

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches



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 <http://www.diobelle.org/offices/into-my-vineyard>. Anyone interested in being part of this program should see Father Charles.

Vocation Corner The leap of faith we see from Peter in the Gospel invites us to look beyond the stormy seas or the blowing winds keeping us from trusting and following Jesus. A vocation is often filled with obstacles, but at the same time, our persistence through difficulties are what makes us true disciples. "Don't be afraid" is what we often hear in Scripture when a person is called to vocation, and so we need to pray for the grace and courage to find and follow Jesus within the difficulties.

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.

From Fr Charles Anyaoku

And Jesus said to his disciples and to us "Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid." The reading is not just about a storm on the lake but the storms of life. We may not be caught in a storm at sea but we may be caught in the storms of life. It may be the storm that does with children, marriage, finances, health, emotional problems. Through the sacraments, through our time of prayer, the Lord says to us, "get hold of yourselves. It is I. Do not be afraid."

The storm in our life should be a moment of reflection, awareness, and a moment we make "U turn" to God. It should be a moment of prayer. But regrettably, many people choose different ways to solve their problem outside of God and prayer. They prefer to go it alone. If we look on ourselves, not to the Lord, the we sink. Therefore, we look on the Lord.

But we must always remember Jesus's words in the saint John's Gospel, Jn15, said "without me you can do nothing." And he said again, "if you are with me, you shall bear fruit and bear with it in abundance." We need to reach out to the Lord and be more constant in prayer, gather more frequently with fellow Christians and live the Gospel even more faithfully.

On the lighter note: August 16, 2017 is my fourteenth priestly anniversary in this Jesus's ministry please remember me in your prayers and your daily masses.

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St. Edward Mass Schedule:

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

Confession, Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Friday, 8:30 a.m. and Saturday, 3:30 p.m.

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

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, Vocations, Sacrament of Anointing & Care of the Sick, contact
Father Charles Anyaoku or call St. Edward or St. Stephen Parish Offices.

St. Stephen Mass Schedule:

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

Confession, Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Thursday, 8:30 a.m. and Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

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 dot@wabash.net

Music Director: Diane Briscoe

PSR Coordinator: Paul Duquaine

RCIA Coordinator: Cheryl McCarty

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, August 12, 4:00pm—John Robison III+

Sunday, August 13, 10:30am—Joe & Kathryn Basinger+

Tuesday, August 15, (Assumption of The Blessed Virgin) 5:00pm—Kris Huffstodt+

Thursday, August 17, 6:30pm—Catholic Extension Donors

Friday, August 18, 8:00am—Catholic Extension Donors

Saturday, August 19, 4:00pm—Jim Turner+

Sunday, August 20, 10:30am—Larry McClure+

Weekly Contributions 08-06-2017

Envelopes(28) \$1,523.00
Loose 106.00
Total \$1,629.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$ 78.00
Donation 40.00

Attendance: Sat.38
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.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL: THURSDAY, AUGUST 17TH, 7:00PM
AFTER 6:30PM MASS. MINUTES ARE ON THE BULLETIN
BOARD IN HALL.**

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Dt 10:12-22 Mt 17:22-27
Tues: Rv 11:19a; 12:106a, 10ab Lk 1:39-56
Wed: Dt 34:1-12 Mt 18:15-20
Thur: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 Mt 18:21-19:1
Fri: Jos 24:1-13 Mt 19:3-12
Sat: Jos 24:14-29 Mt 19:13-15
Sun: Is 56:1, 6-7 Rom 11:13-15 Mt 15:21-28

Saturday, August 19

Lector: Nick Zurliene
EM: Jim & Margaret Thompson
Ushers: Ken & Theresa Nordmann
Gifts: Jay & Lisa Fyie
Servers: volunteers

Sunday, August 20

Lector: Debra Simmers
EM: Peg Garrison, Sarah Pickens
Ushers: Bob & Henry Simmers
Gifts: Tom & Hunter Konopasek
Servers: Garion Sheraden, Will Wright

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 12, 5:30 p.m. – Rosary, 6:00 p.m. mass – Gerald A. & Pat Klein+

Sun., August 13, 8:00 a.m. Rosary, 8:30 a.m. mass – Jim Stanford+

**Tues. August 15, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 6:15 p.m. Rosary,
6:45 p.m. mass - Regina Buckleh+**

Wednesday, August 16, 6 p.m. Rosary, 6:30 p.m. mass –Jim Etchison +
Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight

Thursday, August 17, 7:30 a.m. - Rosary, 8:00 a.m. mass –Peggy Kessler +
Friday, August 18, 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, Aug. 19, 5:30 p.m. – Rosary, 6:00 p.m. mass – Bill & Mary Handley +
Sunday, August 20, 8:00 a.m. Rosary, 8:30 a.m. mass– St. Ann’s Altar Society

Weekly Contributions 08-06-17

Envelopes..... \$ 1,205.00
Loose..... 176.00
Total \$ 1,381.00

Attendance: Saturday– 90 Sunday- 51

Thank you for your monetary support! We have
budgeted for a weekly collection of **\$1,731** to meet
our expenses. Our 8-6-17 collections of **\$1,381**
were **\$350 UNDER** Projected Collections for the
week. Fiscal Year to Date Collections are **\$2051**
UNDER Projected Budget for the Fiscal Year.

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,
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



Weekend Ministers

Saturday, August 12

Lector: Mary Roy
Comentator: Volunteer
EM: Dorothy & Jim Croy, Krista Weidner
Altar Servers: Pierce Family
Ushers: Kole Greenwood, Mike Winka

Sunday, August 13

Lector: Susan Schroeder
Commentator: Randy Wells
EM: Deb & Ted Zimmerman, Dorothy Uebinger
Altar Servers: Kevin & Evelyn Stinner
Ushers: Justin Fleener, Lucas Whitehead

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Tuesday, Aug. 15, Bible Study, 7 – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 16 – Eucharistic Adoration
7 pm to midnight. Finance Committee – 7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 17 - Sacrament of Reconciliation
through Confession - 8:30 a.m.
Friday, Aug. 18 - Divine Mercy Prayer – 3 p.m.

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): If you or know someone who would like to learn more about the Catholic Church or are interested in joining the church, we will be starting an RCIA program. For more information contact Father Charles at 662-6261 or Cheryl McCarty at 815-1502.

BIBLE STUDY: Fr. Charles will be starting a Bible Study on Tuesday evenings following mass, from 7:00 to 7:30 pm. Please come to mass and stay for the Bible Study. Everyone is welcome.

MEALS ON WHEELS In September we at St. Stephen's deliver Meals on Wheel in Flora. There is a sign-up sheet on the table by the south door. We deliver meals Monday through Friday, except for holidays. The routes take about 45 – 55 minutes, starting at 10:30. For questions or looking for someone to deliver meals with call Beth Fancher. Please consider helping with this ministry.



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

Thanks you to everyone who made Father Martin-Edward's going away party a success. It was a great send off for him. We will miss him very much and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

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



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 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.

Prayer Chain When a parishioner has an intention and requests prayers, Erin Pierce will initiate the prayer chain. She will contact Fr. Charles, 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 erinmp1968@aol.com or call 662-2266

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.

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

PSR CLASSES WILL BE STARTING IN SEPTEMBER. PLEASE WATCH BULLETIN FOR DATES AND TIMES FOR SIGN-UPS.

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.

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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—NEEDING TO BE QUIET.
We hear today of the need to "get away" – Elijah, pursued by Jezebel, is running for his very life; Jesus, dismissing the crowd, goes off to pray. Both do this alone. Both hear God speak in a tiny sound, in a single small whisper. The point may be this: nothing we see and nothing we hear is too insignificant to make present the glory of God. God is always there to save me, save us.

~When will I, each day this week, make time to be still?

~When will I listen for God's single small whisper?

~Elijah is told: "The Lord will be passing by." How can I look for God everywhere?



