

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches



Seminarian Education Collection This weekend our parish will participate in the Seminarian Education Collection. Our diocese is blessed with seven seminarians. We ask for help in meeting the needs of their formation. The cost for tuition, books, room board and other expenses is \$46,700 per year a seminarian. Please join these young men on their journey to the priesthood. Your contribution is truly an investment in our faith and the life of the Church here in southern Illinois.

Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke will speak at Cristiada Conference at Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Cross, WI, July 21 & 22. The Queen of Americas Guild and Our Lady of Guadalupe, will hold the 2-day conference. The theme of the conference is The Victory of Christ the King through the Intercession of His Virgin Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Catholic Extension is offering their **Health Education for Pastoral Ministers program**. This mission is open to any priest, religious, deacon or lay person who is interested in enhancing his/her knowledge in health and wellness ministries. If you are interested in this grant, please contact Judy Phillips, Office of Development, (618-277-8181. All grant applications must be filed by the Office of Development; applications from individual will not be accepted.

Diocese of Belleville has started formation for Lay Ecclesial ministry called **"Into My Vineyard."** It is a two-year program to increase the number of well-trained Lay Ecclesial (Church) Ministers for servant leadership...to renew and rebuild Catholic life in our **Parish Partnerships**. For more information pick up a brochure at the back of the church, or go to <http://www.diobelle.org/offices/into-my-vineyard>. Anyone interested in being part of this program should see Father Martin-Edward.

Support **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 funds programs such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training to build faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP), provides assistance for breast and cervical screening to women 35 to 64, who are uninsured or underinsured. Women can enroll in the program and be sent to local providers and hospitals for their care. St. Clair Co. Health Dept. is the lead agency for this program in 10 counties, including Clay Co. Check the bulletin board for more information.

Vocation Corner: "When I began to seriously consider entering the seminary during my first year in college at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, I remember being a little afraid of what the seminary would be like. Would the men be normal? Did entering the seminary mean that I would necessarily become a priest? Now after having been in the seminary seven years, I can say what a blessing it has been. Being together with men who desire to serve Christ and His Church is edifying, and the opportunities it has given me for experiencing the national and universal Catholic Church have been irreplaceable. Whether or not seminary ends in a man's ordination to the priesthood - - there is always the freedom to discern that God has a different call for him - - being in seminary teaches him how to be a good Catholic man." Father Tobias Letak.

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Rev. Father Dr. Martin Edward Ohajunwa, Pastoral Administrator

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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.

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

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 20, 6:00pm—John Robison III+
Sunday, May 21, 8:30am—Joe Basinger+
Thursday, May 25 (**Ascension of the Lord**), 6:30pm—Catholic Extension Donors
Friday, May 26, 8:00am—Catholic Extension Donors
Saturday, May 27, 6:00pm—Vincent Meisner+
Sunday, May 28, 8:30am—All Military Living & Deceased

Weekly Contributions 05-14-17

Envelopes(30) \$1,239.00
Loose 90.00
Total \$1,329.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$163.00
Donations \$250.00
Rice Bowl \$209.00

Attendance: Sat.26
Sun.51



PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Garland Keck, Kim Buchanan,
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,
Dorothy Baylor, Eva Decker, Matthew Rorban,
Kathy Bramlet, Virginia Weinkeler, Tom Colvin,
Shelly Lawler, Teresa Williams, Andrew Mayo,
Robyn Meagher, Sheila Zurliene, Sandra Henson,
Andrew Luna, Elaine Jeffers, Jeff Zurliene, Jodi
Hunt, and all priests who are sick.

PASTORAL COUNCIL WILL MEET THURS., MAY 25TH AT 7PM. AGENDAS ON BULLETIN BOARD.

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tues: Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11
Wed: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 Jn 16:12-15
Thur: Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20
Fri: Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23
Sat: Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28
Sun: Acts 1:12-14 1 Pt 4:13-16 Jn 17:1-11a

Saturday, May 27
Lector: Mike Oppenheimer
EM: Tim & Jackie Schoenborn
Ushers: Dave & PJ Cavanaugh
Gifts: Ray & Sally Conley
Servers: volunteers

Sunday, May 28
Lector: Ginny Barrett
EM: Laura Titzer, Peg Garrison
Ushers: Drew Garrison, Clayton Titzer
Gifts: Scott & Ryan Merkle
Servers: Will Wright, Andrew Milligan

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 20, 4:00 p.m. – Mary Handley+
Sunday, May 21, 10:30 a.m., – For the living and deceased of the parish
Wednesday, May 24, 6:30 p.m. – Margaret Etchison+ 6:00 p.m. - Rosary 7 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, May 25, 8:00 a.m. – Intentions of the Anonymous Angel and those of Altar Society
Friday, May 26, No mass, Eucharistic Adoration – 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. 3p.m. – Divine Mercy Chaplet
Saturday, May 27, 4:00 p.m. – Dr. Galen Lueking+
Sunday, May 28, 10:30 a.m., - Intentions of Catholic Extension Donors



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, 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, Jim Stanford,
Rhonda Ryker, Kelly Coan

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.

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 or
erinmp1968@aol.com

Weekly Contribution

Envelopes..... \$ 1,330.00
Loose..... 141.00
Total..... \$ 1,471.00

Thank you for your continued monetary support! We have budgeted for a weekly collection of **\$1,731** to meet our expenses. Our 5-14-17 collections of **\$1,471** were **\$260 UNDER** Projected Collections for the week. Fiscal Year to Date Collections are **\$8,928 UNDER** Projected/ Budgeted Collections for the Fiscal Year.

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

Attendance: Saturday- 55 Sunday - 91

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.

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 on website.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

Congratulations to our Grade and High School Graduates who are being presented with a gift from the Altar Society and Knights of Columbus Sunday. Our best wishes to them in all their future endeavors.

Grade School Graduates: Max Duquaine, Samuel Duquaine, Michael Falica, Logan West.
High School Graduates: Abigail Etchison, Anna Pierce, Brenden West, Jordan Winka, Bodee Woomer. (If we have missed anyone, please let us know)



A special thank everyone that helped with the **Rummage and Plant Sale** in April. Thank you to all those that donated items and plants, set out signs, advertised, set up tables, sorted items, worked during the sale bought items, cleaned up afterwards and hauled leftovers away. The rummage sale brought in over \$1200 and the plant sale made almost \$80. The money will go to St. Anne’s account.

Congratulations to Linda Etchison who will be one of the local authors featured at a Local Author Book Fair, Flora Library on May 20. Linda’s children books include: *Sister Aloysius Comes to Mercyville; Sister Aloysius Arrives at Our Lady of Sorrows; Sister Aloysius Gets Ready for the First Day of School.*

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.

MASS TIME CHANGES: Starting July 1st, 2017 our weekend mass times will change

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St. Stephen 6pm	St. Edward 10:30am

Mark your calendars now. Weekday mass times will stay the same.

CEMETERY
CORNER It's
time to
spruce up
our cemetery
for Memorial
Day and
summer.
Watch for a
clean up day
event.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2016-2017 PSR STUDENTS!

St. Stephen Parish and PSR Teachers recognize your hard work for a successful school year!



1st Grade- Ethan Milner, Kennedy Zimmerman; 2nd Grade- Chloe Barfield, Kelvin Becker, Kehlin Crawford, Autumn Moody, Gage Parker; 4th Grade- Kaden Becker, Heather Moody, Owen Pierce, Evelyn Stinner; 5th Grade- Summer Feldhake, Andrea Moody; 6th Grade- Kalliana Becker, Rachel Holkenbrink, Maria Whitehead; 7th Grade- Drake Kosky, Allie Parker, Ella Pierce, High School- Breanna Hinton, Abigail Etchison, Anna Pierce

ST. EDWARD NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES: I left a couple of names out of the list and I apologize. Congrats to Annie Pond, Tamara Murphy, and Johnathon Miller. May the Lord watch over you as you begin the next chapter of your journey in life.

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE MEN’S CLUB FOR ANOTHER VERY SUCCESSFUL APPRECIATION DINNER. GOOD FOOD AND GOOD COMPANY, CAN’T ASK FOR ANYTHING MORE THAN THAT.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal...join us as Partners in Hope
Did you know your gift to The 2017 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal can be made online? Visit our diocese’s new website at www.diobelle.org and click on “Giving to the Diocese”. It’s that simple! Through your prayers and generous help we can fulfill the vision of our Holy Father Pope Francis to serve our brothers and sisters in need throughout southern Illinois. Thank you so very much for your consideration.

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Coming Event for RCIA Formation 2017: Wading Deeper 2017
Dates: Friday-Saturday, August 4-5, 2017. For more information there is a flyer on the bulletin board.

St. Edward Parish Updates: On the table in the hall are Parish updates & talent updates. We are in need for some fresh & new faces to step up and help with some of the Ministries here at St. Edward. All parishioners please take home and please think about helping in some capacity to keep St. Edward Catholic Church growing and strong. There will be training for these ministries, which we will set dates when we get updates back. Please just drop in to the collection basket or turn in to the office. Thank-you.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Save the dates of July 31st—Aug. 3rd for VBS. The times will be from 5pm-7pm. Anyone interested in helping there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hall. If you have any questions please contact Laura Zurliene.

