

INFORMATION FOR BOTH PARISHES



*We pray for our mothers
and for our mothers who are
no longer with us.*

His Excellency, Bishop Braxton will celebrate a Wedding Anniversaries Mass for couples in the Diocese who are celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (these include 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and all years beyond) on Sunday, June 3, at 1:30 PM, at the Cathedral of St. Peter. Please give Trudi or Peggy information by May 9, if you would like to attend.

Saturday, May 19, 10:30 a.m., Bishop Edward K. Braxton will ordain the following for the Diocese of Belleville, in the Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville.

Sacred Order of Deacon - Mr. Daniel Cozzi, Mr. Mark Kabat, Mr. Randy Rieserberger, Mr. Steven Eischens, Mr. James Law, Mr. John Gomez, Mr. John Mote and Mr. Kevin Templin.

Sacred Order of Priesthood – Mr. Steven Pautler.
All are urged to attend.

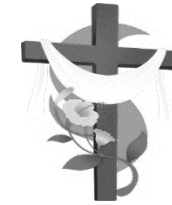
St. Patrick's Parish, Ruma, will hold its 59th Annual Strawberry Festival on y May 20. The Strawberry Festival features Fried Chicken Dinners, serving from 11AM-4:00PM with strawberries and ice cream. Quilt/Cash Bingo There will be a large country store, homemade jams, etc. Mass will be at 10:00a.m.

FREELANCE WRITER WANTED: The Messenger is seeking a talented freelance writer/photographer to contribute feature stories and photographs to the newspaper. Good writing ability a must, but journalism experience not required. The freelancer would be expected to contribute at least one feature story/photograph per issue. He or She can reside anywhere in the diocese. Remuneration is \$75 per story, \$25 per photo used. Interested persons should email their resume, three sample feature stories (or links) to themessengereditor@gmail.com

Are you uncomfortable about going on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend because you are unsure if it involves group discussions or group sharing? Relax! It is a private time between you and your spouse that helps you rekindle your marriage. The next weekends are August 3-5, or Sept. . 21-23 in St. Peters, MO. More info by clicking on www.stl-wwme.org or call at 314.649.7317.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal... using your gifts to serve one another YOUR GIFT to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps Gerry Hasenstab and the staff of Catholic Urban Programs provide food, clothing, shelter and assistance of every kind to hundreds of people who lack the basic necessities of life to survive. If you haven't yet done so, consider making a gift today to The Appeal and enable Catholic Urban to continue their important work of serving our brothers and sisters in need. Thank you and may God bless you always.

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, May 12, 6 p.m. – Maureen Maher+
 Sunday, May 13, Mothers Day, 8:30 a.m. mass - Jim Stanford+
 Tuesday, May 15, 6:30 p.m. – Athena Svedine+
 Wednesday, May 16, 6:30 p.m. mass – For the living & deceased of the parish+
 Thursday, May 17, 8:00 a.m. mass – St. Anne’s Altar Society
 Saturday, May 19, 6:00 p.m. – Howard & Madonna Goellner+
 Sunday, May 20, 8:30 a.m. mass – Stan & Ginny Timm+

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

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 12, 4:00pm—Jim Turner+
 Sunday, May 13, 10:30am(Ascension)—All Mothers, living & deceased (Mother’s Day)
 Thursday, May 17, 6:30pm—Blessings Received
 Friday, May 18, 8:00am—St. Edward Parishioners
 Saturday, May 19, 4:00pm—Albert N. Ochs+
 Sunday, May 20, 10:30am (Pentecost)—Larry McClure+
Rosary—Every Saturday 3:30pm and 2nd Sunday 10:00am

Weekly Contributions 05-06-18

Envelopes.. \$1,610.00 (39)
 Loose..... 207.00
 Total \$1,817.00
We Need - \$1,731.00

CSMA- \$300 Food Pantry - \$377
Attendance: Saturday – 51 Sunday – 90



PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Griffy, Bill Marks, Nicole Wheaton, Lisa Persinger, Velrna Oliver, LaVonne Kemmerer, Patience McKnight, Clara Wilson, Claire Fopay, Mildred Garrison, Ray Vaughn, Joe Falica, Lois Houlihan, Ray & Irene Winka, Pat Venable, Chris Boyd, Gerty Grundy, Tracy Winka, Steve Dudzik, Ruth Wilson, Mike Burge, Angie Borrelli, Roger Wells, Becky Payne, Bob Bluhm, Rhonda Ryker, Kelly Coan, Dr. Don Bunnell, Paul Weidner, Marilyn Wheaton, Diana Fleener, Robbie Porter, J.R. Means, Clarice Schweighart, Cory Britton, Lucille Anderson, Debbie Jones, Gary Nelson, Jody West, Betty Greenwood, Billie Gillens, Ed Perk

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Saturday, May 5, Sacrament of Reconciliation, noon to 1p
Sunday, May 6, First Communion, 8:30 a.m. mass
Tuesday, May 8. Bible study after mass until 8 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9 – Knights of Columbus 7pm.

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.

Weekend Ministers May 12 & 13

Sat. May 12
 Lector - Cheryl McCarty
 Euch Min – Gerald Klein, Dorothy & Jim Croy
 Servers – Pierce’s
 Ushers – Jerry Price, Jim McCarty

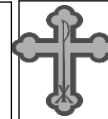
Sun, April 29
 Lector – Ted Zimmerman
 Commentator – Deb Zimmerman
 Euch. Min. – Dorothy Uebinger, Emily Milner, Randy Wells
 Servers: Duquaine’s
 Ushers – Kole Greenwood, Lucas Whitehead

Weekly Contributions 05-06-2018

Envelopes(32) \$1,950.00
 Loose 183.00
 Total \$2,133.00
 We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$ 110.00
 Ascension 10.00
 Donation 20.00

Attendance: Sat. 30 Sun. 91



PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Garland Keck, Kim Buchanan, Lanora Neavill, Leon Chamness, Jack Ciesielczyk, Jalain Thompson, 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, Tim Dittmer, Megan Young, Ed Potts and all priests who are sick.

Saturday, May 19

Lector: Jay Fyie
 EM: Ken & Theresa Nordmann
 Ushers: Tim & Jackie Schoenborn
 Gifts: John & Leslie Robison
 Servers: volunteer

Sunday, May 20

Lector: Tom Konopasek
 EM: Peg Garrison, Mary Murphy
 Ushers: Libby & Anne Pond
 Gifts: The Mills Family
 Servers: Jackson Mills, Hayden Felowitz

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: *Saint Matthias, Apostle*
 Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Jn 15:9-17
Tues: *Saint Isidore (USA)*
 Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11a
Wed: *Easter Weekday*
 Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19
Thur: *Easter Weekday*
 Acts 22::30;23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26
Fri: *Saint John I, Pope, Martyr*
 Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19
Sat: *Easter Weekday*
 Acts 28:16-20,30-31 Jn 21:20-25
Sun: *Pentecost*
 Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 Jn 20:19-23

ST. EDWARD NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

8TH GRADE: Garion Sheraden, Gregory Thompson

HIGH SCHOOL: Kasaundra Zurliene, Sarah Titzer, Emily Titzer, Jalain Thompson

COLLEGE: Kate Pond

LADIES APPRECIATION DINNER: *It is that time of the year for The Men's Club to thank the ladies of the parish with a wonderful meal and door prizes. The dinner will be Wed., May 16th at 6:00pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the hall on the bulletin board.*

Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday, May 17th, at 7:00pm. The minutes are hanging on the board in the hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 16th: Ladies Appreciation Dinner—6:00pm

May 17th: Pastoral Council—7:00pm

May 21st: Mass for The Blessed Virgin Mary (St. Edward-5pm; St. Stephen 7pm)

GUADALUPE PROJECT

St. Stephen our sister parish has a ministry where they help out young families. Some of their services consist of pregnancy tests, maternity items, and support for mothers suffering a miscarriage. The Project is run strictly by donations. St. Stephen is doing some fund raisers to help keep Guadalupe Project continuing. Inserted in the bulletin are flyers on ways we can help our sister parish. **Summer**

Cash giveaway will start on Memorial Day weekend and run until Labor day weekend. If you would like to purchase a ticket please contact Peg at the church office. Another fund raiser is the **Baby Bottle for loose change**. Please take a bottle home and put your loose change in it from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Please return the bottle on Father's Day. The last fund raiser is a **Trivia Night**. By helping to support The Guadalupe Project we are helping to fulfill part of our Parish Partnership as laid out by the Diocese. Thank you for the participation.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

We extend our sympathy to the family of Frank Urbanski. Frank passed away Monday, May 7, at his home. His funeral service was 12 Noon Saturday, May 12, at Frank & Bright Funeral Home in Flora. Burial was at Powers Cemetery, Xenia, with military honors. May his soul rest in peace

Congratulations to Kennedy Zimmerman and Ethan Milner who received their First Communion last Sunday, May 6. Please keep them in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Congratulations to our grade and high school graduates who are being honored with a gift from Altar Society and Knights of Columbus today. Our best wishes to them in all their future endeavors.

Grade School Graduates: Nolan Duquaine, Allie Parker and Ella Pierce

High School Graduates: Breanna Hinton and Clint Holkenbrink

Please contact us if we have missed anyone



Congratulations to Jordan Winka who recently graduated with an Associate's Degree from OCC College. Jordan will continue his studies at USI, Southern Indiana, Evansville

Cookbook Copies of "Family Favorites: Clay County's Favorite Recipes" are available for purchase, after Mass in the social room. Books are \$15. All proceeds benefit Guadalupe Project. Contact Laura for copies.



This year's Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 17, 6 p.m. Meat will be provided, please bring a side dish or desert. All women of the parish are welcome. If you have any questions please see Emma Pierce

SUMMER CASH GIVEAWAY RAFFLE

\$20/ticket

Every week from Memorial Day - Labor Day we are giving away two \$100 cash prizes.

GRAND PRIZE awarded after Labor Day: \$500 and \$1,000!

One ticket enters you in all of the drawings all summer!

Winners announced on WNOI Radio every Wednesday from May 30 – Sept. 5.

All proceeds benefit Guadalupe Project.

If you would like to help sell these tickets or

purchase one, see Laura Whitehead.

2018 PSR SCHEDULE

May 13 – No Class, Mother's Day

May 20 - Last day of Class. There will be a Pizza Party for all the PSR students Sunday, May 20, right after Mass. There will also be registration for next year PSR.



From Fr. Charles' desk

On Thursday the universal church celebrated the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. This feast was slated forty days after Christ's Resurrection from the dead and ten days before the feast of Pentecost. The mood of Ascension Thursday is not a sense of loss but of transition from the extraordinary forty days of Easter when Jesus appeared to His disciples in many and various ways to the days of the Church's life as we know it today.

The solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord expresses the following three great truths for us:

1. The first great truth is the sense of triumphant victory. Jesus' ascending to the Father in glory was the fulfilment of His whole ministry and of His suffering and death. It teaches us that if we are faithful to Christ, we too will come into the glory of the Father with Jesus. Everything that happens to us here on earth can be a path to glory. Suffering and pain do not have to be a spiritual dead end. They can be roads to a magnificent eternity with God. The Ascension shows Jesus' suffering and death as His "glory road" to the Father.

2. A Second truth of Jesus's Ascension is to show where our real destiny is. We are made of earth, but we are not destined to remain on earth. Heaven is our true home. St. Thomas Aquinas called heaven our "patria," our homeland. Nothing on earth will ever finally satisfy us. Nothing gives complete and final satisfaction. That complete fulfilment comes only in God. St Augustine said that on earth our souls and hearts are restless until they rest in God. The Ascension of Jesus shows us where our real destiny lies. Where Jesus has gone, we hope to follow. The Ascension shows that our real home is with God.

3. The third truth the Ascension teaches is the reason for Jesus' departure. At the Ascension, Jesus left His disciples in such a dramatic way to show them and us that the time of his public appearances is over until His return in glory. From now on, though, the normal way that the church will know Him would be in the sacraments and the mass. In this way He would come to all of us. Through the mass and sacraments, Jesus can now be in many places simultaneously. The point of the Ascension for us is that to meet the Risen Christ today, we do not have to go to Jerusalem, the upper room, or Bethany. We have only to come to church.

Announcements:

Fr. Charles Anyaoku felicitates with our mothers and our women for their annual celebration of their Mothers' Day. May Almighty God keep you and bless you.

Again, Fr. Charles Anyaoku congratulates all our young boys and girls who have graduated this year. May God bless you and grant you success in your life endeavors.

St. Stephen News

Please Support The **2018 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal!**

A most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded.

Thank you to the 18 households who have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of the Catholic Service and Ministry appeal. So far \$2,819.80 has been pledged. NO gift is too great or too small. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, use an envelope on the table in the back of church.

The next three rotating chairmen are Mary Beth Lancaster/Susan Schroeder, Deb/Vivian Duquaine, and Etchison/Whitehead/Winka.

There will be Bible study after Mass on Tuesday evenings until 8 p.m.

Anyone wishing to make a monetary contribution to the Guadalupe Project may place their donation in an envelope labeled "Guadalupe" and put it in the collection basket.

St. Anne's Altar Society is inviting members of the parish to join in caring for the needs of our parish by becoming an "**Anonymous Angel of the Altar.**" A parish member can become an Anonymous Angel simply by making a yearly donation to St. Anne's to help with the charitable project for which we are responsible. Contact Joann Stanford for more information.

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.

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

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.

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.

