

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches



On Friday May 19, 6:00 PM there will be a meeting of the St. Edwards/St. Stephen youth ministry at the St. Stephen's social room. All young adults that have been confirmed are encouraged to attend. There will be fun activities and dinner will be provide. If you have any questions please contact Kevin Stinner, or Deb Duquaine.

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL (20 min from downtown St. Louis, MO), on April 28-30, 2017. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$195 for meals and a single room. Call (312) 532-8286, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.

The Bishop will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving for all married couples who are celebrating a major milestone anniversary on Sunday, June 4th, at 1:00 PM, at the Cathedral of St. Peter. Please contact Fern with name and address of those who will be celebrating milestones include 25 years, 30 years, 40 years, 50 years, 60 years, and every year over 60 years. This is need by April 25, in order to send out invitations.

Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke to speak at Cristiada Conference at Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Cross, WI, July 21 and 22. The Queen of Americas Guild and Our Lady of Guadalupe, is please to announce a 2-day conference. The theme of the conference will be The Victory of Christ the King through the Intercession of His Virgin Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe. More information of bulletin board.

Following is information from Catholic Extension regarding their **Health Education for Pastoral Ministers program** that is currently being offered to mission dioceses; this opportunity is open to any priest, religious, deacon or lay person who is interested in enhancing his/her knowledge in health and wellness ministries. This special initiative was last offered in 2015.

If you have any interest in applying for this grant, please contact Judy Phillips, Office of Development, (618-277-8181, Ext. 1141) at your earliest convenience. NOTE: All grant applications must be filed by the Office of Development; applications from individual or parishes will not be accepted.

Thanks to all the choir members and organists who were able to contribute their time and talents for Holy Week. We also appreciate the help from St. Edward Parish Family. God Bless you all!!

Vocation Corner: Today's Gospel, we hear Thomas making the most complete affirmation of Christ's nature to be found on the lips of anyone in the Gospel, "My Lord and my God". Just as Jesus strengthened Thomas' faith, He wants to renew faith in following our own vocation. We need to be diligent and invite others to consider a life of service – a life of being a priest or religious.

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Website: stedwardfairfield.com

Rev. Father Dr. Martin Edward Ohajunwa, Pastoral Administrator
email: esemcee68@yahoo.com

St. Edward Mass Schedule:

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

Reconciliation: Friday after mass or by appt.

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

PARISH MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

Baptism, Marriage, RCIA, Vocations, Sacrament of Anointing & Care of the Sick, contact Father Martin-Edward Ohajunwa or call St. Edward or St. Stephen Parish Offices.

812 N. Main Street, Flora IL 62839
Email: ststephenflora@yahoo.com
Website: ststephenflora.com

St. Stephen Mass Schedule:

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

Reconciliation: Thursday, 7:30 a.m. or by appt.

Parish Office: Fern Ketzner, Secretary
Office hours Monday & Thursday mornings
Office, Fax and Social Room - 662-8121
Rectory – 662-6261

Bulletin info: Beth Fancher, 665-3163 submit by noon on Thursday email: bfancher1@hotmail.com

New Parishioner Register contact Dorothy Uebinger 662-3711 email dot@wabash.net

Music Director: Diane Briscoe
PSR Coordinator: Becky Krutsinger

PARISH MONTHLY MEETINGS

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.
Food Pantry Collection - First Weekend

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, April 22, 6:00pm—Jenna Mayfield+
Sunday, April 23, 8:30am—**Divine Mercy Sunday**—The Clark Family
Thursday, April 27—**NO MASS**
Friday, April 28—**NO MASS**
April 29, 6:00pm—Jim Turner+
Sunday, April 30, 8:30am—Bill Grogan+

Weekly Contribution 04/16/2017

Envelopes (38)... \$1,538.00
Loose 388.00
Total \$1,926.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$125.00
Holy Land 214.00
Donations 20.00

Attendance: Holy Thurs—39
Good Fri.—50
Sun—135



PRAYER INTENTIONS: Garland Keck, Lanora Neavill, Ute Britton, Leon Chamness, Jack Ciesielczyk, Jalain Thompson, Jim & Jane Mowry, Phyllis Laird, Kurt Wiseman, Nanette Williams, Julie Griffith, Gina Williams, Emilee Stanley, Noreen Reeves, Paula Zdan, Maddox Oppenheimer, Sara Kerchner, Charles Drechsel, Shirley Byars, Dorothy Baylor, Eva Decker, Matthew Rorban, Kathy Bramlet, Virginia Weinkeler, Tom Colvin, Shelly Lawler, Justin McKnight, Ryan McGehee, Teresa Williams, Andrew Mayo, Zeth Frank, Robyn Meagher, Sheila Zurliene, Sandra Henson, Andrew Luna, Elaine Jeffers, Jeff Zurliene, Jodi Hunt, and all priests who are sick.

NEXT FOOD PANTRY: SET-UP FRIDAY, MAY 12 AT 8:30AM. DISTRIBUTION SATURDAY, MAY 13 AT 8:00AM.

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Acts 4:23-31 Jn 3:1-8
Tues: 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Mk 16:15-20
Wed: Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21
Thur: Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36
Fri: Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15
Sat: Acts 6:16-21 Jn 6:16-21
Sun: Acts 2:14,22-33 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35

Saturday, April 29
Lector: Nick Zurliene
EM: Jim & Margaret Thompson
Ushers: Sam Ochs, Tim Schoenborn
Gifts: John & Leslie Robison
Servers: volunteers

Sunday, April 30
Lector: Peg Garrison
EM: Mary Murphy, Emily Milligan
Ushers: Libby Pond, Rick Titzer
Gifts: The Kosmatka Family
Servers: Grace & Andrew Milligan

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 22, 4:00 p.m. – Lee Green+
Sunday, April 23, 10:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Sunday – for the living and deceased of the parish
Wednesday, April 26, No mass, 7 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, April 27, No mass
Friday, April 28, No mass Eucharistic Adoration – 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. 3p.m. – Divine Mercy Chaplet
Saturday, April 29, 4:00 p.m. – Sharon Pierce+
Sunday, April 30, 10:30 a.m. – For the living and deceased of the parish



PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Gruffy, Nichole Wheaton, Bill Marks, Lisa Persinger, Verna Oliver, LaVonne Kemmerer, Patience McKnight, Clara Wilson, Claire Fopay, Mildred Garrison, Ray Vaughn, Anita Allen, Lucille Anderson, Maria Oswald, Joe Falica, Lois Houlihan, Pat and Jean Quinn, Fred Kincaid, Ray & Irene Winka, Pat Venable, Chris Boyd, Dr. Mark Wallace, Gerty Grundy, Ginny Timm, Herman Rudolphi, Tracy Winka, Jay Burgner, Steve Dudzik, Danny Miller, Ruth Wilson, Connie Krutsinger, Mike Burge, Angie Borrelli, Roger Wells, Tom Kasper, Rita and Judy Porter, Jim Coatney

Prayer Chain A prayer chain has been formed in our parish. When a parishioner has an intention and requests prayers, Erin Pierce will initiate the prayer chain. She will contact Fr. Martin 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. Contact Erin 662 -2266 erinmp1968@aol.com.

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

CEMETERY CORNER Spring is a great time to visit our cemetery and tidy up the resting places of our loved ones. Lot prices increase in July.

The **Rosary Campaign** promoted by the Respect Life Committee is extended to the end of the year. Please join this effort by praying the rosary for the protection of the lives of Christians throughout the world.

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 Anns Altar Society" (no punctuation). Make it your homepage or just use it to search or make online purchases.

Weekly Contributions 04/16/17

Envelopes.....\$2,030.00
Loose..... 242.00
Total\$2,272.00
Holy Thursday - \$90.00
Holy Land - \$318.00

Thank you for your continued monetary support! We have budgeted for a weekly collection of **\$1,731** to meet our expenses. Our 4-9-17 collections of **\$1,460** were **\$271 UNDER** Projected Collections for the week. Fiscal Year to Date Collections are **\$8,673 UNDER** Projected/ Budgeted Collections for the Fiscal Year

Please consider purchasing SCRIP cards after weekend Masses or contact Erin Pierce at 676-4967. There are several retailers and 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, for example a \$100 Wal-Mart card is worth \$100. For more information contact Erin or visit shopwithscrip.com. Complete retailer list is available at the website.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS	
Thank you to all who helped reach the goal of 1,000 rosaries for the protection of the lives of Christians throughout the world, especially in the persecuted country of Nigeria, and for an end to the terrorism of Boko Haram in Nigeria and throughout the world. May we all continue our prayers for these intentions! We have met the goal of 10,000 ten minute visits to the Blessed Sacrament. You will no longer need to record your visits at this time. Adoration will continue to be held on Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. until midnight and on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. Tuesday from noon until 5 pm and Friday 10am-noon. The rummage sale and plant sale will be Friday 3-6pm and Saturday 8-11 am. Please pick up a little white book at either entrance. The little white books are six minute reflections on the Resurrection narrative of Mark. They start on Monday, April 17 and continue for the next 50 days of the Easter Season. (one per family please). These books are provided by the St Anne’s Alter Society. The <u>Mother Daughter Banquet</u> is scheduled for Thursday, May 11. The next Altar Society meeting will <u>be held at the banquet</u> <u>Rosary Rally</u> May 13, 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to children in Fatima, Portugal. During this first apparition, Mary said to Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucia, “Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace in the world and the end of the war.” In honor of Our Lady of Fatima’s request and in commemoration of this first apparition in Fatima, May 13, 1917, a Rosary Rally will be held to pray for peace in the world and for our country, Saturday, May 13, on <u>the grounds of St. Stephen Catholic Church. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!</u> There will be a new <u>Vocation Committee</u> formed. This committee will be formed for the expressed intention for praying and actively advocating for vocations in our parish. Anyone interested in being part of this ministry should contact Kevin Stinner. The next <u>Altar Society rotating chairman</u> are: Deb Duquaine, Etchison/Whitehead/Winka, and Berenice Mary Brown.	
<u>St. Stephen Parish School of Religion</u> <u>Sunday 9 to 10 am</u> April 23- Class April 30- Class May 7 - No Class - First Communion May 14 – No Class Mothers Day May 21 - Last Class Pizza Party	<u>ANONYMOUS ANGEL OF THE ALTAR</u> St. Ann’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 angel simply by making a yearly donation to St. Ann’s to help with projects. St. Ann’s purchases altar bread, altar cloths, flowers, votive candles; funeral dinners, kitchen supplies and contribute for purchasing gifts for First Communion, Confirmation and Graduation classes; new mothers and newly married.

ST. EDWARD NEWS
RUMMAGE SALE CLARIFICATIONS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ALL THE FOLLOWING TIMES LISTED BELOW----- Set-up & Pricing: Wed. April 26th—12:30pm Thurs, April 27th—9:00am Fri, April 28th—9:00am Sale Times: Fri, April 28th—3-7pm (Parishioners Only) Sat, April 29th—7-11am (Open to Public & Parishioners) Sat, April 29th—After Mass (Parishioners Only) Sun, April 30th—After Mass (Parishioners Only) On Sunday after sale we will need help cleaning up the Hall. If you have any questions contact Denise Zurliene 516-1196. ----- DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:Today, April 23rd is Divine Mercy Sunday. Following 8:30am Mass we will hold a short Divine Mercy Prayer Service. Everyone is encouraged to stay for the prayer. PSR kids will start their classes in the church. ----- ----- BIBLE STUDY: Next Bible Study will be held (tonight) Sunday, April 23rd at 5:00pm. Will begin again in the book where we left off at. ----- PSR NEWS: Sun. April 30th: Last Class of this School Year, Thurs. May 4 Reconciliation for First Communion Class. Mass is 6:30pm. Sun. May 7th: First Communion 8:30am ----- THE 2017 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL: Thank you to all the parishioners who have made their pledges to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Our Parish goal is \$3,400. <u>To date we have received \$3,553.00!!!! We have surpassed our goal. You may still turn in pledges because all money received pass our goal, St. Edward will receive a portion of the pledges.</u> ----- LADIES APPRECIATION DINNER: Once again the Men’s Club will be having a Ladies Appreciation Dinner for the women of the parish. The date is Wed. May 17th, 6:00pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the hall on the bulletin board. All women please mark your calendars and plan on attending. ----- CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL: Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the US are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

