

Vocation Corner “Now we must look ahead, we must "put out into the deep", trusting in Christ's words: Duc in altum! What we have done this year cannot justify a sense of complacency, and still less should it lead us to relax our commitment. On the contrary, the experiences we have had should inspire in us new energy, and impel us to invest in concrete initiatives the enthusiasm which we have felt.” – St. John Paul II, January 6 2001 in Novo Millennio Ineunte

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. FOR NEXT WEEKEND AND FOLLOWING WEEKEND

From the desk of Father Charles: Sunday reading: Isaiah 56:1,6-7;Ps67;Romans 11;2-32;Mathew 15:21- 28

In today Gospel reading , Jesus declares the Canaanite woman as a woman of great faith ,and He said “ O woman , great is your faith!”

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Hebrew 11:1). It is an essential ingredient of our belief and also to our worship to God. In faith, we believe all that God has revealed to us about himself and also what he promises for us.The Canaanite woman is a great example of faith. This woman possessed what we should be looking for, in order to follow God as his disciples. She persevered in his prayer and continued calling Jesus and said “ Have pity on me , lord , son of David!” She was persistent in prayer as a mark of great faith , and she humbled herself to ask a favor from Jesus. And she refused to give up when her request wasn’t granted at once. Faith impels us to persevere, to struggle on ,with no guarantee of a happy ending. It calls for humility, courage, perseverance and above all love. A person with a grain of real faith never gives up.

Again , faith is provided for everyone because salvation is made for everyone , whether you are Jews or Gentiles. When Jesus was talking to the woman about God’s salvation, grace , love and care in that manner when he said “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel”. “It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs” , He was not rejecting her instead He was reminding and also taught his disciples their mission ahead, preview of what they are going to encounter in future in their cause of evangelization. That God is God of everybody and also salvation is for all. What God counts is the degrees of our faith; how peaceful we are; how faithful we are , it is what matters in the sight of God. Therefore , brothers and sister in the lord , may we have strong faith in God . We should not allow anyone to distract us like Jesus’s disciples who said to Jesus to reject and despise the woman “Send her away , for she keeps calling out after us” . in your life of faith , many people may be distracting you or turning your eyes away from God but do not allow them to do so. God has promised all salvation and nobody has monopoly of this salvation. And the first reading, the Lord says through Isaiah said “My house shall be a house of prayer for all people.”

The mission of the church is to be Catholic , that is , to be truly universal. The church will never rest until the Gospel reaches every heart , every soul , every life. You and I are part of that mission. As Pope Pius X11 said many years ago , by baptism , we don’t simply belong to the church , we are the church.

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.

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

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

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 19, 4:00pm—Jim Turner+
Sunday, August 20, 10:30am—Larry McClure+
Thursday, August 24, 6:30pm—Catholic Extension Donors
Friday, August 25, 8:00am—Catholic Extension Donors
Saturday, August 26, 4:00pm—Doris Meisner+
Sunday, August 27, 10:30am—Bill Grogan+

Weekly Contributions 08-13-2017

Envelopes(28) \$1,279.00
Loose 124.00
Total \$1,403.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$158.00
Donation 20.00
Assumption 60.00

Attendance: Sat.30
Sun. 54



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.

**PSR SIGN-UPS START THIS WEEKEND AND WILL
CONTINUE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 17TH WHEN THE CLASSES
START**

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Jgs 2:11-19 Mt 19:16-22
Tues: Jgs 6:11-24a Mt 19:23-30
Wed: Jgs 9:6-15 Mt 20:1-16
Thur: Rv 21:9b-14 Jn 1:45-51
Fri: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 Mt 22:34-40
Sat: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 Mt 23:1-12
Sun: Is 22:19-23 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20

Saturday, August 26
Lector: Mike Oppenheimer
EM: Dave & PJ Cavanaugh
Ushers: Don & Nick Zurliene
Gifts: The Nick Zurliene Family
Servers: volunteers

Sunday, August 27
Lector: Jen Wellen
EM: David Mills, Emily Milligan
Ushers: Libby & Annie Pond
Gifts: The Bunting Family
Servers: Will Wright, Collin Pickens

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 19, 5:30 p.m. – Rosary, 6:00 p.m. mass – Bill & Mary Handley+
Sun., August 20, 8:00 a.m. Rosary, 8:30 a.m. mass – St. Ann’s Altar Society
Tuesday, August 22, 5:30 p.m. Rosary, 6:00 p.m. mass - Regina Buckleleh+
Wednesday, August 23, 6 p.m. Rosary, 6:30 p.m. mass –Maureen Maher +
Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight
Thursday, August 24, 7:30 a.m. - Rosary, 8:00 a.m. mass –Irwin and Frances Whelan +
Friday, August 25, 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. 26, 5:30 p.m. – Rosary, 6:00 p.m. mass – Jim Stanford+
Sunday, August 27, 8:00 a.m. Rosary, 8:30 a.m. mass– Catholic Extension Donors

Weekly Contributions 08-13-17

Envelopes..... \$ 1,486.00
Loose..... 179.00
Total \$ 1,665.00

Food Pantry - \$274.50

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.

Mass Attendance: Saturday- 42 Sunday – 84

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, August 19

Lector: Ben Pierce Comentator: Volunteer
EM: Phil & Beth Fancher, Dennis Holkenbrink
Altar Servers: Pierce Family
Ushers: Jim Klein, Don Talmant

Sunday, August 20

Lector: Ted Whitehead Commentator: Beth Sulsberger
EM: Kevin Stinner, Randy Wells, Pat Ridgeway
Altar Servers: Nolan & Max Duquaine, Allie Parker
Ushers: Nathan Gruel, Jacob Whitehead

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Tuesday, Aug. 22, Bible Study, 7 – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 23 – Eucharistic Adoration
7 pm to midnight.
Thursday, Aug. 24 - Sacrament of Reconciliation
through Confession - 8:30 a.m.
Friday, Aug. 25 - Divine Mercy Prayer – 3 p.m.



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

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

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

PSR Registration for the fall: PSR classes will start in September. Register your child or children - ages 4 to high school. Please text, call or email Paul Duquaine (or see me after Mass) paulduquaine@icloud.com, 618-843-8508



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 has started a Bible Study on Tuesday evenings following mass, from 7 to 7:30 pm. Please come to mass and stay for the Bible Study. Everyone is welcome.

MEALS ON WHEELS In September we 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. Questions or looking for someone to deliver meals with call Beth Fancher.



There will be an **Altar Society meeting this Sunday after mass.**

There will be a new **Vocation Committee** formed. This committee is for the expressed intentions for praying and actively advocating for vocations in our parish. 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

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.

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

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 START ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH AT 9:00AM. SARAH WILL BE IN THE HALL AFTER MASS THIS WEEKEND (SAT. & SUN.) FOR SIGN-UPS. PSR IS OPEN TO ANY CHILD STARTING IN PRE-SCHOOL THRU 8TH GRADE.

Pastoral Council: *The Pastoral Council would like to Thank Libby Pond for accepting to become a member of the Council. We are still needing to fill one more spot with the departure of Donna Keyser. We would also like to thank Donna Keyser for her service on the Council and everything she did for The Year Of Divine Mercy, The Food Pantry and all her hard work with the Fellowship Committee.*

There is a new Vocation Committee being formed at St. Stephen Parish. Here at St. Edward we are needing someone to represent our church. Kevin Stinner from Flora will be chairperson, but you will need to meet with him and discuss ways to bring more vocations to our parishes. If anyone is interested please contact the church office.

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. Also, they are doing a fund raiser by selling Smoked Pork Loins and Ribs. There is an order form in the hall.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—IT IS TRULY RIGHT AND JUST.
We can get used to private clubs, to closed groups, to in-crowds, to members-only. But both Isaiah and Jesus make room for the foreigner this day. When there is similar belief and great faith, we are all alike. Outsiders can become insiders. Everyone can belong. And in God's house, God's kingdom, that is absolutely true. It is right. It is just.
~Of whom do I say, they do not belong?
~How can I widen my circle to include more people?
~How can I do what is truly right and just?

