

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 to 8:20 a.m. or call for appointment

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.**

FROM THE DESK OF BISHOP BRAXTON -- FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Mass is a time of silence and prayer, not idle chitchat, Pope says -- Mass is the highest form of prayer and not an appropriate moment for small talk, Pope Francis said. At church, Catholics should spend their time in silence before Mass, preparing "to meet with Jesus" instead of engaging in "chitchat," Pope Francis said Nov. 15 during his weekly general audience. "Silence is so important," he said. "Remember what I told you last time: we are not going to a show. Silence prepares us and accompanies us."

The Pope continued his new series of audience talks on the Mass, reflecting on the Eucharist as a form of prayer that is "the highest, the most sublime and, at the same time, the most concrete" way of encountering God's love. "This is the greatest grace: to experience that the Eucharist is the privileged moment to be with Jesus and, through him, with God and with our brothers and sisters," Pope Francis said.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal... join us as Partners in Hope

On behalf of the ministries and programs funded by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and those they serve, we thank you for your prayers and generosity to the 2017 campaign. May you and your families feel the warmth of God's love and the comfort of His peace at Thanksgiving and always.

There will be a new **Vocation Committee** formed. This committee is for the expressed intentions for praying and actively advocating for vocations in our parishes.

There is still time to give to the World Mission collection. Also, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Mission collection.

These are important missions that we need to support.

We are remitting our final amounts to the National Office for the relief collections for Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

The Diocese collected \$196,242 for Hurricane Harvey and \$63,982 for Hurricane Irma. Thank you to all your parishioners for your generosity in these collections.

Regards Michael D. Gibbons, CFO
 Diocese of Belleville

Beginning with the December 2/3, 2017
 Advent Missals

The Penitential Act, Gloria, Nicene Creed and Invitation to Communion prayer are being printed on the inside cover of English missals.

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 25, 4:00pm—Marshall & Lucille Sork+
Sunday, November 26, 10:30am—Stacy Winkeler+
Thursday, November 30, 6:30pm—John Robison III+
Friday, December 1, 8:00am—Blessings Received
Saturday, December 2, 4:00pm—Dennis Milligan+
Sunday, December 3, 10:30am—St. Edward Parishioners

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

Weekly Contributions 11-19-2017

Envelopes(25) \$1,076.00
Loose 181.00
Total \$1,257.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$ 77.00
Donation 75.00
Human Develop. 60.00

Attendance: Sat. 51 Sun. 41

Saturday, December 2

Lector: Jay Fyie
EM: Tim & Jackie Schoenborn
Ushers: Ken & Theresa Nordmann
Gifts: Hank Eckleberry, Teresa Williams
Servers: volunteers

Sunday, December 3

Lector: Tom Konopasek
EM: Mary Murphy, Peg Garrison
Ushers: Scott Merkle, Richard Rennier
Gifts: The Pickens Family
Servers: Jackson Mills, Cali Bunting



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, Jodi Hunt, Claire Grosso,
Sarah Frye, Homer and Shirley Clark, Sam Ochs
and all priests who are sick.

ALTAR SODALITY & PASTORAL COUNCIL WILL
NOT MEET IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Lk 21:1-4
Tues: Dn 2:31-45 Lk 21:5-11
Wed: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17 Lk 21:12-19
Thur: Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22
Fri: Dn 7:2-14 Lk 21:29-33
Sat: Dn 7:15-27 Lk 21:34-36
Sun: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2b-7 1 Cor 1:3-9
MK 13:33-37

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 25, 6:00 p.m. mass – Edward Jeneski+
Sunday, November 26, 8:30 a.m. mass – Mass of Thanksgiving
Tuesday, November 28, 6:30 p.m. mass – Margo Etchison+
Wednesday, November 29, 6:30 p.m. mass – Catholic Extension Donor
Thursday, November 30, 8:00 a.m. – Peggy Kessler+
Saturday, December 2, 6:00 p.m. mass – Connie Meyers+
First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 8:30 a.m. mass – St. Ann’s Altar Society
Rosary will be said a half an hour before each mass +designates deceased

Weekly Contributions 11-19-17

Envelopes..... \$ 1,343.00
Loose..... 181.00
Total \$ 1,524.00

We Need - \$1,731.00
Catholic Campaign for Human
Development - \$50.00

Attendance: Sat.- 63 Sun. – 80

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, November 25

Lector: Sam Pierce
Commentator: Volunteer
EM: Krista Weidner, Pat
Ridgeway, Dennis Holkenbrink
Altar Servers: Pierce Family,
Ushers: Don Talmant, Mike
Winka

Sunday, November 26

Lector: Beth Sulsberger
Commentor: Deb Zimmerman
EM: Phil & Beth Fancher,
Ted Whitehead
Altar Servers: Evelyn Stinner
Ushers: Tom Lancaster, Ted
Zimmerman

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Sunday, November 26, Sacrament of Reconciliation
8 – 8:30 a.m., No PSR
Tuesday, November 28, Bible Study after mass
Wednesday, November 29, Parish Council after mass
Eucharistic Adoration 7 pm - midnight
Friday, December 1, Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 a.m. –
3:15 p.m. Servite Rosary 12:00 noon,
Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 2, Cookie Walk, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sunday, December 3- Sacrament of Reconciliation 8 a.m.
PSR after mass



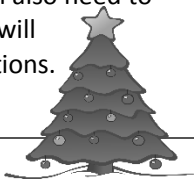
PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Griffy, Bill
Marks, Nichole Wheaton, Lisa Persinger,
Verna Oliver, LaVonne Kemmerer, Patience
McKnight, Clara Wilson, Claire Fopay, Mildred
Garrison, Ray Vaughn, Anita Allen, Joe Falica,
Lois Houlihan, Ray & Irene Winka, Pat
Venable, Chris Boyd, Dr. Mark Wallace, Gerty
Grundy, Ginny Timm, Tracy Winka, Steve
Dudzick, Ruth Wilson, Mike Burge, Angie
Borrelli, Roger Wells, Tom Kasper, Becky
Payne, Rita & Judy Porter, Bob Bluhm,
Rhonda Ryker, Kelly Coan, Rick Harvey, Dr.
Don Bunnell, Duck Greenwood, Paul Weidner,
Marilyn Wheaton, Jim Brown, Jakob Lane, Ted
Zimmerman, Diana Fleener, Rodney
Greenwood, Robbie Porter

PSR Schedule
Fall, 2017

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 Year

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

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 have a number and information about a child of a seriously challenged family. Parishioner may choose one or several ornaments, purchase gifts, wrap them and return 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 are to be completed for individual family members in the community. All application information about the families 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 return applications. Questions call Cheryl McCarty. Thanks for your support.



If you would like to donate towards the Christmas poinsettas, in memory of a loved one, pick up an envelope on the tables at each entrance in church.



Notes from Altar Society Meeting, November 5
Eighteen people were in attendance.

Erin Pierce will have baskets from the Basket Raffle at the WNOI Bazaar on November 11. Next year we will need a new chairman for the Basket Raffle. Thanks to Erin Pierce for all she's done with it!

The Cookie Walk will be held Saturday, December 2, from 9 a.m to 1 p.m. Newsletters about the cookie walk were sent out to the ladies of the parish regarding the baking of the cookies and timeline.

The Altar Society will be distributing welcome baskets to new members of the St. Stephen's. These baskets will contain information about the church and a couple of small gifts.

The next Altar Society meeting is Sunday, January 21 immediately after Mass.

Guadalupe Project will be holding several fundraisers. Traditionally, the winter and holiday months are busy for non-profits, and with the record numbers, Guadalupe Project has been seeing that the winter months could be the busiest yet. 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 based on the foundation of building a culture of life. They promote the culture of life through the principles of working together to help each other. With this community spirit in mind, Guadalupe Project is supporting the project “Clay County’s Favorite Recipes.” The cookbook will be a compilation of favorite recipes from families in Clay County. Contact Laura Whitehead for more information and how to become a sponsor. laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com or 618-599-6786

The next Altar Society rotating chairman are: Jill Fehrenbacher, Mary Beth Lancaster /Susan Schroeder, and Erin and Emma Pierce.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS ARE HERE. PLEASE PICK YOUR BOOK UP IN THE SACRISTY. We need new lectors, commentators, Eucharistic ministers and Altar Servers. Please consider helping with these wonderful ministries. Questions or just want more info about the ministries, catch me after church, call me or email me. Beth Fancher

ST. EDWARD NEWS

ST. EDWARD CHRISTMAS PARTY: will be held Sunday, December 3rd following 10:30am mass. We will once again do brunch style meal. Please bring a covered dish of any kind (breakfast/brunch foods, breads, donuts, or whatever else you would like). Sodality will provide drinks and biscuits and gravy. The PSR kids will sing some Christmas songs for us and Santa will make an appearance. Door prizes will be drawn at the conclusion of the meal.



HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!!

PSR NEWS

Remember Kids to meet at the Church on Saturday, December 2nd at 9:00am to help deliver Advent Bags and sing Christmas Carols.

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

To “Prepare the way of the Lord” for your journey with the Jesse Tree, after Mass the weekend of Nov. 25-26, take a few parishioner/family names from the basket. Say some prayers for them this week. When you come to church next weekend. (Dec. 2-3, First Sunday of Advent) tie a ribbon on our Jesse Tree.

Jesse was the father of David, one of the earliest Kings of Israel. Since the Messiah was to come from the line of King in Israel, this “Jesse Tree” commemorates the ancestry of Jesus and helps us to “Prepare the way of the Lord” through our thoughts and actions.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – The Great Divide

Right and left; goats and sheep; good and bad. Question: How does the King decide who and what? Answer: Evidence of doing works of mercy! The Church has held before us in special ways these past two liturgical years, these duties, these actions, these right behaviors. Works of Mercy.

- *How can I be a better sheep?
- *How have two years of praying shaped my mercy works?
- *What more must I do?

The Haiti Mission Trip ladies will be having a bake sale in Cisne on Saturday, December 2nd. Anyone wishing to donate a baked good or two please contact Libby Pond or Teresa Williams. This is to help with their expenses. Thank-you.

Lector workbooks available in church office if anyone would like one.

FROM FATHER CHARLES' DESK:

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Thirty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time and the last Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28; Mathew 25:31-46
“He will judge the living and dead, and His kingdom will have no end “
– A kingdom of love and service.

This solemnity in honor of Christ the King brings our liturgical year to a close. Next week is Advent and the start of a new liturgical year. The feast of Christ the King used to be celebrated on the last Sunday of October before the feast of All Saints to display Christ as King of all the saints. Now, this feast ends our liturgical year.

This Sunday is dominated by the familiar parable of the sheep and the goats, the very last parable Jesus tells in Mathew’s Gospel. It is a grand and sweeping scene in which Jesus is pictured as a king and judge. This parable is a truly majestic and challenging one. It describes a moment when all the nations will be gathered together and everyone will be divided into two groups.

All people will have to appear before Jesus of Nazareth. For every person who ever lived, in the end, stands before Jesus Christ. His is the last face all will see before they enter their eternity.

Here, in this parable, Jesus tells us what is going to be on the test. The measure by which we will be tested. The Lord says, “What you did for the least of My brothers, you did to Me.” The Lord would like us to live out the gospel by showing compassion, empathy, and love to the needy, the poor, and all people.

This parable is not about philanthropy but about judgment, separating out the phony from the real. The sign that we are truly renewed by Christ, that our loyalty to Him is genuine, that our prayer is authentic, that the Holy Spirit dwells in us, that we are following the light given us, is not what we say but what we do. Specifically, have we cared for the least among us through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy?

Some say that seeing Christ in others is hard. If we can’t see Christ in others, we can be Christ to others. Are we Christ to others? Are we Christ to anybody? The answer to that question tells the truth about us, about the depth of our faith, and about our eternal destiny. Therefore, it is a word of warning and also a word of hope.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

*Would you like to help advertise the upcoming Cookie Walk? Well, you can very easily!
Just share the following information with your friends by e-mail or Facebook.*



CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

Basket Raffle/Craft Vendors
DECEMBER 2, 2017, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH



Homemade holiday cookies and candy! \$7 a pound. You’ll have the opportunity to take the “walk” and pick up your own cookies and Cookies-- Christmas candies – Specialty Items – Basket Raffle – Craft Vendors

The perfect time to pick up that special holiday gift or treat for school, office, or party. Come in and select your own cookies, choose from our pre-packaged assortments, or call 662-8121 to place an order Saturday, December 2, from 9:00 to 1:00. 1/3 of all proceeds from the sale of cookies/candies will go to the Clay County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry.



The choir is practicing on Mondays at 7 pm until Christmas. There will be NO practice Monday before Thanksgiving. Practices will resume on Nov. 27 and continue until Christmas unless announced otherwise. All are welcome.

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 Ann’s Altar Society" (no punctuation). Make it your homepage or just use it to search or make online purchases.

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

THE LITTLE BLUE ADVENT BOOKS are here. One copy per family please.

The St. Anne’s Annual Basket Raffle has begun, and the drawings will be the day of the Cookie Walk. Please consider donating a basket, give items or money. Ticket sales have begun after weekend masses. We will accept baskets until the morning of the Cookie Walk. Be creative, have fun, and help us raise money.

The general fund supplies altar breads, altar cloths and covers, 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.



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. Contact Erin or shopwithscrip.com. Retailer list is on website.

