

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:

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:

Sunday 8 a.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.

Vocation Corner

In the Second Reading today, Paul gives us a blueprint of what humility looks like, based on Jesus’ vocation of the Cross. In the same way, our service and love cannot be for our own advancement but should be rooted in the sacrificial love that Jesus revealed. In the ‘emptying’ of our self, we allow God to fill our hearts and shine through. This way, people won’t merely see our works and prayer, but they will see God exalted through us.

Diocesan Fall Harvest Blessings of the Farm

Tuesday, October 10, 1 p.m. Farm of Don and Mary Ann Biehl and Family, Smithton.

Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit and vegetables and garden produce in marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. Please join us for food and fellowship following the Blessings.

Directions are on the bulletin board announcement.

We want to thank you for your support of the annual collection for Seminarian Education. This year, the collection totaled \$90,591. Through your help and assistance, we have raised \$184,994 the last two years to support the ongoing costs of preparing the six seminarians the Diocese has been blessed with.

Thank you for your continued support.

Michael D. Gibbons, Chief Financial Officer, Diocese of Belleville

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.

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. Stephens.

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 30, 4:00pm—Jim Turner+
Sunday, October 1, 10:30am—Bill Grogan+
Thursday, October 5, 6:30pm—Joe Basinger+ Bible Study—7:00pm
Friday, October 6, 8:00am—Catholic Extension Donors
Saturday, October 7, 4:00pm—Dennis Milligan+
Sunday, October 8, 10:30am—Larry McClure+
Rosary—Every Saturday 3:30pm and 2nd Sunday 10:00am

Weekly Contributions 09-24- 17

Envelopes(24) \$1,100.00
Loose 75.00
Total \$1,175.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$260.00
Ret. Belle. Priest 30.00
Hurricane Irma 91.00
Assumpt. Of Mary 10.00
Attendance: Sat. 11 Sun. 55



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, Sarah Frye and all priests
who are sick.

OCTOBER COUNTS: USHERS PLEASE COUNT
NUMBER ATTENDING MASS AND ALSO
NUMBER OF COMMUNICANTS---THANKS

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Zec 8:1-8	Mt 18:1-5,10
Tues: Zec 8:20-23	Lk 9:51-56
Wed: Neh 2:1-8	Lk 9:57-62
Thur: Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12	Lk 10:1-12
Fri: Bar 1:15-22	Lk 10:13-16
Sat: Bar 4:5-12,27-29	Lk 1:26-38
Sun: Is 5:1-7 Phil 4:6-9	Mt 21:33-43

Saturday, October 7

Lector: Jay Fyie
EM: Sally Conley, Diana Zurliene
Ushers: Nick & Don Zurliene
Gifts: Nick Zurliene Family
Servers: volunteers

Sunday, October 8

Lector: David Mills
EM: Peg Garrison, Emily Milligan
Ushers: Libby & Annie Pond
Gifts: The Wellen Family
Servers: Drew Milligan, Jackson Mills

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 30, 5:30 p.m. – Rosary, 6:00 p.m. mass – For the living & deceased of the parish
Sunday, October 1, 8:00 a.m. Rosary, 8:30 a.m. mass – Catholic Extension donors
Tuesday, October 3, 6 p.m. – Rosary, 6:30 p.m. mass – Regina Buckleh+
Wednesday, October 4, 6 p.m. – Rosary, 6:30 p.m. mass – Evelyn Myers+
Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight
Thursday, October 5, 7:30 a.m. – Rosary, 8:00 a.m. mass – Bill & Mary Handley+
Friday, October 6, 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, October 7, 5:30 p.m. – Rosary, 6:00 p.m. mass – For the living and deceased of the parish
Sunday, October 8, 8:00 a.m. Rosary, 8:30 a.m. mass– Tom Scanlan+

Weekly Contributions 09-24-17

Envelopes..... \$ 1710.00
Loose..... 112.00
Total \$ 1822.00

Retired Diocesan Priests \$20

Mass Attendance:
Saturday - 56 Sunday – 87

PSR Schedule Fall 2017

October 1- Class	October 29 - Class
October 8 - No Class (Chicken BBQ)	November 5 - Class
October 15- Class	November 12 - Class
October 22 – Class	November 19 - Class
November 26: No Class (Thanksgiving Weekend)	

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Sunday, October 1– Sacrament of Reconciliation 8 a.m.,
Food Pantry Collection
Tuesday ,October 3, Bible Study after mass
Wednesday., October 5 – Pastoral Council, 7 p.m.
Eucharistic Adoration 7 pm - midnight
Friday, October 6 - 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, Duck Greenwood,
Paul Weidner, Marilyn Wheaton, Jim Brown, Jakob Lane

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, October 7

Lector: Mary Roy **Commentator:**
Volunteer
EM: Krista Weidner, Pat Ridgeway,
Cheryl McCarty

Altar Servers: Pierce Family, Allie Parker
Ushers: Don Talmant, Mike Winka

Sunday, October 8

Lector: Deb Zimmerman
Commentator: Ted Zimmerman
EM: Randy Wells, Ted Whitehead, Kevin
Stinner
Altar Servers: Sam, Max, Nolan Duquaine
Ushers: Justin Fleener, Jacob Whitehead

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

The St. Stephen Parish / Knights of Columbus Chicken BBQ will be held Sunday, October 8. Serving is from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Ladies of the parish are asked to bring two desserts. Help is needed on Saturday, October 7, and on the day of the barbecue. Sign up sheets are on the table by the social room. Please sign up to help. Thank you!



PSR NEWS: It's 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. NO PSR on October 8th.

Thanks to everyone who helped deliver Meals on Wheels in September. Those who gave their time and service were Dan Sulsberger and family, Jane Henson, Pat Ridgeway, Jacquie Lueking, Jill Fehrenbacher, Jean Guerrettaz, Bernie Brown, Tom & Mary Lancaster, Beth & Phil Fancher, Dorothy Uebinger, Susan Schroeder, Jim & Cheryl McCarty, Don & Mary Talmant.

St. Ann's Altar Society is accepting donations to fund the many activities and projects we support. Please pick up your envelope in the back of church. We can save money on postage by picking up the envelope instead of mailing them. Thank you

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 Bible Study. Everyone is welcome.

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

The next Altar Society rotating chairman are: Bernie Brown, Gretchen Stinner, Beth Fancher.

Guadalupe Project will be holding several fundraisers through the end of 2017. Traditionally, the winter/holiday months are very busy for non-profits, and with the record numbers that Guadalupe Project has been seeing, since the opening of the new building, the winter months could be the busiest yet for Guadalupe Project. The extra funds from the upcoming fundraisers will allow Guadalupe Project to continue to serve all of the young families who visit every month.

Guadalupe Project is holding a Pizza Fundraiser from now until October 21. Orders can be placed on the sheets at either entrance. If you would be interested in helping to sell pizzas to family, friends, or coworkers, please pick up an order sheet and more information from Laura Whitehead (618-599-6786). Thank you!



ST. EDWARD NEWS

PSR NEWS

Dates for Children's Choir practice and performances: October 1, November 5, and December 3.
Practice will begin at 10:00am following PSR classes and performances will be before and after Masses on these dates.

HURRICANE IRMA RELIEF ASSISTANCE

WE ARE STILL TAKING DONATIONS FOR HURRICANE IRMA THIS WEEKEND. THERE IS A BOX LOCATED IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. THANK-YOU.

MASS STIPENDS ARE ONCE AGAIN RUNNING LOW. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE MASS INTENTIONS FOR LOVED ONES OR FOR ANYTHING PLEASE PUT NAME(S) IN AN ENVELOPE WITH \$10 PER INTENTION. THANK-YOU.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDARS:

SUNDAY, October 15TH: Parish Feast Day—Potluck to follow 10:30am Mass.
MONDAY, October 16th: Altar Sodality—6:00pm All ladies of the Parish are invited.
SATURDAY, October 22ND: Fall Harvest Party at Nick & Laura Zurliene's Home.--The new time is 5-8pm. Chili provided please bring a covered dish. Bring lawn chairs. There will be a hayride and games. Sign ups in the hall for volunteers.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Not Fair!
Children think they are wronged when another gets a bigger cookie, a desired seat, or favored praise. Adults can be no better, if truth be told. Today's readings are about attitude and about other ways of being fair. Prophet Ezekiel addresses individual responsibility for actions. St. Matthew has two points: one must do more than just **sound** obedient and, by **actual** obedience, even perceived outsiders can get into the kingdom of God. St. Paul sings of the humble obedience of Christ Jesus — **emptying of self** (*kenosis* in Greek) is the shorthand.
~How will I empty myself with more compassion, more mercy, and less selfishness?
~How can I "regard others as more important" than myself?
~How will I be obedient?

PARISH FINANCE MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH AT 7:00PM.

FROM FATHER CHARLES DESK:

God is merciful and kind to all who make sincere efforts of changing from their wrong ways to do good.

Today’s first reading, Ezekiel 18:25-28, tells us that we(sinners) have time to change, that we can change our ways (attitude) for the sake of eternal life.

Here, the prophet prophesized God’s wishes for us, and he said “If a sinner can turn from his wickedness, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life.” The reading is talking about God’s mercy and love, and it also emphasizes on our sincere effort of doing what is right . It is like telling us that life eternal is for those who keep doing God’s words.

The reading recalls what saint Paul ‘s second letter says to the Corinthians ,(2 Corinthians 5:17- 18) says, “ Therefore , if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone , the new is here: All this is from God , who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”

Today’s Gospel reading, Mathew 21:28-32,talks about change of minds , and an attitude of doing what is right. In life, it is very important we change our minds by doing what is right , and it happened in today’s Gospel. Jesus said, “ Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.” They believed on keeping the words of God. They renounced their old ways and accepted Christ in their lives. They realized their mistakes and made it right by loving their God and their neighbors. Zacchaeus, Mathew, Paul and Mary the Magdalene made a ‘U Turn’ or change of minds, when they realized their wrong ways .They saw Jesus as best in their life because they had peace of mind .

My dear sisters and brothers in the lord, we can also change our minds if we can take a leaf from Jesus. He was obedient even to the end. In today’s second reading , Saint Paul admonishes the people of Philippians to imitate Christ who humbled himself and was obedient to His father to the point of death. Therefore one can have change of mind when he learns to be humble and obedient to God.

Obedience is better than sacrifice! Therefore, it is only when we humble ourselves that we can realize our faults and mistakes, which can propel us to change our minds.

ST. EDWARD NEWS

There are new locks on the doors in the Parish Hall. If you need a new key, you will need to bring your old ones to the church office to exchange for a new one. Parish hours are Tues., Wed., and Fri. 8-12. Thanks.

Starting in October the ushers will have the TV on in the hall if anyone needs to step out during mass.

Altar Sodality will have their first meeting of the fall on Monday, October 16th at 6:00pm. All Ladies are invited.

October 14 - Rosary Rally

On October 13, 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared for the sixth time to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. During the six visits from our Lady, she told the children the following:

- “Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world and an end to the war.”
- “I want you to pray the Rosary every day.”
- “Make everything you can a sacrifice, and offer it to God as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and in supplication for the conversion of sinners.”
- “Jesus wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. I promise salvation to those who embrace it.”
- “Continue praying the Rosary every day.”

The annual Rosary Rally will be held this year on Saturday, October 14, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima’s last apparition to the Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucia. This annual event, which will begin at 12:00 noon, will be held in conjunction with nearly 20,000 other Rosary Rallies held throughout the country. Everyone is invited to attend this rally to grow closer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to ask her intercession for our country, our Church, our parish, and our own special intentions. Remember that Mary has promised salvation to those who embrace devotion to her Immaculate Heart as requested by Jesus. Please mark the date on your calendars and plan to join the rally October 14, 2017 at 12:00 noon.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

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.

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.

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.

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.

