

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.**

Next week, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Each year, the entire Church is invited to support the your mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the poorest of the poor. This year, we are invited to “Chat with the Pope” to learn more about his mission. Learn more at ChatWithThePope.org

Through the generosity of your parishioners, the Chancery will be remitting \$176,597.85 to the National Office for Hurricane Harvey Relief.

We have received the special collection funds from 76 percent of the parishes. If you parish has not yet remitted this special collection, please do so as soon as possible.

I will update as the collection for Hurricane Irma is collected.

Thank you - Michael Gibbons CFO, Diocese of Belleville

Vocation Corner “It is in the Church, in communion with all the baptized, that the Christian fulfills his vocation. From the Church he receives the Word of God containing the teachings of “the law of Christ.” From the Church he receives the grace of the sacraments that sustains him on the “way.” From the Church he learns the example of holiness and recognizes its model and source in the all-holy Virgin Mary; he discerns it in the authentic witness of those who live it; he discovers it in the spiritual tradition and long history of the saints who have gone before him and whom the liturgy celebrates in the rhythms of the sanctoral cycle.” Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2030

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.

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.

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.

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 years' experience. See church bulletin board.



ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 14, 4:00pm—John Robison III+
Sunday, October 15, 10:30am—Joe & Kathryn Basinger+
Thursday, October 19, 6:30pm—Irene Witte+ Bible Study—7:00pm
Friday, October 20, 8:00am—For the deceased of the Parish+
Saturday, October 21, 4:00pm—Dennis Milligan+
Sunday, October 22, 10:30am—Andrew & Joan Kubacki+
Rosary—Every Saturday 3:30pm and 2nd Sunday 10:00am

Weekly Contributions 10-08-2017

Envelopes(21) \$ 933.00
Loose 82.00
Total \$1,015.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$ 45.00
Donation 30.00

Attendance: Sat. 20 Sun. 56



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.

Saturday, October 21

Lector: Mike Oppenheimer
EM: Diana Zurliene, Sally Conley
Ushers: Ken & Theresa Nordmann
Gifts: Jay & Lisa Fyie
Servers: volunteers

Sunday, October 22

Lector: Debra Simmers
EM: Peg Garrison, Mary Murphy
Ushers: Bob & Henry Simmers
Gifts: Kent Ochs Family
Servers: Will Wright, Collin Pickens

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

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Rom 1:1-7 Lk 11:29-32
Tues: Rom 1:16-25 Lk 11:37-41
Wed: 2 Tm 4:10-17b Lk 10:1-9
Thur: Rom 3:21-30 Lk 11:47-54
Fri: Rom 4:1-8 Lk 12:1-7
Sat: Rom 4:13, 16-18 Lk 12:8-12
Sun: Is 45:1,4-6 1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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,
Tuesday. October 17, 6:30 p.m. mass – Bill & Mary Handley+ 6 p.m. – Rosary
Wednesday, October 18, 6:30 p.m. mass – Roger Beard+ 6 p.m. – Rosary
Thursday, October 19, 8:00 a.m. mass – Catholic Extension Donors 7:30 a.m. – Rosary
Saturday, October 21, 6:00 p.m. mass – Madonna Goellner+ 5:30 p.m. – Rosary
World Mission Sunday, October 22, 8:30 a.m. mass– For the living and deceased of
the parish 8:00 a.m. Rosary

Weekly Contributions 10-08-17

Envelopes..... \$ 1390.75
Loose..... 131.00
Total \$ 1521.75

Food Pantry - \$125.00

Cemetery - \$355.00

**Attendance: Saturday -- 72
Sunday -- 84**

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, October 21

Lector: Cheryl McCarty
Commentator: Volunteer
EM: Dennis Holkenbrink,
Jim & Dorothy Croy
Altar Servers: Pierce
Family
Ushers: Jerry Price, Jim
McCarty

Sunday, October 22

Lector: Beth Sulsberger
Commentator: Phil
Fancher
EM: Kevin Stinner, Gerald
Klein, Ted Whitehead
Altar Servers: Sam, Max,
Nolan Duquaine
Ushers: Ted Zimmerman,
Justin Fleener



St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Saturday, October 14 – Rosary Rally, noon,
Pancake dinner after mass
Sunday, October 15– Sacrament of Reconciliation 8 a.m.,
PSR following mass
Tuesday, October 17, Bible Study after mass
Wednesday, October 18 , Finance Committee,
Eucharistic Adoration 7 pm - midnight
Friday, October 20 - Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Serve Rosary 12:00 noon, Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 21- Sacrament of Reconciliation 8 a.m.
PSR Classes after mass

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
Dudzick, 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

PSR Schedule Fall, 2017

Oct. 15- Class
Oct. 22 - Class
Oct. 29- Class
Nov. 5 - Class
Nov. 12 - Class
Nov. 19 - Class
Nov. 26 –No Class
Thanksgiving
Dec. 3 – Class
Dec. 10 - Class (Practice for
Program)
Dec. 17 - No Class
Dec. 24 - No Class Christmas
Dec. 31 - No Class New
Years

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

Tree of Joy For the 3rd year, St. Stephen’s 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 by Christmas so these children will have something under the tree Christmas morning. Applications are available at the back of church and may be completed for any family in the community. 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. Pick up applications for families, fill out separate application for each family member, age’s birth to 12 and have the family complete the applications and return in an envelope marked "Tree of Joy" no later than Nov. 12, to the parish office. Questions contact Kevin Stinner or Cheryl McCarty. Thanks for your support and participation in this worthy project.



ALL SOULS PICTURE DISPLAY November is the month dedicated to all souls departed. We will again be calling to mind our deceased loved ones by placing their pictures in front of the altar. If you have pictures of your loved ones that you would like to have remembered in this way, please leave them on the table in the back of church. Also names of your deceased loved ones can be entered in the Memorial Book on the stand next to the baptistery in the front of church.

Sympathy is extended to Charity Thompson and family on the death of her sister Laurel Carter who passed away Friday, October 6. Her funeral was October 10, at Neal Funeral Home, Louisville, with interment in Shouse Chapel Cemetery, Bible Grove. May she rest in peace.



The St. Anne's annual basket raffle will be begin on November 11th, and the drawings will take place at the Cookie Walk. Please consider donating a basket for this fundraiser. If you would rather give items or money we will happily accept those too. Ticket sales will begin and the baskets will be available for viewing after weekend Masses starting Nov. 11. We will accept baskets up until the morning of the Cookie Walk. Be creative, have fun, and help us raise money for St. Anne's general fund. The general fund helps supply altar breads and altar cloths, and cover funeral dinner expenses, as well as paying for other necessities for our church. Baskets may be given to Pat Greenwood, Kathy Price, or Erin Pierce.

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 project article in The Messenger on the bulletin board.



ST. EDWARD NEWS

IN HONOR OF OUR PATRON SAINT EDWARD THE KING & CONFESSOR
OCTOBER 13TH

In honor of our Patron Saint Edward the King & Confessor we will recite the following prayer:

O, God, who called your servant Edward to an earthly throne That he might advance your heavenly kingdom, and gave him zeal for your Church and love for your people: Mercifully grant that we who commemorate him this day may be fruitful in good works, and attain to the glorious crown of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fr. Charles Anyaoku wishing all parishioners a Happy and a Blessed Feast Day!

PARISH FEAST DAY:

This 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!!!

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.

ALTAR SODALITY: St. Edward Altar Sodality will be holding their first fall meeting on Monday, October 16th at 6:00pm. Items to discuss will be upcoming Advent and Christmas projects. Such as Advent Bags for shut-ins and St. Edward Christmas Brunch. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend.

FALL HARVEST PARTY: Nick & Laura Zurliene will be holding a Fall Harvest Party at their house on Sunday, October 22nd from 5-8pm. Chili will be provided, please bring a covered dish. There will be a hayride, games, costume judging(so dress up). We will need some volunteers to help with various activities. There are sign ups in the hall. Please bring lawn chairs with you. See ya all there.



JOINT PARISH COUNCIL: On Wednesday, October 25th, St. Stephen and St. Edward Parish Councils will be having their fall joint meeting starting at 7:00pm following 6:30pm mass. All council members and trustees of both parishes need to attend. If you want to carpool to St. Stephen please meet at the church by 5:45pm.

FROM FR. CHARLES’ DESK:

“My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?”

In today’s Gospel passage we hear of a wedding feast hosted by a king. As we’d expect, the feast reflects his personality. We’re given hints of how lavish it was. Yet this earthly king symbolizes God the Father. Just as the king’s feast is a feast fit for a king, so the feast that it symbolizes is a feast befitting God: an infinite feast. In other words, the feast in the parable symbolizes Heaven itself. Jesus preaches this parable to help those listening imagine what heaven is like.

In describing “ The kingdom of heaven”, the parable first explain Heaven’s seating capacity, that God wants everybody there.

The wedding feast is given in honor of the king’s son. This son symbolizes Jesus Christ, of course. So what does this tell us about the kingdom of Heaven? We might turn to the book of Revelation, where St. John the Evangelist describes Heaven as the wedding feast of the Lamb of God.

The multitudes in Heaven sing eternal praise to the lamb who was slain. We ourselves refer to this right before Holy Communion. The priest elevates the sacred Host and declares:” Behold, the Lamb of God, behold Him, who takes away the sins of the world, Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb”. Our response acknowledges that our need of forgiveness is our ticket to entering this wedding supper: sacramentally at Holy Mass, and – hopefully- in Heaven forever.

In other words, God offering us forgiveness is His invitation to share in the wedding feast of Heaven. With this background, what are we to make of the violence in the parable? The violence flies in two directions. The second is on the part of the king, who acts in retribution .Jesus issues a warning to us here that His Father is not just some sort of teddy bear, but rather a just Judge.

The parable’s invited guests symbolizes all of mankind, who have heard God’s desire that “ all peoples” and all nations” enter into the wedding feast of Heaven, but who may enter only through confession of their sins. We need to understand the parable’s invited guests as including ourselves. Most of us are accustomed to think of Heaven as the fulfillment of our own greatest wishes, hope and desire. Nonetheless, there’s one important truth that is left out of today’s parable. Jesus Christ didn’t leave it out because He was a poor teacher. Rather, you and I are slow learners. Here, you and I should always wear our garments to the feast, the garment of truth, faithfulness, peace, joy, compassion . We are not only invited guests, but we are invited to espouse ourselves to the king’s son! Although we are familiar with the idea that the church is the Bride of Christ, we may not be used to reflecting on ourselves as being espoused to Jesus Christ. But consider that truth in the light of today’s parable.

My dear Brothers and sisters in the Lord, may we always put on the wedding garment on in order to be saved. May we remember Jesus’ instructions given to us in the sermon on the mountain.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

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.

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

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

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.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Chicken BBQ, it was a great success and delicious!!!

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.

At one slipped by

