

Vocation Corner

Jesus calls us today to produce fruit in his vineyard. Therefore our vocation can never be inward looking for our own fulfillment, but we should always be focused on the service to others for the Body of Christ. The vine of our vocation is Jesus, and so all that we do must have Him at the center to produce any fruit for the greater good of the vineyard. We are not merely branches in isolation, but parts of the Body at service to other parts and to Christ the Head.

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.

The Newman Center Auxiliary is hosting its Annual Fall Gala on November 4. The event will include a catered prime rib dinner by the Knights of Columbus, music and a silent auction to help raise money for the Newman Catholic Student Center, SUI-Carbondale. The Gala will be held in the Newman Center, with hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and silent auction from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person. Information contact Susan at Newman Center 618-529-3311.

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

St. Joseph Church, Olney will hold their Annual Smorgasbord, Bazaar and Raffle on October 15. Dinner will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and will include ham, roast beef, homemade noodles, corn, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls, cake, salad bar and more. Bazaar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., raffles, basket chance stand, country store, cake stand and bingo. Mass schedule will change to 10 a.m. on October 15. Everyone welcome.

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.

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 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.**



ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 7, 4:00pm—Dennis Milligan+

Sunday, October 8, 10:30am—Larry McClure+

Thursday, October 12, 6:30pm—Dick Reyling+ Bible Study—7:00pm

Friday, October 13, 8:00am—Catholic Extension Donors

Saturday, October 14, 4:00pm—John Robison III+

Sunday, October 15, 10:30am—Joe & Kathryn Basinger+

Rosary—Every Saturday 3:30pm and 2nd Sunday 10:00am

Weekly Contributions 10-01-2017

Envelopes(34) \$2,147.00
Loose 136.00
Total \$2,283.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$124.00
Ret. Belle. Priest 25.00
Hurricane Irma 20.00
Donation 60.00

Attendance: Sat. 22 Sun. 74

Saturday, October 14

Lector: Diana Zurliene

EM: Tim & Jackie Schoenborn

Ushers: Jim & Margaret Thompson

Gifts: John & Leslie Robison

Servers: volunteers

Sunday, October 15

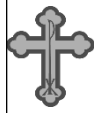
Lector: Mike Ferido

EM: David Mills, Sarah Pickens

Ushers: Scott Merkle, Kent Ochs

Gifts: The Kosmatka Family

Servers: Will Wright, Jed Wellen



Garland Keck, Kim Buchanan,
Lanora Neavill, Ute Britton, Leon
Chamness, Jack Ciesielczyk, Jalain
Thompson, 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, Tom Colvin, Andrew Mayo, Robyn
Meagher, Sheila Zurliene, Sandra Henson, Andrew
Luna, Elaine Jeffers, Jeff Zurliene, Jodi Hunt, Mary
Murphy, Claire Grosso, Sarah Frye, Homer and
Shirley Clark 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: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11 Lk 10:25-37
Tues: Jon 3:1-10 Lk 10:38-42
Wed: Jon 4:1-11 Lk 11:1-4
Thur: Mal 3:13-20b Lk 11:5-13
Fri: Jl 1:13-15;2:1-2 Lk 11:15-26
Sat: Jl 4:12-21 Lk 11:27-28
Sun: Is 25:6-10a Phil 4:12-14,19-20 Mt 22:1-14

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 7, 6:00 p.m. mass – For the living & deceased of the parish,
5:30 p.m. – Rosary

Sunday, October 8, 8:30 a.m. mass – Tom Scanlan+ 8:00 a.m. Rosary,

Tuesday, October 10, 6:30 p.m. mass – Francis Irwin+ 6 p.m. – Rosary

Wednesday, October 11, 6:30 p.m. mass – Raymond Grundy+ 6 p.m. – Rosary

Thursday, October 12, 8:00 a.m. mass – Regina Buckleh+ 7:30 a.m. – Rosary

Saturday, October 14, 6:00 p.m. mass – Ray & Irene Winka 5:30 p.m. – Rosary

Sunday, October 15, 8:30 a.m. mass– Jim Stanford+ 8:00 a.m. Rosary

Weekly Contributions 10-01-17

Envelopes..... \$ 1195.00
Loose..... 134.25
Total \$ 1329.25

Food Pantry \$252.05

**Attendance: Saturday -- 66
Sunday – 75**

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, October 14

Lector: Ben Pierce

Commentator: Volunteer

EM: Phil & Beth Fancher,
Cheryl McCarty

Altar Servers: Pierce Family, Allie
Parker

Ushers: Jim Klein, Kurt Holkenbrink

Sunday, October 15

Lector: Beth Sulsberger

Commentator: Phil Fancher

EM: Kevin Stinner, Randy Wells,
Ted Whitehead

Altar Servers: Sam, Max, Nolan
Duquaine

Ushers: Kole Greenwood, Ted
Zimmerman

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Sunday, October 8– Sacrament of Reconciliation 8 a.m., No PSR,
Chicken BBQ

Tuesday, October 10, Bible Study after mass

Wednesday, October 11, Finance Committee,

Eucharistic Adoration 7 pm - midnight

Friday, October 13 - 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 14, Rosary Rally, 12 noon,

Pancake Dinner after mass

Sunday., October 15- Sacrament of Reconciliation 8 a.m.

PSR Classes after mass

PSR Schedule Fall, 2017

Oct. 8- No Class (Chicken BBQ) Nov. 5 - Class

Oct. 15 - Class Nov. 12 - Class

Oct. 22- Class Nov. 19 - Class

Oct 29 -- Class Nov. 26 - No Class (Thanksgiving weekend)

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, 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, Mark Winka

ST. STEPHEN NEWS



Pancake Dinner: There will be a pancake & sausage dinner on October 14, after mass. All food is provide so bring you self and your appetite for good food and time to catch up with good friends. All parishioners, family and friends are invited.

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 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.

Looking for Lectors/Commentators, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers contact Beth Fancher or Kevin Stinner if you are interested or would like more information.

CARD PARTY

Help us wish Father Martin-Edward a Happy Birthday on October 15. Put birthday cards in the offertory basket or give them to Trudi by October 11.

Tree of Joy For the 3rd year, St. Stephen Church will sponsor a Tree of Joy program. This tree will be placed in the back of church with angel ornaments. On the ornaments will be a number, gender and size for an item of clothing or a toy for a child of a seriously challenged family.

Parishioner may choose one or several ornaments, purchase the gifts, wrap them and return them to church with the ornament attached. The gifts will be delivered to the families in time for Christmas so these children will have something under the tree Christmas morning.

Applications are available at the back of the church and may be completed for any family in the community who is in need of this service. All application information and the names of the families chosen will be kept in strict confidence. We will also need to limit the number of families for whom we will provide and will choose those deemed in most need. Please pick up applications for any family you know who wants to be included. Fill out separate application for each child in the family, ages birth to 12. Have the family complete the applications and return an envelope marked "Tree of Joy" no later than November 12th to the parish office. Questions please contact Kevin Stinner or Cheryl McCarty. Thanks for your support and participation in this worthy project.



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 the 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 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). See the article in The Messenger on the bulletin board.



ST. EDWARD NEWS

PARISH FEAST DAY

Next Sunday, October 15th, will be having our St. Edward Parish Feast Day. Mostaccioli (by Dimaggio's) and chicken breasts (by Matt Kinney) will be provided. Please bring a covered dish or dessert. Drinks will also be provided. The festivities will be following 10:30 mass. See ya there!!!

PARISH FINANCE: *The St. Edward Finance Committee met on Thursday night. The Committee and Father Charles would like to thank all of the Parishioners of St. Edward for your very generous gifts you give each week to our church. Finances are very steady at this time, so keep up the good work. On the bulletin board in the hall is Financial reports for you to view. If you have any questions please contact the church office. Again, Thank-you for your loyal support.*

PSR NEWS: **Dates for Children's Choir practice and performances: November 5, and December 3. Practice will begin at 10a.m following PSR classes and performances will be before and after Masses on these dates.**

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 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.

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.

FROM FATHER CHARLES' DESK:

In today's first reading, Isaiah 5:1-7, the prophet Isaiah tells us about the good plan of the Lord, who planted his choicest vine in his vineyard, and expected it to be rich and prosperous but what he found in it were only wild grapes.

Dear sisters and brothers in the Lord, God has planted his choicest vine in our life, but often, it appears that we produce wild grapes. As Catholics, we were privileged to have the sacraments, (The Holy Eucharist, Baptism, Sacrament of Reconciliation, etc.), which could serve as incentives, to help us produce good fruits, but the reverse is often the case.

Furthermore, in the Gospel reading, taken from the Gospel of St Mathew 21:33-43, Jesus told the people the parable of wicked tenants, who were greedy and dangerously bad. The lessons inherent in this parable, for every one of us, is that the world is not ours but God's. The world belongs to God alone even when we reject His precepts. And to this, Jesus said, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord, has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes!"

The parable of the wicked tenants referred directly to the leaders of Israel, to whom it was given, the care of the vineyard but they didn't produce good fruits for the Lord. They rejected the son who came to help them produce good yields. The vineyard was then, taken from them and given to new keepers. In Jesus Christ, the Gentiles (every other race aside Jews) are the new agents of God's purpose, blessing and grace in our world.

Subsequently, in the second reading, taken from St Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:6-9, St. Paul urges us to present our worries to the Lord through prayer, petition and with thanksgiving. According to him, anxiety and worries cannot solve our problem, it will instead, worsen it. We can, however, present our worries to the Lord if we trust in him, to care for us. It is good to put our faith in God when we experience anxiety in life. We have every right to be afraid in this world because of so many things happening around us today.

We can, however, place our faith on the Lord, when such fears arise; we keep to what we have learnt from the church, practicing our faith in God especially endeavoring to receive the sacraments in true and pure hearts. Let us then, altogether, place our trusts and faith in God for He cares for us.

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, at St. Stephen, Flora, 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, 12:00 noon.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

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

