

## 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

### A Christmas Thank-You!

Sincere thanks to all of you who have so generously supported our parish family with your Christmas kindness. Thanks also to all who shared your thoughtfulness with me. As we continue our Christmas celebrations and look forward to a blessed 2024, let's carry that Yuletide spirit through the months ahead.

Blessings,  
Fr. Mike

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE-THROW CONTEST



The Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Contest will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 14, 2024. Council 4391 is hosting the Shoot-Off at Glenn Raymond School in Watseka. This year's contest is open to all boys and girls ages 9—14. Participants are to be accompanied by a parent and are asked to arrive prior to the contest start time of 1:00 p.m. Doors open at 12:30 p.m.

Winners in each age group will advance to the district competition in February. For further information, please contact Joe Lyznicki at 815-383-7939.

### 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)

### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

St. Edmund Parish Center

There will be NO BIBLE STUDY GROUP on Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Tuesday Bible Study Group WILL meet on January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

“This my dear, is the greatest challenge of being alive:

To witness the injustice of this world, and not allow it to consume our light.”

Regina Linke  
The Oxherd Box

# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR January 1—7, 2024

Monday, January 1, 8:00 AM  
+ Sam Ochs by Knights of Columbus Council 4391

Tuesday, January 2: NO MASS

Wednesday, January 3, 7:30 AM:  
+ Mary Claire by Debbie Ochs

Thursday, January 4, 7:30 AM:  
+ Jack Langellier by the Nick & Roxanne Adsit Family

Friday, January 5, 7:30 AM:  
+ Charlie & Bonnie Arie by the Chris & Amy Curry Family

**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, January 6, 5:00 PM:  
+ Randy Roth by Jan Dillman

Sunday, January 7 :  
8:00 AM: + Bernadine Buswell by Her Parish Family  
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 23/24:	\$ 1,855.00
Online Giving:	\$ 198.00
<b>DEFICIT for the Week:</b>	<b>\$ (1,147.00)</b>
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, December 24:	\$ 549.00
St. Edmund's Christmas Offering:	\$ 3,356.00
Online Giving Christmas Offering:	\$ 315.00
St. Joseph's Christmas Offering:	\$ 2,484.00

## LAY MINISTERS for December 30/31, 2023

**SATURDAY, January 6, 5:00 PM**

Lector: Paula Hodak

Ushers: Doug & Patti Duffy

**SUNDAY, January 7, 8:00 AM**

Lector: Mark Calvin

Usher: M/M Kyle Cluver Family

Money Counters: Joe Lyznicki & John Tonner

Please remember in prayer those called to eternal life. We extend our prayers and heartfelt sympathy to the friends and family of:

Mary Sorensen  
and

Beuthene LeSage  
Both long time parishioners of St. Edmund's

*My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.*  
Exodus 33:14

## Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

Solemnity of the Epiphany

Matthew 2:1—12

**"We have come to do him homage!"**

Ancient iconography portrays the three magi as one young man, one middle-aged man and one old man. So...

- **0—30 Years Old:** *How can I better seek Jesus in my youth?*
- **30—60 Years Old:** *How can I better seek Jesus now that I'm in my mid-life years?*
- **60 Years Old +:** *How can I better seek Jesus in my senior years?*

**Prayer:** God our Father, the Star you set in the East served as a beacon, drawing all to Jesus, your Son. In the different eras of my life may I always resolve to follow that star and to seek out Jesus in the varied seasons of my life. Amen!

## Preparing for next Sunday's Petitions:

- That, like the star of Bethlehem, the Church may continue to draw in wonder and awe, all peoples to Christ,
- That Christ, the King of the ages, honored with gold, may bring this world to justice, righteousness and peace,
- That Christ, true God from true God, honored with frankincense, may be universally acclaimed as the Divine One among us,
- That Christ who died that we may have life, honored with myrrh, may be the solace of all who mourn,
- That members of our parish, who like the Magi come to Christ in prayer, may find him with Mary his mother,
- That the dead may see Jesus in his full glory,

***We pray to the Lord.***

## DATES TO REMEMBER IN JANUARY...

- 1 ***The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God***
- 5 **First Friday:** Benediction w/Adoration following AM Mass
- 6/7 Food Pantry
- 7 ***EPIPHANY OF THE LORD***
- 8 ***BAPTISM OF THE LORD***
- 10 **RE Classes Resume:** 4:00 at the Parish Center
- 11 **Euchre Party:** 1—3 p.m. @ Parish Center  
**Knights of Columbus Meeting:** 6:30 p.m. in Church Basement
- 14 **K of C Free-Throw Contest:** 1:00 p.m. @ GRS
- 28 Collection for the Church in Latin America

## FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR—JANUARY

- 7 St. Edmund's
- 14 Sandra Harris
- 21
- 28 Chris Daszko



## Please pray for our Service Members . . .

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

## Please pray for . . .

- Gary Cahoe
- Tina Gooding