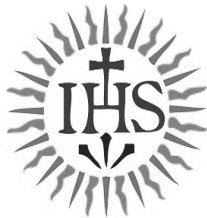


St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches



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Rev. Father Charles Anyaoku, Pastoral Administrator

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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
Thursday email: bafancher@wabash.net

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.**

Father Charles will be at the Diocese of Belleville Convocation of Priests from September 11 – 14. In case of emergency please call Father Charles on his cell phone at 618-641-8978.

There will be no weekday masses or Bible Study this week.

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

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.

Retired Diocesan Priests Collection

Our Belleville diocese currently has 55 diocesan priests of retirement age – 35 who are currently retired and 20 who remain in active ministry. In five years that number will increase to 64. With this large number of retirement age priests and escalating health care costs, the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection of Sept. 16-17, will help provide the resources needed for their care now and in the future. All monies will be used only for long term nursing care, Medicare supplemental insurance and prescription medications for our retired diocesan priests.

Our diocesan priests do not receive any funding from the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, held in December. Next weekend show your appreciation to the priests who have walked with you on your life’s journey with a generous gift to this special collection.

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 09, 4:00pm—Beulah Keck+
Sunday, September 10, 10:30am—Larry McClure+
Thursday, September 14, 6:30pm—**NO MASS**
Friday, September 15, 8:00am—**NO MASS**
Saturday, September 16, 4:00pm—Dennis Milligan+
Sunday, September 17, 10:30am—All PSR Kids

Weekly Contributions 09-03-2017

Envelopes(28) \$1,315.00
Loose 95.00
Total \$1,410.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$ 83.00
Furnace Donation 150.00
Donation 30.00
Hurricane Harvey 802.00

Attendance: Sat.37
Sun. 40

Saturday, September 16

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

Sunday, September 17

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



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.

**THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON SEPTEMBER 14TH &
15TH. FATHER CHARLES WILL BE IN BELLEVILLE
ALL WEEK ON CONVOCAATION. PLEASE KEEP HIM
IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Col 1:24—2:3	Lk 6:6-11
Tues: Col 2:6-15	Lk 6:12-19
Wed: Col 3:1-11	Lk 6:20-26
Thur: Nm 21:4b-9	Jn 3:13-17
Fri: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14	Jn 19:25-27
Sat: 1 Tm 1:15-17	Lk 6:43-49
Sun: Sir 27:30—28:7	Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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+
Tuesday, September 12, No mass
Wednesday, September 13, No mass
Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight
Thursday, September 14, No mass
Friday, September 15, 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, Sept. 16, 5:30 p.m. – Rosary, 6:00 p.m. mass - Evelyn and Connie Myers+
Sunday, September 17, 8:00 a.m. Rosary, 8:30 a.m. mass–
For the living & deceased of the parish

Weekly Contributions
09-03-17

Envelopes..... \$ 1030.00
Loose..... 268.00
Total \$ 1298.00
Assumption of Mary - \$5.00
Hurricane Harvey Relief \$427

Mass Attendance:
Saturday- 49 Sunday – 74

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*

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Sunday, Sept 10 – PSR Orientation, Food Pantry Collection
Monday, Sept. 11, Meals on Wheels all month
Tuesday, Sept 12, No Bible Study
Wed., Sept. 13 – Finance Co., Eucharistic Adoration 7 pm - midnight
Thursday, Sept. 14 - Sacrament of Reconciliation through
Confession - 8:30 a.m.
Friday, Sept. 15 - Divine Mercy Prayer – 3 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 17 – Church picnic



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

Weekend Ministers
Saturday, September 16

Lector: Ben Pierce
Commentator: Volunteer
EM: Phil & Beth Fancher Cheryl McCarty
Altar Servers: Pierce Family,
Allie Parker

Ushers: Kurt Holkenbrink, Jim Klein
Sunday, September 17

Lector: Beth Sulsberger
Commentator: Phil Fancher
EM: Kevin Stinner, Randy Wells, Ted Whitehead
Altar Servers: Duquaine's
Ushers: Ted Zimmerman, Kole Greenwood

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

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.

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.

IF YOU HAVE EMAIL FOR THE BULLETIN PLEASE USE MY NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: bafancher@wabash.net
Thank you - Beth Fancher.

ST. EDWARD NEWS

PSR NEWS

PSR CLASSES WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEKEND (SEPTEMBER 17TH) AT 9:00AM. THERE WILL ALSO BE AND ALTAR SERVER MEETING AND TRAINING FOR ALL KIDS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE. THIS MINISTRY IS SO IMPORTANT TO OUR WEEKEND LITURGIES,

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF ASSISTANCE

Thank-you to everyone that donated last weekend to Hurricane Harvey Relief. We will still be collecting this weekend if you did not get a chance to do so yet. After this weekend we will be forwarding our collection to The Diocese. Thank-you so much.

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 as 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.

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.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—Love does no Evil.
Wow! What a set of readings today. St. Matthew lays out the three steps for brothers and sisters in the Lord to reconcile: one-on-one first, very small group next, whole group if needed. Prophet Ezekiel is told by the Lord, you are responsible in some ways for your sisters and brothers. St. Paul reminds the Romans – and us – that love does no evil to the neighbor. So, in the community of believers, love drives our relationships. It shapes our thoughts, our word, our actions.
~With whom can I, need I reconcile?
~How can I love today, even if it means telling the truth?
~How can I find strength in the community of believers?

FROM FR. CHARLES' DESK:

Today, the church celebrates the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary time Year A.

Our readings today, Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Mathew 18:15-20, list three different kinds of responsibility to speak , to respect and to heal.

First, we have a responsibility to speak. The prophet Ezekiel speaks of the role of the watchman to warn of danger. We have a moral duty to speak the truth about right and wrong, whether to our society or to individuals.

There are different ways of doing it but as Christians can we be silent when there are attacks on innocent life, when our society is going in the wrong moral direction, when people we know are damaging themselves ? The lord says through prophet Ezekiel that we have the duty to speak. To say nothing is to become morally complicit in the wrong another does. If we speak and that person refuses to listen, we have done our duty. We have the responsibility to speak the truth to another. For example, parents have responsibility to speak to their children on their moral lives. They owe their children the moral truth. I can recall that during infant baptism, parents pledge to help their children to grow in the ways of the lord.

Then there is the duty to respect another. St Paul lists in his letter to the Romans the duties of love: do not kill, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not covet. We can state them in a positive way. We have the responsibility to respect another's life, respect another's marriage, respect another's property and respect another's integrity .

Finally, the Gospel reading goes a bit deeper into our responsibility in dealing with conflict. We can call it the Lord's teaching about conflict resolution or conflict management .

Conflict is not alien to the Christian community or to the individual Christian's life. But, there is a Christian way of dealing with it that doesn't seek revenge but the meaning of the conflict and the other person's return to God's grace. An effort to heal the discord on the opponent is a way of showing mature Christian responsibility even in conflict. We show responsibility by seeking to manage conflict in a Christian way. Christian love is not a feeling or an emotion, but a responsibility.

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.

