

FATHER CHARLES' CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 5 - 13

Saturday, August 5, 4:00 p.m., St. Edward mass
 Saturday, August 5, 6:00 p.m., St. Stephen mass, Father Martin-Edward's Party
 Sunday, August 6, 8:30 a.m. St. Stephen mass
 Sunday, August 6, 10:30 a.m., St. Edward mass
 Tuesday, August 8, 6:30 p.m., St. Stephen mass
 Wednesday, August 9, 6:30 p.m., St. Stephen mass, Finance Committee
 Thursday, August 10, 8:00 a.m. , St. Stephen mass
 Thursday, August 10, 6:30 p.m., St. Edward mass
 Friday, August 11, 3:00 p.m. – Divine Mercy Chaplet, St. Stephen
 Friday, August 11, 8:00 a.m., St. Edward mass
 Saturday, August 12, 4:00 p.m., St. Edward mass
 Saturday, August 12, 6:00 p.m., St. Stephen mass
 Sunday, August 13, 8:30 a.m., St. Stephen mass
 Sunday, August 13, 10:30 a.m., St. Edward mass

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal... join us as Partners in Hope
 Holy Angels Shelter provides not only food, clothing and shelter for homeless women, children and intact families but also gives ongoing support so clients may become self-supporting, productive members of their community in a home of their own. You can partner with Holy Angels and make dreams come true through your gift to The 2017 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Thank you so much for your consideration.

UPCOMING PICNIC **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. Lunch stand – pork burgers, 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 – 9:45p.m. 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 Charles.

Vocation Corner Today Jesus reveals his own vocation as the Beloved Son and points to His future as Lord of heaven and earth. In a similar way, He calls us to follow Him, in our vocation, as beloved sons and daughters of the Father and to partake in the divine life He offers in His transfigured body. Although this seems foreign to us sometimes, we are called to 'Rise and not be afraid' as Jesus commanded the apostles.

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, Trudi Herdes

Secretary, Office hours Monday & Thursday
 morning. 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 d@wabash.net

Music Director: Diane Briscoe

PSR Coordinator: Paul Duquaine

RCIA Coordinator: Cheryl McCarty

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.

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. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 5, 4:00pm—Dennis Milligan+
Sunday, August 6, 10:30am—George Lott+
Thursday, August 10, 6:30pm—Catholic Extension Donors
Friday, August 11, 8:00am—Catholic Extension Donors
Saturday, August 12, 4:00pm—John Robison III+
Sunday, August 13, 10:30am—Joe & Kathryn Basinger+

Weekly Contributions 07-30-2017

Envelopes(29) \$1,445.00
Loose 79.00
Total \$1,524.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$221.90

Attendance: Sat.25
Sun. 46



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, Mary
Murphy, and all priests who are sick.

FOOD PANTRY SET-UP: AUG. 11TH AT 8:30AM
FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION: AUG. 12TH AT 8:00AM
ALL HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Nm 11:4b-15 Mt 14:13-21
Tues: Nm 12:1-13 Mt 14:22-36
Wed: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1 Mt 15:21-28
Thur: 2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26
Fri: Dt 4:32-40 Mt 16:24-28
Sat: Dt 6:4-13 Mt 17:14-20
Sun: 1 Kgs 19-19a Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33

Saturday, August 12

Lector: Don Zurliene
EM: Sally Conley, Diana Zurliene
Ushers: Dave & PJ Cavanaugh
Gifts: John & Leslie Robison
Servers: volunteers

Sunday, August 13
Lector: Mike Ferido
EM: Emily Milligan, Laura Titzer
Ushers: Kent Ochs, Richard Rennier
Gifts: The Wellen Family
Servers: Grace & Andrew Milligan

ST. STEPHEN INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 5, 6:00 p.m. mass – Bill & Mary Handley+
Sun., August 6, 8:00 a.m. Rosary, 8:30 a.m. mass – Catholic Extension Donors
Tuesday, August 8, 6:00 p.m. Rosary, 6:30 p.m. mass - Peggy Kessler+
Wednesday, August 9, 6 p.m. Rosary, 6:30 p.m. mass – Marilyn Mylius+
Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight
Thursday, August 10, 8:00 a.m. mass – Tom Scanlan+
Friday, August 11, No mass, - Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 a.m., Servite Rosary 12:00 noon,
Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00 p.m., - Eucharistic Adoration ends at 3:15 p.m.
Saturday, August 12, 6:00 p.m. mass – Gerald A. & Pat Klein+
Sunday, August 13, 8:00 a.m. Rosary, 8:30 a.m. mass– Jim Stanford+

Weekly Contributions 07-24-17

Envelopes..... \$1,248.00
Loose.....\$ 166.00
Total.....\$1,414.00

Fiscal Year Collections (7/1/16 to 6/30/17)
were \$10,177 UNDER Projected /Budgeted
Collections for the Fiscal Year.

Attendance: Saturday- 78 Sunday – 56

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



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, Becky Payne, Rita & Judy Porter, Bob
Bluhm Jim Coatney, Rhonda Ryker, Kelly
Coan, Rick Harvey, Dr. Don Bunnell, Mike
Winka

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
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

Anyone interested in or knowing of someone interested in the RCIA program should call Father Charles at 662-6261 or Cheryl McCarty at 815-1502.

MEALS ON WHEELS September is one of the months St. Stephen parishioners deliver Meals on Wheels. There is a sign-up sheet on the table by the south door. We deliver meals In Flora, Monday through Friday, except for holidays. The routes takes approximately 45 – 55 minutes, starting at 10:30. A two people team can get done quickly. Anyone can sign-up to help. For questions or looking for someone to deliver meals with call Beth Fancher. Please consider helping with this worthwhile public service. We need your help!



Don't forget the reception for Father Martin-Edward this Saturday, August 5, following 6 p.m. mass. Meat and drink will be provided by the parish. Bring a side dish to share. This will also be the last day that he will be with us. He is leaving on August 6.



Lost and Found. There was a key found in the parking lot at the church on August 2. Contact Fern or Trudi if it is yours.

There will be an **Altar Society meeting** on August 20, after Sunday mass. All women of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

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: Etchison/Whitehead/Winka, Berenice Mary Brown, Gretchen Stinner.

Please consider becoming a Lector, Commentator, Eucharistic minister or altar server. Contact Father Charles, Kevin Stinner or Beth Fancher if interested in any of the ministries.

There are extra bulletins in the white mailbox on the south door.

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

St. Edward Pastoral Council has an opening for a new member. Any parishioner interested on serving on the Council please contact President Dave Cavanaugh, any council member or the church office.

THANK YOU.....THANK YOU.....THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!
A Thank you to Tom & Lisa Konopasek for hosting a wonderful picnic. The Liturgy, food, family and friends was all great.

*A Big thank you to everyone that volunteered with the Vacation Bible School. Also, a special **Thank-you to Laura Zurliene** for all the time and commitment she put into everything. A good time was had by all!!!!!! What a great program. Nice job PSR kids.*

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.

Please put Teresa Williams on your daily prayer list as she is preparing to take a **“Haiti Mission Trip”** in January 2018. If anyone would like information on the Mission Trip please contact Teresa Williams.

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD – HOLD FAST. LISTEN. DO NOT BE AFRAID.
We, too, are eyewitnesses of mystery. By holding fast to faith in Jesus, everything we see bares his imprint, shows his glory. Looking always with faith-eyes, we see mystery all around us. This helps us attend to his voice, follow him, be his disciples. Nothing holds us back. As disciple-in-training, we see, we listen, we do not fear.
~O f what am I afraid?
~What might Jesus be saying to me?
~What mystery of God in Christ do I see today? Each day?



From The Desk of Fr. Charles Anyaoku.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This feast tells us that Jesus is the Lord, the savior of the world and son of God. On that mountain, Jesus revealed his divinity before the three apostles (Peter, James and John). The Transfiguration was, and is, a moment of challenge and promise to the Apostles and to us. On that mountain, Peter, James and John glimpsed the divinity of Jesus. They realized then and there that Jesus was more than a great teacher, more than a charismatic personality, more than a reformer, more than a healer. That Jesus was the son of God.

The transfiguration is a moment of challenge: The voice of the Father said, "This is my beloved son. Listen to him." That means that Jesus' teaching is God's teaching and Jesus's forgiveness is God's forgiveness. That is why the church was so careful to preserve the words and gestures of Jesus in the Gospels and the teaching of the Apostles in the rest of the New Testament. We don't have to wonder what God wants of us because it is clear in the Gospels.

The transfiguration is also a moment of promise. It was a kind of "fast forward" for the Apostles to show them what is beyond Good Friday to strengthen them for the trial of Jesus' crucifixion and death. And in today's Gospel, Matthew 17:1-9, Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah". It is also a promise of what awaits every follower of Jesus. The glory that we see in Jesus will one day be ours. It has "no short cut" instead, we have to work for it.

More so, the feast of the transfiguration is a feast of Hope. It strengthens our hope, that glory of the Lord awaits for those who believe in the Lord. And also increases our faith in God. Our future is not a grave but eternal life. Saint Paul says in his second letter to the Corinthians that although we may have a pound of pain here on earth, tons of glory await us in heaven. We might have a cup of suffering here, but gallons of grace are ahead of us. The promise of Christ's transfiguration is a promise of a greater world and a greater life that is our real future.

Today, Jesus in his very words to his Apostles, said to them, "Rise, and do not be afraid." Therefore we should keep his words in order to receive our own glory on the last day. And also to keep what St Peter urges us in the second reading, 2 Peter 1:16-19, about the message of Christ to us, and said "you will do well to be attentive to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts." So, let us be steadfast in keeping His words.

Praise be to Jesus both now and forever amen

