

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:

Trudi Herdes, Secretary,
Office hours Monday & Wednesday 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: 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. Mary of the Assumption Church, St. Marie, will be holding their annual **Pre-Labor Day Picnic**, Sunday, September 3. Fried chicken, pork loin and all the fixings, served from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Quilt raffle, crafts, country store, white elephant stand, bingo, basket stand, raffles, food stands and various games. The band, A Band Called River will play from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Vocation Corner: “There can be no promotion of vocations or Christian mission apart from constant contemplative prayer. The Christian life needs to be nourished by attentive listening to God’s word and, above all, by the cultivation of a personal relationship with the Lord in Eucharistic adoration, the privileged “place” for our encounter with God...Mary Most Holy, the Mother of our Savior, had the courage to embrace this ideal, placing her youth and her enthusiasm in God’s hands. Through her intercession, may we be granted that same openness of heart, that same readiness to respond, “Here I am”, to the Lord’s call, and that same joy in setting out (cf. Lk 1:39), like her, to proclaim Him to the whole world.” – Pope Francis, November 26, 2015

RESPECT LIFE CORNER Forgive - Can We?

Do We? Everyone experiences conflicts and hurts; that’s a constant. It’s what we do with those hurts that varies. Christ desires that we forgive those hurts and allow the Holy Spirit to heal and bring new life into our world. Forgiving somebody does not, in any way, excuse the hurt that we done. It is a decision to let go of retribution and to allow God to begin to heal. When we let go of the hurt, God can start to redeem it and bring good from it.

Learn, Act, Connect, Pray: Pray the “Our Father” slowly. Ask yourself; do I have mercy in my heart to forgive those who have “trespassed against me?” Catholics have the Sacrament of Reconciliation, if they’re willing to use it. The grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a powerful way to open up to the Holy Spirit’s refreshing life.

Retired Diocesan Priests Collection

On the weekend of September 16-17 you will have an opportunity to contribute to the annual Retired Diocesan Priests Collection. **All monies collected will be used only for long-term nursing care, Medicare supplemental insurance and prescriptions for our retired diocesan priests.** Your gift is a wonderful way to show your gratitude to the priests who have and continue to serve us so faithfully. Please be as generous as you are able. Thank you so much.

The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a part time (20 hours per week) Coordinator of Lay Ministry and Catechist Certification. Qualifications include a Bachelor’s Degree; professional knowledge, training or certification plus 1-3 year’s experience. See church bulletin board for details.

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 member 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 for your consideration.

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 02, 4:00pm—John Robison III+
Sunday, September 03, 10:30am—Joe & Kathryn Basinger+
Thursday, September 07, 6:30pm—Kelly Clark+
Friday, September 08, 8:00am—Catholic Extension Donors
Saturday, September 09, 4:00pm—Beulah Keck+
Sunday, September 10, 10:30am—Larry McClure+

Weekly Contributions 08-27-2017

Envelopes(27) \$1,523.00
Loose 87.00
Total \$1,610.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$144.00

Attendance: Sat.29
Sun. 67

Saturday, September 09

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

Sunday, September 10

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



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,
Andrew Mayo, Robyn Meagher, Sheila Zurliene,
Sandra Henson, Andrew Luna, Elaine Jeffers, Jeff
Zurliene, Jodi Hunt, Mary Murphy, Claire Grosso
and all priests who are sick.

FOOD PANTRY SET-UP: FRI., SEPT. 8TH-- 8:30AM
FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION: SAT., SEPT. 9TH – 8AM

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon:	1 Thes 4:13-18	Lk 4:16-30
Tues:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11	Lk 4:31-37
Wed:	Col 1:1-8	Lk 4:38-44
Thur:	Col 1:9-14	Lk 5:1-11
Fri:	Mi 5:1-4a	Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Sat:	Col 1:21-23	Lk 6:1-5
Sun:	Ez 33:7-9 Rom 13:8-10	Mt 18:15-20

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 2, 5:30 p.m. – Rosary, 6:00 p.m. mass – Jim Stanford+
Sunday, September 3, 8:00 a.m. Rosary,
8:30 a.m. mass – For the living & deceased of the parish
Tuesday. September 5, 6:00 p.m. Rosary, 6:30 p.m. mass - +Margo Etchison
Wednesday, September 6, 6:00 p.m. Rosary, 6:30 p.m. mass – +Roger Beard
Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight
Thursday, September 7, 7:30 a.m. - Rosary, 8:00 a.m. mass – +Regina Buckleh
Friday, September 8, No mass, - Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. ,
Servite Rosary 12:00 noon, Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 9, 5:30 p.m. – Rosary,
6:00 p.m. mass – For the living and deceased of the parish
Sunday, September 10, 8:00 a.m. Rosary, 8:30 a.m. mass– Al Winka+

Weekly Contributions
08-27-17

Envelopes..... \$ 2,380.00
Loose..... 141.00
Total \$ 2,521.00

Mass Attendance:
Saturday- 69 Sunday – 75

Thank you for your continued monetary support! We have budgeted for a weekly collection of \$1,731 to meet our expenses. Our 8-27-17 collections of \$2,521 were \$790 OVER Projected Collections. Fiscal Year to Date Collections (7/1/17 to 6/30/18) are \$1,674 UNDER Projected/ Budgeted Collections. *“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*

Weekend Ministers
Saturday, September 9

Lector: Mary Roy
Commentator: Volunteer
EM: Krista Weidner,
Jim and Dorothy Croy
Altar Servers: Pierce Family
Ushers: Don Talmant, Mike Winka
Sunday, September 10

Lector: Susan Schroeder
Commentator: Kevin Stinner
EM: Dorothy Uebinger,
Ted & Deb Zimmerman
Altar Servers: Nolan, Max and Sam Duquaine
Ushers: Justin Fleener,
Lucas Whitehead

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Sunday, Sept 3 – Donut Sunday, Food Pantry Collection
Monday, Sept. 4, Meals on Wheels all month
Tuesday , Sept 5, Bible Study, 7 – 7:30 p.m. after mass
Wed., Sept. 6 – Eucharistic Adoration 7 pm - midnight.
Thursday, Sept. 7 - Sacrament of Reconciliation through
Confession - 8:30 a.m.
Friday, Sept. 8 - Divine Mercy Prayer – 3 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 10 – PSR Orientation



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, Duck Greenwood, Paul Weidner, Marilyn Wheaton

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

Sympathy is extended to Jeff Cartright and family on the death of his grandfather, Mark D. Powless who passed away Monday, August 21. His funeral was Saturday, August 26, with interment in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Xenia. May his soul rest in peace.

Sympathy is extended to Mary Helen (Klein) Kasten and family on the death of her husband, Richard Kasten who passed away in South Carolina, August 21. His funeral Mass was Monday, August 28, here at St. Stephen Church with interment in St. Stephen Cemetery. May his soul rest in peace.

PSR NEWS:

It is not too late to register for PSR! We are having Pre-K/Kindergarten class all the way up to High School. Contact Paul Duquaine. 618-843-8508, paulduquaine@icoud.com.

Sept. 10: Parent/Student/Teacher Orientation after Mass

Sept. 17: First PSR class



The **Parish Picnic** will be September 17. All parishes, family and friends are welcome. We are asking people to bring a covered dish or a dessert. It will start around noon. We'll eat about 12:30p. There will be games, and fun things for the kids A great time to visit, so plan to attend.

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 815-343-1502.

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. Questions or looking for someone to deliver meals with call Beth Fancher. There are still a few openings.

Put it on your Calendar

St. Stephen's Chicken BBQ will be on October 8th.



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.



ST. EDWARD NEWS

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF ASSISTANCE: There is a box in the back pew of the church to put your donations in. We will collect this weekend and next weekend. Thank-you.

HELP SUPPORT JACKSON MILLS GO TO BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP

Our own Jackson Mills is a Life Scout in Troop 282 in Flora, ILL. Jackson is now working on becoming an Eagle Scout. Before this was a founding member of Cub Scout Pack 173 chartered by St. Edward Parish in 2015. A Scout is Reverent and Jackson has represented his Troop and our Parish well by earning his religious medals as he has advanced in Scouting. He will work the Catholic equivalent of Eagle Scout, the Ad Altare Dei medal, this fall. Every year Troop 282 takes an extensive expedition for Summer Camp. Last year the Troop went to Yellowstone, the year before that Canada, and in 2019 will go the original BSA High Adventure Base in Philmont, New Mexico. One of the fundraisers Scouts do annually is Popcorn sales. Jackson would like our help in supporting his Scouting advancement and adventures. Jackson will be in the hall to sell popcorn or take donations for the next three weekends. Money will be collected when orders are delivered in November. Jackson's goal is \$2,000 in sales. Thank you for your continued support, kind words, and prayers over the years.

CALLING ALL PSR TEACHERS AND SUBS

We are in need of Volunteers! If you can teach every week, or are available to sub please contact Sarah Pickens (618-516-3867). If you already offered to teach please confirm availability with her. Also, sign-ups for your kids are being completed in the hall. Please help the Youth with their Faith Formation. Thanks, Sarah.

THE CLOTHESLINE: As most of you know "The Clothesline" in Fairfield is run by volunteers from various churches here in town. Each church has a member on the board. We are in need of someone to take that position. If we can not find someone we will have to bow out from this Ministry. If anyone is interested please call Mary Jean Ochs or contact the church office.

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 and Libby Pond 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.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—Obstacles.

Peter, who last week was called the rock, the steady one, is called an obstacle, a stumbling stone today. Sometimes we let our timid nature, our fears get the best of us, don't we? Doing the Lord's work, living the Christian life, can bring on laughter and scorn. But that does not keep us from doing what must be done.

~What am I called to do?

~What obstacle must I avoid to follow Jesus?

~Am I an obstacle for another? How can I stop being a stumbling stone, a block head?

FROM FATHER CHARLES' DESK:

Today's Gospel passage follows the one we read last Sunday which recounted the great moment when Peter affirmed that Jesus was the Messiah , “ the son of the living God”. Jesus turned to Peter and declared him to be the rock and promised him the keys to the kingdom of heaven. It is a moment that is truly historic in its implications.

Today's Gospel reading is something else. In terms of space and time , the Gospel readings from last week and today lie side by side. But in mood and spirit, they are worlds apart.

Last week, Peter confessed his faith in Jesus as the messiah. Here, he takes the Lord aside and tries to tell him what to do. Last week, Jesus called Peter the ‘ rock ‘. This week, Jesus calls him a tempter and tells him to leave. These contrasting events took place within moments of each other. What happened? The answer is not hard to find, Jesus confronted his disciples with the fact of the cross. He says,” If you wish to be my disciple, you must denounce yourself and carry your cross and follow me”.

The cross is the most challenging truth about the Christian faith. Jesus teaches us that the cross is the only way to deeper life to eternal life. Though many people prefer the easy listening of modern Christian rock music as a way of showing their commitment to Christ, we should always look at the cross and also be confronted by it. It can be done by meditating on Christ's love for us.

Everybody in the world has a cross, but the issue is what we do with cross we have. Sometimes, we deny it, rebel against it, kick it, curse it, numb ourselves with addictive substances to make us forget it. We are called to take up our cross and follow Christ. The lord teaches us the great truth of the Christian faith that the cross is our way to life, an honest life, real life , to eternal life. It teaches us that true love is sacrificial. it teaches us the truth about discipleship.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

Guadalupe Project

Starting in September, we will be open on the 2nd weekend of the month: Saturday mornings from 10 - 11:00 a.m., and on Monday mornings from 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon and in the evenings 4:30-5:30 p.m.



Work times are scheduled as needed, but after Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month we have 30 minutes of adoration in the chapel at church for Guadalupe Project. It will be immediately follow PSR class when in session.

Our address for the new location is 124 East North Avenue, Flora. Contact Respect Life Coordinator at laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com, 618-599-6786.

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.

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.

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 662-4967. There are several retailers & 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. Information contact Erin or visit shopwithscrip.com. Complete retailer list is available on website.

Prayer Chain: When a parishioner has an intention & 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 662-2266. erinmp1968@aol.com or call 662-2266.

The next **Altar Society rotating chairman** are: Etchison/Whitehead/Winka families, Berenice Mary Brown, Gretchen Stinner.

