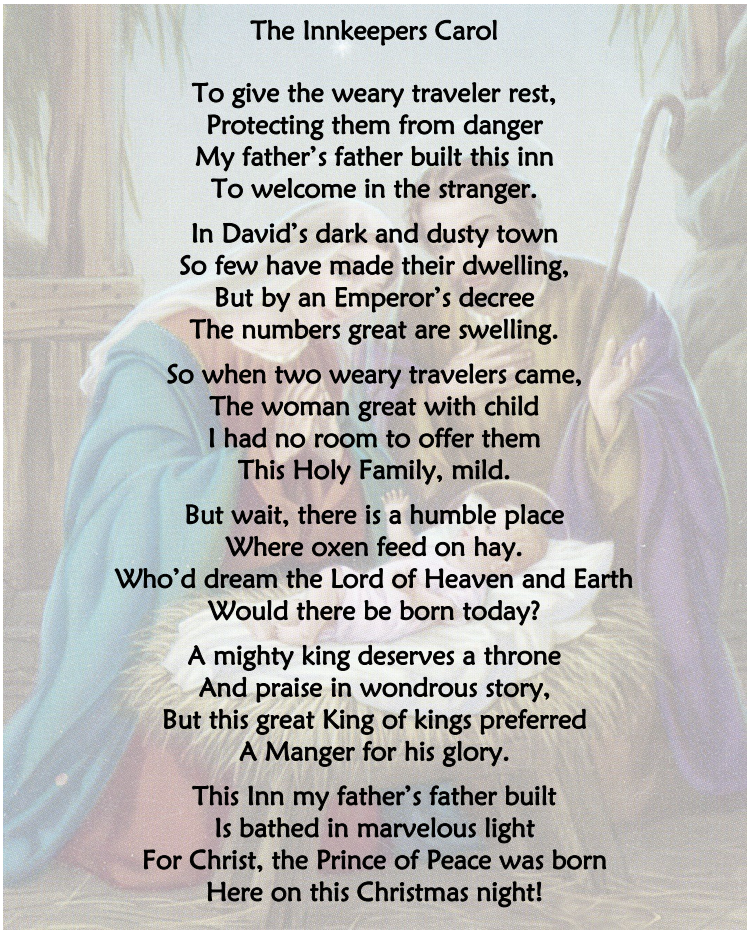
- How can I be more respectful of the Divine Name in my daily life?
- What opportunities for spiritual growth might I benefit from in the Year of Grace, 2023?
- How can I grow in my love for and devotion to Mary, the Mother of God?

Prayer: God of all times and seasons, you have blessed me with a new year of life and holiness. Bless these coming months with your grace for me and my beloved friends and family that I may grow as a devoted disciple of Jesus your Son and as a child of Mary, the Mother of God. Amen!

Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- For the Church in all lands and places, that under the patronage of Mary, the mother of God, she may continue to grow and prosper,
- For all governments and leaders of nations, that God may turn their hearts and minds to thoughts of justice and peace,
- For all families, that they may remain strong in imitation of the Holy Family,
- For all of our parishioners who, like Mary in prayerfulness, come to the Lord,
- For God's blessings on us in this year of the Lord, 2023,
- For those who have died in 2022, and for all who have died in Christ, that through the intercession of Mary they may come to new life,

We pray to the Lord.



The Innkeepers Carol

To give the weary traveler rest,
Protecting them from danger
My father's father built this inn
To welcome in the stranger.

In David's dark and dusty town
So few have made their dwelling,
But by an Emperor's decree
The numbers great are swelling.

So when two weary travelers came,
The woman great with child
I had no room to offer them
This Holy Family, mild.

But wait, there is a humble place
Where oxen feed on hay.
Who'd dream the Lord of Heaven and Earth
Would there be born today?

A mighty king deserves a throne
And praise in wondrous story,
But this great King of kings preferred
A Manger for his glory.

This Inn my father's father built
Is bathed in marvelous light
For Christ, the Prince of Peace was born
Here on this Christmas night!