

UPCOMING PICNICS

St. Joseph Church, Stringtown Picnic, July 16, All You Can Eat Smorgsboard, serving 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Beef, Ham homemade noodles, mashed potatoes, corn, beans, salad bar, desserts & drinks. \$9.00 adults \$4.00 kids – 3-10 Under 3 free. Food, Fun and Games 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Entertainment all day – Zwilling Family band, Hillary Sterchi-Beard, Christie Volk, Kool Waves Sound and Star Studio Dancers. Basket raffle, bingo, kids games, beer garden, ice cream porkburgers, brats and more.



Holy Cross Parish Picnic, August 6, Mass at 10 a.m.

Chicken dinners starts at 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., \$10 Adults, \$5 kids – 6-12, under 3 free Pedal tractor pulls – 2 – 3 p.m. country store, beer garden, bingo, inflatables, cake stand, theme baskets, raffles, 50/50 drawing, children's games. Lunch stand – porkburgers, brats etc. Live music – 11 – 1 p.m. Gunslingers, 1-2 p.m. 4 – 5 p.m. Rhonda Kuenstler, 2-4 p.m. Benny and the Amigos, 7:30 – 9:45 Triple Play

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.

Vocation Corner

“I learned from working in summer catechetical programs that I loved sharing the faith and that community prayer was a great source of strength. As I taught children about being open to the different vocations and God's plan for their life, I began to take this advice to heart. I soon visited a Convent and fell in love with the charism: bringing Christ to the young and the young to Christ. Through the generosity of fellow parishioners I was able to pay off my student loans before entering the convent. This is truly a blessing and their prayerful support gives me the courage to keep saying 'YES'.” Sister April Hoffman, Novice, Salesian Sisters, Newton, N.J. Columbia, “Keep the Faith Alive,” October 2015, pg. 50



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.

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

St. Stephen Mass Schedule:

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

Baptism, Marriage, RCIA, 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. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 15, 4:00pm—Quentin Keck+
Sunday, July 16, 10:30am—Bill Grogan+
Thursday, July 20, 6:30pm—Kris Huffstodt+
Friday, July 21, 8:00am—Catholic Extension Donors
Saturday, July 22, 4:00pm—Jim Turner+
Sunday, July 23, 10:30am—Joe & Kathryn Basinger+

Weekly Contributions 07-09-2017

Envelopes(33) \$1,707.00
Loose 151.00
Total \$1,858.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$118.00

Attendance: Sat. 30
Sun. 57



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,
Teresa Williams, Andrew Mayo, Robyn Meagher,
Sheila Zurliene, Sandra Henson, Andrew Luna,
Elaine Jeffers, Jeff Zurliene, Jodi Hunt, and all
priests who are sick.

PARISH COUNCIL—THURSDAY, JULY 20TH,
FOLLOWING 6:30PM MASS.

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Ex 1:8-14 Mt 10:34—11:1
Tues: Ex 2:1-15a Mt 11:20-24
Wed: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 Mt 11:25-27
Thur: Ex 3:13-20 Mt 11:28-30
Fri: Ex 11:10—12:14 Mt 12:1-8
Sat: Ex 12:37-42 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Sun: Wis 12:13, 16-19 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43

Saturday, July 22
Lector: Nick Zurliene
EM: Tim & Jackie Schoenborn
Ushers: Dave & PJ Cavanaugh
Gifts: Sue Milligan, Theresa Nordmann
Servers: volunteers

Sunday, July 23
Lector: Jen Wellen
EM: Peg Garrison, Laura Titzer
Ushers:Rick Rennier, Tom Konopasek
Gifts: The Pickens Family
Servers: Colin Pickens, Will Wright

ST. STEPHEN INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 15, 6:00 p.m. – Gerald A. & Pat Klein+
Sunday, July 16, 10:30 a.m. – For the living and deceased of the parish
Wednesday, July 19, 6:30 p.m. – Margaret Etchison+ 6 p.m. - Rosary
Thursday, July 20, 8:00 a.m. – Frances Whelan+
Friday, July 21, No mass, Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet
Saturday, July 22, 6 p.m. – Tom Scanlan+
Sunday, July 23, 8:30 a.m. – Catholic Extension Donors



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, Pat and Jean
Quinn, Ray & Irene Winka, Pat Venable,
Chris Boyd, Dr. Mark Wallace, Gerty Grundy,
Ginny Timm, Herman Rudolphi, Tracy
Winka, Jay Burgner, Steve Dudzik, Ruth
Wilson, Mike Burge, Angie Borrelli, Roger
Wells, Tom Kasper, Rita & Judy Porter, Bob
Bluhm 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 set up with
a live feed of the Mass in progress on weekend.

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 Contributions 07-09-17

Envelopes..... \$1,255.00
Loose.....\$ 217.00
Total..... \$1,472.00

We have budgeted for a weekly collection of \$1,731 to
meet our expenses. Our 6-25-17 collections of \$1,494
were \$237 UNDER Projected Collections for the week.
Fiscal Year Collections (7/1/16 to 6/30/17) were
\$10,177 UNDER Projected/Budgeted Collections for
the Fiscal Year.

We have budgeted for a weekly collection of **\$1,731** to
meet our expenses. Our 7-2-17 collections of **\$1,550**
were **\$181 UNDER** Projected Collections for the week.
Fiscal Year to Date Collections (7/1/17 to 6/30/18) are
\$181 UNDER Projected/Budgeted Collections for the
Fiscal Year.

Attendance: Saturday- 57 Sunday – 96

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



There will be a reception for Father Martin on Saturday, August 5, immediately following mass. This will also be the last day that he will be with us. He is leaving on August 6.

Please consider supporting Guadalupe Project by participating in the Dinger Bats Charity Golf Scramble. All proceeds benefit Guadalupe Project. Support the scramble by putting in a team and/or sponsoring a hole. *Dinger Bats Charity Golf Scramble Saturday, July 22, at 9:00 a.m. Salem Country Club, 700 Divot Drive, Salem, IL 62881*

\$50 per golfer/ 4 person teams, Send or give registration to Ted Whitehead, 1815 Olive Street, Flora. Checks for teams can be made payable to Dinger Bats. \$50 per hole sponsor. See Ted or Laura Whitehead for Hole Sponsor Sheet or send/give check and information to them. Checks for hole sponsors may be made payable to Guadalupe Project.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

With thankful hearts, I announce the retirement of Ms. FERN KETZNER as the Parish Secretary/Business Manager of St. Stephen Church, after 18 years of fruitful and dedicated service to our Parish. We will all miss her. She has been a blessing to our parish. We ask God almighty to grant her strong health and abundant blessings in all her future endeavors. We thank her for accepting to keep working for us all through the transition period. Fern, may God bless you and reward you abundantly.

I announce the appointment of Ms. TRUDI HERDES as the new Parish Secretary/ Business Manager of St. Stephen Church. She takes over from Fern Ketzner. I, on behalf of the Trustees, the Councils and the entire parishioners express our appreciation to Trudi for accepting this position of serious importance in the life of our parish. We commend her into the hands of our loving Father and the intercession of St. Stephen, Patron Saint of our Parish, to grant her wisdom, grace and health to carry on with this stewardship. Thank you and God bless!

Father Martin-Edward

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 contact Kevin Stinner.

The next **Altar Society rotating chairman** are: Deb and Vivian Duquaine, Etchison/Whitehead/Winka and Berenice Mary Brown.

CEMETERY CORNER
Efforts are ongoing to keep our cemetery a beautiful resting place for loved ones. Many thanks to those who do such a great job.

ST. EDWARD NEWS

WELCOME: We welcome Father Charles Anyoaku, to St. Edward Parish. We are grateful and blessed to have him join our Parish Family.

MASS & PICNIC: *On Sunday, July 30th, we will be holding 10:30am mass at Tom & Lisa Konopasek’s cabin,(east of town). Following mass we will have a picnic to welcome Father Charles to St. Edward Parish. The parish will provide meat, please bring covered dish or dessert. More details and directions will be in next week’s bulletin. There is a sign up sheet in the hall (so we have an idea on how much meat to get). Hope to see you there.*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Save the dates of July 31st—Aug. 3rd for VBS. The times will be from 5pm-7pm. If you cannot help during VBS there are still ways to help. In the hall are sheets for donations needed: food and supplies for crafts. Please take a look and see if there is any way you could help. Thank-you very much. If you have any questions please contact Laura Zurliene: 618-499-1204.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE (NCYC): NCYC will be held November 16-18, 2017 in Indianapolis, Ind. If any youth is interested in attending please contact Laura Titzer or the church office. This event is for Catholic teenagers or youth who have been confirmed. This is a great opportunity for any teen who wish to grow in their Catholic Faith. If you want to know more about NCYC log on to <http://www.ncyc.info/promovideos/>.

BUILDING FUND: AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, WE PURCHASED 2 NEW FURNACES FOR THE CHURCH, SO OUR BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT IS DEPLETED. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION , WHETHER IT BE A ONE TIME DONATION OR CONTINOUS, WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—What every farmer knows.
Within every planted seed is the potential for bounty. The harvest depends on good soil, sun and rain, weeding. And trust. Now, make the connection that Jesus makes today: “seed” is me, the hearer of God’s word. The implication for discipleship depends on good and suitable attention.
~What is Jesus’ word?
~What is he saying to me today?
~How am I responding?

