

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.

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 will not be accepted.

A new and exciting opportunity is available in the Diocese of Belleville beginning in September, 2017. At the Chrism Mass, Bishop Braxton spoke of this new opportunity, **Into My Vineyard – Formation for Lay Ecclesial Ministry in Our Parishes.** The brochures outline the basic information of the program. The Application for Admission is now available. Additional information contact Msgr. John Myler at jtm300@aol.com.

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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.

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches



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Website: stedwardfairfield.com

812 N. Main Street, Flora IL 62839
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Website: ststephenflora.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.

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 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

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 29, 6:00pm—Jim Turner+
Sunday, April 30, 8:30am—Bill Grogan+
Thursday, May 4, 6:30pm—Catholic Extension Donors
Friday, May 5, 8:00am—Catholic Extension Donors
Saturday, May 6, 6:00pm—John Robison III+
Sunday, May 7, 8:30am—First Communion Class

Weekly Contributions 04/23/2017

Envelopes (34)... \$1,301.00
Loose 171.00
Total \$1,472.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$127.00
Donations 30.00

Attendance: Sat—51
Sun—52

Saturday, May 6
Lector: Diana Zurliene
EM: Dave & PJ Cavanaugh
Ushers: Nick Zurliene, Don Zurliene
Gifts: Nick Zurliene Family
Servers: volunteers

Sunday, May 7
Lector: First Communion Class
EM: Peg Garrison, Emily Milligan
Ushers: Devon Butler, Paul Perez
Gifts: First Communion Class
Servers: Grace & Andrew Milligan



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 6:8-15 Jn 6:22-29
Tues: Acts 7:51 – 8:1a Jn 6:30-35
Wed: 1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14
Thur: Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51
Fri: Acts 9:1-20 Jn 6:52-59
Sat: Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69
Sun: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 29, 4:00 p.m. – Sharon Pierce +
Sunday, April 30, 10:30 a.m. – for the living and deceased of the parish
Wednesday, May 3, 6:30 p.m. – Sister Josephine Iffert+ (phjc), 6:00 p.m. - Rosary 7 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, May 4, 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Talmant+
Friday, May 5, No mass, Eucharistic Adoration – 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. 3p.m. – Divine Mercy Chaplet
Saturday, May 6, 4:00 p.m. – Gerald A. & Pat Klein+
Sunday, May 7, 10:30 a.m. – For the living and deceased of the parish



PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Griffy, 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

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.

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 04/23/17

Envelopes.....\$1,285.00
Loose..... 130.00
Total\$1,415.00
Holy Land-\$10.00
Catholic Relief \$10.00
Black & Indian - \$15.00
Patio Donation - \$100.00

Thank you for your continued monetary support! We have budgeted for a weekly collection of \$1,731 to meet our expenses. Our 4-16-17 collections of \$2,272 were \$541 OVER Projected Collections for the week. Fiscal Year to Date Collections are \$8,132 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 website.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

CHOIR PRACTICE: Practice for First Communion will be on Monday, May 1, 7 pm.



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.

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 continue for the next 50 days of the Easter Season. (one per family please). These books are provided by the St Anne’s Altar Society.

The Mother Daughter Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, May 11.
The next Altar Society meeting will be held at the banquet.



Rosary Rally - Please plan to join us for a Rosary Rally at 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 13, St. Stephen Ave Maria Garden. We will be praying for peace in the world and for our country.



May 13 marks the 100th anniversary of the Blessed Mother’s first apparition in Fatima, Portugal to Francisco and Jacinta Marto and Lucia Abóbora. Our Lady’s repeated request of the children was to “Pray the Rosary daily to obtain peace in the world and the end of the war.”

There will be a new **Vocation Committee** 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 **Altar Society rotating chairman** are: Erin & Emma Pearce; Deb & Vivian Duquaine; Etchison, Whitehead & Winka family.

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St. Stephen Parish School of Religion	
April 30- Class	May 7 - No Class - First Communion
May 14 – No Class Mothers Day	
May 21 - Last Class Pizza Party	

Thanks to all the choir members and organists who were able to contribute their time ...and talent for Holy Week. We also appreciate the help from St. Edwards Parish family.

ST. EDWARD NEWS

OUR CONDOLENCES: Please pray for Mary and Jeff Murphy’s family with the passing of Mary’s father, Joe Basinger. May the soul of Joe and all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

RUMMAGE SALE CLARIFICATIONS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ALL THE FOLLOWING TIMES LISTED BELOW-----

Sale Times:
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.

BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study will be held May 14th & May 28th at 5:00pm in Parish Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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

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.

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