

INFORMATION FOR BOTH PARISHES

Announcement

Blessing of Throat with prayer of St. Blaise, Feb. 3 & 4. It will be done immediately after masses and is optional.

February 14, Ash Wednesday masses, St Stephen, 7 am St. Edward, 6;30 pm

Station of the Cross (The Way to the Cross) every Friday during Lent:

St. Edward—6:00pm St. Stephen—7:00pm

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Mass is a time of silence and prayer, not idle chitchat

Mass is the highest form of prayer and not an appropriate moment for small talk. At church, Catholics should spend their time in silence before Mass, preparing "to meet with Jesus" instead of engaging in "chitchat," Pope Francis said Nov. 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," Pope Francis said.

Hospice of Southeastern Illinois Volunteer Training

Hospice Volunteer training is being offered by Carle, Richland Memorial Hospital, Olney., March 1 and 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If interested call 800-375-9343 or 618-392-2745. Information on bulletin board.

St. Clement of Rome Wurstmart

(All you can eat)

603 E. MARKET STREET, MCLEANSBORO

Sunday, February 18. Serving from 10:30 am - 3:00 pm

MENU Whole Hog Sausage-Mashed Potatoes Gravy-

Sauerkraut-Applesauce-Dessert-Drinks

Tickets Adults \$10.00, Children (5-12) \$5.00

(Age 4 and under free except carry-outs)

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Remember that my life is like the wind," Let us make the best of our time together with our spouses by enjoying a WorldWide Marriage Encounter, weekend in Springfield, March 23-25. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or www.stl-wwme.org

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

Pastoral Council - 4th Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 3, 6:00 p.m. mass and Blessing of the Throat – Dr. Stan Timm+
 Sunday, February 4, 8:30 a.m. mass and Blessing of the Throat – For the living & deceased of the parish PSR 10 – 10:30 a.m., Super Bowl Breakfast after mass
 Tuesday, February 6, 6:30 p.m. mass – Evelyn Myers+
 Wednesday, February 7, 6:30 p.m. mass – Louise Sandstrom+
 Thursday, February 8, 8:00 a.m. – Roger Beard+
 Friday, February 9, 8:30 – 3 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration 3 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet
 Saturday, February 10, 6:00 p.m. mass – Sharon Pierce+
 Sunday, February 11, 8:30 a.m. mass - For the living and deceased of the parish

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

Weekly Contributions 01-28-2018
 Envelopes..... \$1629.00
 Loose..... 178.00
 Total \$1807.00
We Need - \$1,731.00
 Attendance: Sat. - 78 Sun. – 85



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, 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, Paul Weidner, Marilyn Wheaton, Jim Brown, Jakob Lane, Ted Zimmerman, Diana Fleener, Robbie Porter, David Sulsberger, J.R. Means, Clarice Schweighart-Painter, Maura Smith, Cory Britton

St. Stephen Activities for the Week
Sat. February 3, Sacrament of Reconciliation, noon to 1p
Sun. February 4, Sacrament of Reconciliation 8-8:20 a.m. PSR 10 to 10:0 a.m. Super Bowl Breakfast following mass.
Tues. February 6, Bible Study after 6:30 mass
Wed. February 7, 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, February 10
Lector: Cheryl McCarty
Commentator: Volunteer
EM: Sam Pierce, Dorothy & Jim Croy
Altar Servers: Pierce Family
Ushers: Jim McCarty, Jerry Price

Sunday, February 11
Lector: Gerald Klein
Commentor: Phil Fancher
EM: Phil & Beth Fancher, Pat Ridgeway
Altar Servers: Max, Sam & Nolan Duquane
Ushers: Kole Greenwood, Ted Whitehead

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.

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

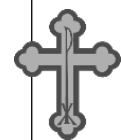
Saturday, February 3, 4:00pm—Dennis Milligan+
 Sunday, February 4, 10:30am—Bill Grogan+ & the Grogan Family
 Thursday, February 8, 6:30pm—Angela Smith+
 Friday, February 9, 8:00am—John Robison III+
 Saturday, February 10, 4:00pm—Jim Turner+
 Sunday, February 11, 10:30am—Larry McClure+

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

Weekly Contributions 01-28-2018
 Envelopes(31) \$1,105.00
 Loose 102.00
 Total \$1,207.00
 We need \$1,887.00

 Building Fund \$ 122.00
 First Offering 5.00
 Donations 50.00

 Attendance: Sat. 34 Sun. 47



PRAYER INTENTIONS:
 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, Alice Zurliene and all priests who are sick.

Saturday, February 10
 Lector: Nick Zurliene
 EM: Tim & Jackie Schoenborn
 Ushers: Ken & Theresa Nordmann
 Gifts: John & Leslie Robison
 Servers: volunteers

Sunday, February 11
 Lector: Debra Simmers
 EM: Peg Garrison, Sarah Pickens
 Ushers: Bob & Hank Simmers
 Gifts: Libby & Ann Pond
 Servers: Annabelle & Colin Pickens

Our Daily Scripture Readings:
 Mon: 1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13 Mk 6:53-56
 Tues: 1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30 Mk 7:1-13
 Wed: 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Mk 7:14-23
 Thur: 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Mk 7:24-30
 Fri: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Mk 7:31-37
 Sat: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Mk 8:1-10
 Sun: Lv 13:1-2,44-46 1 Cor 10:31—11:1 Mk 1:40-45

FOOD PANTRY: SET UP FEB. 8TH —8:30AM
FOOD PANTRY: DISTRIBUTION FEB. 9TH-8AM
ALL HELP IS NEEDED.

ST. EDWARD NEWS

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Busy, busy.

All it took was Jesus to cure Simon's mother-in-law for her to cook a meal for a household of guest, and later, for the house to fill with everyone from town for even more healing. When Jesus sneaks off to pray, his disciples track him down and get him back to mercy work.

***What do I see that needs doing?**

***How do I make time to pray in this busy world, in my busy life?**

***What is the mercy work I am called to do today?**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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

Feb 15th: Pastoral Council—7:00pm

Feb 19th: Altar Sodality—6:00pm

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

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.

Congratulations to Mia Stefani Israel and her family with her baptism, which was held on Sunday, January 21, 2018. Welcome to the Saint Edward Parish Family. May the Holy Spirit watch over and guide you all the days of your life.

Alice Zurliene's surgery went well. She is in Gateway Hospital Room 320. Please keep her in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

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, please let us know.

. MEALS ON WHEELS We are scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels in March. There is a sign-up sheet on the table outside the Social Room. There are two routes five days a week. You can sign up for a day or for the whole week. More information contact Beth Fancher, bafancher@wabash.net or 618-676-4292. Please plan on helping with this wonderful program.

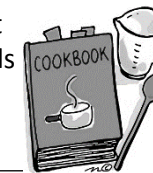


RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic Church, or is interested in joining or returning to the Church, the RCIA program is in session and currently working on Confirmation preparation. Info contact Father Charles at 662-6261 or Cheryl McCarty at 815-343-1502.

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.

The next Altar Society rotating chairman are: Erin & Emma Pierce; Deb & Vivian Duquane; Etchison/Winka & Whitehead

Cookbook Copies of "Family Favorites: Clay County's Favorite Recipes" are available after Mass in the social room. Books are \$15 each and all proceeds benefit Guadalupe Project. If you have any family or friends who would like to purchase a cookbook, please contact Laura and she can get extra copies to you.



2018 PSR SCHEDULE

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

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. Call Erin 662-2266 erinmp1968@aol.com

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.

Eucharistic Adoration Schedule Wednesdays - 7:00 p.m. until 12 midnight
Fridays - 8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. 12 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 -10:15 a.m. when PSR is not in session 10:30. - 11:00 a.m. when PSR is in session

From Fr. Charles's desk...

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19,22-23; Mark 1:29-39

In today's gospel, Simon and those who were with him pursued Jesus and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." Jesus has eternal life and solutions to our sickness and sufferings. In the gospel, Jesus shows compassion to the sick and suffering which is the best way to relate to people who are enduring difficult times. Therefore, we are invited to praise Jesus who goes everywhere doing good, who has compassion for the sick and the poor. Sickness and suffering are universal experiences. They come to people who are selfish; they come to people who are sinful; they come to people who are evil; they come to the young and to the old, to the wise and to the fool hardy, to saints and to sinners.

Our first reading today from the Old Testament Book of Job is sometimes called "Job's lament." He says, "My pain is more than I can bear. I can't sleep at night. I shall not see happiness again." Job's lament is a cry we all feel within ourselves when we become seriously ill or when someone we love becomes ill or dies. Job asks us today, "Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?" Yes, we know that in the end, Job received so many gifts from God because his faith did not fail. Most of us probably already know the story of Job. He was a man who believed completely in the Lord and had received enormous blessings. The devil tried to undo this faith of Job. Eventually, all the blessings are removed and sufferings are heaped on Job. While Job questions what is happening, he never doubts nor loses faith. Are we that strong in faith? Can we trust God even when we question? Do we accept both blessings and sufferings from the Lord?

The second reading, from the first letter to the Corinthians, is Saint Paul's account of how he tries to live the Good News. Saint Paul is clear. He must preach the Good News! Here we see Saint Paul not just enduring all of the trials and tribulations, but recognizing that preaching the Good News is required of him because he believes in Jesus.

Through suffering we experience the fragility of life and see what is important and how we all need the grace and redemption of Christ. When people unite their sufferings, which are always a sign of our broken world, with the cross of Christ, they make their own pain an occasion for spiritual victory for themselves or for others. It is in this context that we can best understand the Sacrament of Healing, the Sacrament of the sick, the Anointing of the sick. This sacrament is the one that for centuries was given to people who were seriously ill. Eventually, it came to be limited to those who were dying and was then called the last anointing or "Extreme Unction" or the last rites. However, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is meant to be a sacrament of spiritual healing, strength, and peace. Therefore, the Church has restored it as a sacrament not just for those at the point of death but for all those who are seriously ill.

The Anointing of the Sick gives us the courage and grace to hold to our faith in the face of these challenges. It helps us see that when we think we are alone, we are not. It helps us see that when we think we are powerless, we can be a spiritual warrior. It helps us see that when our bodies are weak, our souls can be strong. It provides healing that is sometimes physical, sometimes emotional, and always spiritual. The Anointing of the Sick assures us that Jesus is with us. Through the Anointing of the sick, Jesus comes to people who are ill today.

St. Stephen News

PSR will be held from 10 TO 10:30 A.M. this Sunday, FEB. 4



BREAKFAST

There will be a SUPER BOWL BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY, FEB. 4, RIGHT AFTER MASS!! PLEASE JOIN US FOR GOOD FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Please bring in old palms to burn for Ash Wednesday. They can be left in the Social Room



Trivia Night Mark your calendars! The second trivia night to support Guadalupe Project will be held on February 17th at 7:00 p.m. at Anthony's Restaurant. The entry cost is \$150 for a team of up to 6 people. There are 10 rounds of 10 trivia questions each, along with fun games in between rounds. There are prizes for top teams, and the winning team receives their entry fees back.

It's sure to be a fun time, and emceed by Mary Beth Lancaster! Contact Laura Whitehead to register your team today. If you can't play, but would like to support the fundraiser, you can register a "ghost team" for a donation of \$150. All proceeds benefit our own Guadalupe Project. Thank you!

The new pastoral council members are - Emily Milner and Justin Fleener. Congratulations. We would like to thank those that allowed their names to be put on the ballet.

Please look at the tables in back of church, there are contributions for 2017, weekly envelopes, calendars and various reading material.

The Lenten "little black books" are available at both **entrances.**

BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 6, following 6:30 p.m. mass.

As disciples we are continually shaped by the teachings of Jesus and guided by the Spirit "Virtues of Disciples." Mercy- God's Nature, Our Challenges is the first theme we will explore. Study will continue on February 13 and conclude on February 20.

Trust, Confidence in the God of Salvation is the second theme. It teaches us to rely on the God who created and redeems us. This theme will be discussed starts Feb. 27 through March 20. There will be no Bible Study on March 13.

Bible passages that help us discover the virtues that challenge and provide us the most fulfilling way to live well and be a part of each study.

Materials are furnished. Please join us for all or as many sessions as possible as we seek God's Word to keep acting within us.

