

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches



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St. Edward Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Confession, Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 3:30 p.m.

Parish Office:

Peggy Garrison, Secretary
Office hours Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday,
8 a.m. to 12 noon Rectory/Office 847-7931
Fax – 847-7393 Parish Hall 847-7512

Bulletin Info:

Peggy Garrison, Parish Office.
Please submit by noon on Thursday

New Parishioners Register

at the Parish Office
PSR Coordinator: Sarah Pickens
RCIA Coordinator: Ginny Barrett
Music Director: Denise Zurliene

Pastoral Council – 3rd Thursday
Altar Sodality – 3rd Monday
Men's Club - As announced
CYO Meeting - As announced
Food Pantry Distribution – 2nd Saturday 8am

St. Stephen Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Confession, Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday noon-1 p.m. & Sunday 8:00-8:20 a.m.
or call for appointment

Parish Office:

Trudi Herdes, Secretary,
Office hours: Monday & Wednesday, 8 a.m. to noon
Office, Fax and Social Room - 662-8121
Rectory – 662-6261

Bulletin info: Beth Fancher, 665-3163 submit by
Thursday email: bafancher@wabash.net

New Parishioner Register contact Father Charles,
Trudi Herdes or Dorothy Uebinger 662-3711
email dot@wabash.net

Music Director:

Diane Briscoe
PSR Coordinator: Paul Duquaine
RCIA Coordinator: Cheryl McCarty

Knights of Columbus – 1st Wednesday, 7 pm
Finance Committee – 2nd Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Altar Society - As announced

Baptism, Marriage, Vocations, Sacrament of Anointing & Care of the Sick, contact
Father Charles Anyaoku or call St. Edward or St. Stephen Parish Offices.

**One thing I ask of the Lord, and this I long, to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. (Ps. 27, 4)
That should be our daily prayer. That should be our daily desire. That should be our daily wish.**

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 27, 4:00pm—Don Schoenborn+
 Sunday, January 28, 10:30am—Ian Penrod+
 Thursday, February 1, 6:30pm—Carrol Lauer+
 Friday, February 2, (**Presentation of the Lord**) 8:00am—The sick of the parish
 Saturday, February 3, 4:00pm—Dennis Milligan+
 Sunday, February 4, 10:30am—Bill Grogan+ & the Grogan Family

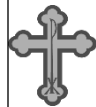
Rosary—Every Saturday 3:30pm and 2nd Sunday 10:00am

Weekly Contributions 01-21-2018

Envelopes(31) \$1,693.00
 Loose 135.00
 Total \$1,828.00
 We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$ 277.00
 First Offering 5.00
 Donations 60.00

Attendance: Sat. 32 Sun. 96



Garland Keck, Kim Buchanan,
 Lanora Neavill, Ute Britton, Leon
 Chamness, Jack Ciesielczyk, Jalain
 Thompson, Phyllis Laird, Kurt Wiseman, Nanette
 Williams, Julie Griffith, Gina Williams, Emilee
 Stanley, Noreen Reeves, Paula Zdan, Maddox
 Oppenheimer, Sara Kerchner, Charles Drechsel,
 Eva Decker, Matthew Rorban, Kathy Bramlet, Tom
 Colvin, Andrew Mayo, Robyn Meagher, Sheila
 Zurliene, Sandra Henson, Andrew Luna, Elaine
 Jeffers, Homer and Shirley Clark, and all priests
 who are sick.

**If you have not picked up your 2018
 Contribution boxed envelopes or 2017
 Donation tax info, please do.**

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: 2 Sm 15:13-14,30;16:5-13 Mk 5:1-20
 Tues: 2 Sm 18:9-10 Mk 5:21-43
 Wed: 2 Sm 24:2,9-17 Mk 6:1-6
 Thur: 1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12 Mk 6:7-13
 Fri: Mal 3:1-4 Lk 2:22-40
 Sat: 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34
 Sun: Jb 7:1-4,6-7 1Cor 9:16-19,22-23 Mk 1:29-39

Saturday, February 3

Lector: Jay Fyie
 EM: Jim & Margaret Thompson
 Ushers: Dave & PJ Cavanaugh
 Gifts: Sue Milligan, Hank Eckleberry
 Servers: volunteers

Sunday, February 4

Lector: David Mills
 EM: Jeff & Mary Murphy
 Ushers: Scott Merkle, Richard Rennier
 Gifts: The Kosmatka Family
 Servers: Jackson Mills, Colin Pickens

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 27, 6:00 p.m. mass – For the legal protection of unborn children
 Sunday, January 28, 8:30 a.m. mass – Jim Stanford+
 Tuesday, January 30, 6:30 p.m. mass – Trent Briscoe+
 Wednesday, January 31, 6:30 p.m. mass – Marilyn Mylius+
 Thursday, February 1, 8:00 a.m. – Margo Etchison+
 Friday, Feb. 2, No mass, 8:30 – 3 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration 3 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet
 Saturday, February 3, 6:00 p.m. mass & Blessing of the Throat – Stan Timm+
 Sunday, February 4, 8:30 a.m. mass & Blessing of the Throat– For the living and
 deceased of the parish

Rosary will be said a half an hour before each mass +designates deceased

Weekly Contributions
 01-21-2018

Envelopes..... \$1264.00
 Loose..... 148.00
 Total \$1412.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Christmas Offering \$50.00

Attendance: Sat. - 54 Sun. – 88

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Sat. January 27, Sacrament of Reconciliation,
 noon to 1p
Sun. January. 28, PSR after 8:30 a.m.
 Sacrament of Reconciliation 8-8:20 a.m.
Wed. January 31, Eucharistic Adoration 7 pm-
 midnight
Friday, February 2, 8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 noon - Servite Rosary
 3:00 p.m. - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, January 27

Lector: May Roy
Commentator: Volunteer
EM: Jim Fehrenbacher, Jim & Dorothy Croy
Altar Servers: Pierce Family
Ushers: Don Talmant, Mike Winka

Sunday, January 28

Lector: Gerald Klein
Commentor: Deb Zimmerman
EM: Dorothy Uebinger, Emily Milner, Pat
 Ridgeway
Altar Servers: Max, Sam & Nolan Duquane
Ushers: Ted Zimmerman, Ted Whitehead

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Griffy, Bill Marks,

Nichole Wheaton, Lisa Persinger, Verna Oliver,
 LaVonne Kemmerer, Patience McKnight, Clara Wilson,
 Claire Fopay, Mildred Garrison, Ray Vaughn, Anita
 Allen, Joe Falica, Lois Houlihan, Ray & Irene Winka,
 Pat Venable, Chris Boyd, Dr. Mark Wallace, Gerty
 Grundy, Ginny Timm, Tracy Winka, Steve Dudzik,
 Ruth Wilson, Mike Burge, Angie Borrelli, Roger Wells,
 Tom Kasper, Becky Payne, Rita & Judy Porter, Bob
 Bluhm, Rhonda Ryker, Kelly Coan, Rick Harvey, Dr.
 Don Bunnell, Duck Greenwood, Paul Weidner, Marilyn
 Wheaton, Jim Brown, Jakob Lane, Ted Zimmerman,
 Diana Fleener, Rodney Greenwood, Robbie Porter, Kyle
 Schroeder, Bob Tackett, David Sulsberger, Doug Frost

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

We will be having a Plant Sale along with the Rummage Sale in April. Please be thinking about plants to sale or getting plants started for the sale. Bernie Brown and Beth Fancher will be chairing this part of the sale. If you want to help us please let us know.

Parish Council elections will be held during masses this weekend.

Please consider purchasing SCRIP cards after weekend Masses. There are several retailers & restaurants participating in the program. St. Ann's buys the cards at a discounted rate and sells them at full face value. When you buy a card you receive a card worth the purchase price, Contact Erin or shopwithscrip.com Retailer list is on website.

If you would like to help earn money for St. Ann's general fund visit Goodsearch.com and register making St. Ann's your charity. Please type in "St Ann's Altar Society" (no punctuation). Make it your homepage or just use it to search or make online purchases.

Prayer Chain: When a parishioner has an intention & requests prayers, Erin Pierce will initiate the prayer chain. She will contact Fr. Charles, who will determine the prayers. An email will be sent to all members, who will pray for the intentions. Each member should endeavor to assure the obligation is met. Erin erinmp1968@aol.com call 662-2266.

PSR SCHEDULE

January 21, 28 - Classes
February 4, 11, 18, 25 - Classes
March 4, 11, 18 - Classes
March 25 - No Class, Palm Sunday
April 1 - No Class, Easter
April 8, 15, 22, 29 - Classes
May 6 - No Class, First Communion
May 13 - No Class, Mother's Day
May 20 - Last Class, Pizza Party

Congratulations Julie Price Zimmerman and George Ryan Harris who were married last Saturday at St. Stephen's church. We wish them many years of happiness.

CRY ROOM St. Stephen's Cry Room is in the Library, which is equipped with a TV set up with a live feed of the Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration Schedule

Wednesdays - 7:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight

Fridays - 8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
12:00 noon - Servite Rosary
3:00 p.m. - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Second Sunday of each month - adoration for the intentions of Guadalupe Project
9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. when PSR is not in session
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. when PSR is in session

ST. EDWARD NEWS

*Thank-you to everyone who helped with the Chowder last Sunday.
It was so good!!!*

PSR CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The children's choir has started again. They will practice after PSR classes on Sunday's.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:

February 4th ---Do Lord

March 4th ---Lent (2:41)

April 1st ---The Solid Rock

May 6th ---Pharaoh, Pharaoh

Any questions please contact Laura Zurliene

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: We should be amazed!

Every Sunday, we hear Jesus Christ speak to us in the Bible readings. Every Sunday. Every Liturgy. Today, we are amazed at his clarity, at his authority. Even the unclean spirit knows him to be Holy and God.

*How do I see Jesus' holiness active in the world?

*What do I need to hear from him?

*What will that lead me to do?

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb. 2nd: Mass—8:00am (Presentation of the Lord)

Feb. 3rd & 4th: Blessing of Throats at Mass

Feb 14th: Ash Wednesday—St. Stephen-7:00am St. Edward-6:30pm

Feb 16th, 23rd, Mar 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd,----Stations of the Cross-6:00pm

Catholic Urban Programs' Trivia Night: Catholic Urban Programs is hosting a Trivia Night to benefit its Neighborhood Law Office! Saturday, February 3, 2018. For more information there is a flyer on the bulletin board in the hall.

If any parishioner was wanting to donate salt to the church for snow and ice please do not use salt. It scratches the tile in the hall. There is a different type that works just as well. Thanks.

OLD PALMS: please bring in your old palms the next two weekends so we can get them burnt for the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Thanks.

FROM FATHER CHARLES' DESK:

Fourth Sunday in ordinary time (year B)

In the gospel reading, Mark 1:21-28, the people in Capernaum's synagogue were astonished at Jesus' teaching and all were amazed.

So the question arises: Why? Why were they so astonished and amazed? After all they thought Jesus was a rabbi, someone who speaks God's word, and they were. Again, after all, in a synagogue, a place where one would expect to be hearing about what God had to say. So why were they so astonished and amazed?

What I want to point out is the particular style of speech used by Jesus and to note the way He taught. Jesus spoke in His own name, on His own authority. There is, you see, a big difference in Jesus' speech here. He is telling everyone what He is.

The crowd was spellbound because Jesus spoke with authority, not like the scribes and Pharisees. People want to hear the real word of God.

What do we mean when we speak about the authority of the Lord? What do we mean when we talk about authority in general? What ways do we exercise authority? What ways do we exercise the authority of the Lord?

The word authority comes from the latin word *auctoritas*. The basic meaning of this Latin word is creator.

When we talk about the authority of the Lord, we recognize that He is the Creator, or Author of the Universe. He has the power to govern the universe.

In today's first reading, the book of Deuteronomy 18:15-20, we understand when one talks with authority of God. The prophets speak not of his own but what they hear from God, and God said, "I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it."

Jesus speaks with his authority, He is the son of God and has the power. The man with an unclean spirit recognized his power and said, "I know who you are ---the Holy One of God."

Therefore, we are invited to listen to him because He has eternal life. we are invited to follow him because his path will lead us to salvation. We are called to listen, learn , think, pray and act.

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Mass is the highest form of prayer and not an appropriate moment for small talk, Pope Francis said.

At church, Catholics should spend their time in silence before Mass, preparing "to meet with Jesus" instead of engaging in "chitchat," the Pope said November 15 during his weekly general audience. "Silence is so important," he said. "Remember what I told you last time: we are not going to a show. Silence prepares us and accompanies us."

The Pope continued his new series of audience talks on the Mass, reflecting on the Eucharist as a form of prayer that is "the highest, the most sublime and, at the same time, the most concrete" way of encountering God's love. "This is the greatest grace: to experience that the Eucharist is the privileged moment to be with Jesus and, through him, with God and with our brothers and sisters," the Pope said.

Meditate on this piece

Wonder of wonders and Miracle of Miracles which reminds us that the God who is God the way we would be God, if we were God.

I invite you to keep this brief meditation and review it from time to time when you find you are distracted by minor and ultimately insignificant details.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/1Eh5BpSnBBw>

