

As we continue to execute **THE PASTORAL PLAN FOR PARISH RENEWAL AND RESTRUCTURING**, I want you to be aware of the three-year plan that the Office of Worship has created for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults to complement diocesan and parish plans.

This three-year plan will help:

- priests, deacons, liturgy committees, initiation teams, musicians and catechists
- imagine, envision, understand and implement
- a year-round catechumenate in the parish.

Each session builds on the previous session.

2018: The Focus for Year One: The Vision - ***Discover The Vision of the year-round catechumenate and how it fits with what you are already doing or should be doing***

First Session/Through the Doorway – January 28, 2018 – King’s House Retreat Center, Belleville

Second Session/Wading Deeper – August 3-4, 2018 – Holy Family Parish, Litchfield

2019: Year Two: The Methodology - ***Discover a highly successful methodology that is easy to follow and helps leaders prepare the catechumens to live a life of discipleship.***

First Session/Through the Doorway – January 27, 2019 – King’s House Retreat Center, Belleville

Second Session/Wading Deeper – July 26-27 (or Aug. 2-3), 2019 – Holy Family Parish, Litchfield

2020: Year Three: The Preparation - ***Learn the framework you use to guide the catechumens and candidates toward personal transformation.***

First Session/Through the Doorway – January 26, 2020 – King’s House Retreat Center, Belleville

Second Session/Wading Deeper – July 24-25 (or July 31-Aug. 1), 2020 – Holy Family Parish, Litchfield

PLEASE DO NOT MISS THE FIRST SESSION IN JANUARY 2018. MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND WITH YOUR PARTNERSHIP PARISH(ES). FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, PLEASE GO TO THE OFFICE OF WORSHIP [WEBSITE](#).

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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:

Saturday noon-1 p.m. & Sunday 8:00-8:20 a.m.
or call for appointment

Parish Office: Trudi Herdes, Secretary,

Office hours: Monday & Wednesday, 8 a.m. to noon
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 Father Charles,

Trudi Herdes or 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

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, January 6, 4:00pm—Jim Turner+
Sunday, January 7, 10:30am—Gerald Horman+
Thursday, January 11, 6:30pm—Blessings Received
Friday, January 12, 8:00am—For St. Edward Parishioners
Saturday, January 13, 4:00pm—Marshall & Lucille Sork+
Sunday, January 14, 10:30am—Kelly Clark+

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

Weekly Contributions 12-31-2017

Envelopes(26) \$1,160.00
Loose 103.00
Total \$1,263.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$ 95.00
First Offering 60.00
Solemnity of Mary 225.00
Christmas Offering 25.00

Attendance: Sat. 35 Sun. 36

Saturday, January 13
Lector: Don Zurliene
EM: Sally Conley, Diana Zurliene
Ushers: Jim & Margaret Thompson
Gifts: Ray & Sally Conley
Servers: volunteers

Sunday, January 14
Lector: Debra Simmers
EM: Peg Garrison, Jeff Murphy
Ushers: Bob & Hank Simmers
Gifts: The Bunting Family
Servers: Cali Bunting, Ailyn Zurliene



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, Homer and Shirley
Clark, Sam Ochs and all priests who are sick.

**FOOD PANTRY SET UP- JAN. 12TH—
8:30AM**
**FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION: JAN. 13
8:00AM**
ALL HELP IS NEEDED!!!!

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Is 42:1-4,6-7 Mk 1:7-11
Tues: 1 Sm 1:9-2 Mk 1:21-28
Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20 Mk 1:29-39
Thur: 1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45
Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a Mk 2:1-12
Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19 Mk 2:13-17
Sun: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Jn 1:35-42

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 6, 6:00 p.m. mass – Mildred Fehrenbacher+
Sunday, January 7, 8:30 a.m. mass – For the living and deceased of the parish
Tuesday, January 9, 6:30 p.m. mass – Regina Buckleh+
Wednesday, January 10, 6:30 p.m. mass – Lee & Eleanor Becker+
Thursday, January 11, 8:00 a.m. – Margo Etchison+
Friday, January 12, No mass, 8:30 – 3 p.m. Adoration, 3 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet
Sat., January 13, 6:00 p.m. mass – Ray & Irena Winka’s 57th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday, January 14, 8:30 a.m. mass – For the living and deceased of the parish

Rosary will be said a half an hour before each mass +designates deceased

Weekly Contributions
12-31-17
Envelopes..... \$1479.00
Loose..... 185.00
Total \$1,664.00 **We Need - \$1,731.00**

Christmas Collection for the needy - \$50.00
Christmas Offering - \$65.00
Solemnity of Mary - \$20.00

Attendance: Sat. - 68 Sun. – 64

Weekend Ministers
Saturday, January 13
Lector: Cheryl McCarty
Commentator: Volunteer
EM: Sam Pierce, Jim & Dorothy Croy
Altar Servers: Pierce Family
Ushers: Jim McCarty, Jerry Price

Sunday, January 14
Lector: Deb Zimmerman
Commentor: Ted Zimmerman
EM: Dorothy Uebinger, Emily Milner,
Ted Whitehead
Altar Servers: Max, Sam & Nolan Duquane
Ushers: Justin Fleener, Jacob Whitehead

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Saturday, January 6, Sacrament of
Reconciliation, noon – 1p.m.
Sunday, January 7, PSR after 8:30 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation 8-8:20 a.m.
Wednesday, January 10,
Finance Committee after 6:30 p.m. mass
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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 Dudzik, 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, Kyle Schroeder, Bob Tackett, David Sulsberger,
Doug Frost

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

Sympathy is extended to Dorothy Croy and her family on the death of her brother, Gilbert Frohning who passed on Monday January 1, at Flora Rehabilitation and HealthCare. His Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday, January 6, at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Wendelin with burial in Holy Cross Cemetery. May his soul rest in peace.

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

Please consider purchasing SCRIP cards after weekend Masses. 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, Contact Erin or shopwithscrip.com Retailer list is on website.

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. Erin erinmp1968@aol.com call 662-2266.

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.

PSR SCHEDULE

January 7, 14, 21, 28 - Classes
February 4, 11, 18, 25 – Classes
March 4, 11, 18 – Classes
March 25 – No Class, Palm Sunday
April 1 – No Class, Easter
April 8, 15, 22, 29 – Classes
May 6 – No Class, First Communion
May 13 – No Class, Mother's Day
May 20 – Last Class, Pizza Party

EucharisticAdoration Schedule

Wednesdays - 7:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight
Fridays - 8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. 12:00 noon - Servite Rosary 3:00 p.m. - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Second Sunday of each month - adoration for the intentions of Guadalupe Project
9:45 a.m. -10:15 a.m. when PSR is not in session
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. when PSR is in session

ST. EDWARD NEWS

Epiphany of the Lord—Coming and going.

They are alien visitors, Magi from the east, who seek out Jesus, the newborn king. They had “visas” from King Herod because he urged them on the journey. The story is about Jew and Gentile. About us and them. About coheirs and copartners, to use Saint Paul’s language. All members of the same body in Christ Jesus. All sharing one mystery, the one grace.

- *How do I help people come to Jesus?**
- *What gifts do I have? What treasures can I give?**
- *How will I treat the alien?**

PRE CANA DAY: Saint Francis Xavier Parish in Carbondale will be presenting a ***Pre Cana Day on Saturday, January 20th, 2018.*** Couples go to the parish website, <http://www.stfxcarbondale.org/PreCana> to download the registration for, fill it out and mail it in with the \$40.00 registration fee. ***The cutoff date for registration is January 16th, 2018.***

PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP TERESA WILLIAMS AND LIBBY POND IN YOUR PRAYERS. THEY WILL BE LEAVING JANUARY 18TH-26TH FOR THEIR MISSION TRIP TO HAITI.

As the new year begins we once again are in need of Mass Intentions. Anyone wishing to have a mass said for someone that has passed, blessings received, for a particular family matter. Please put in an envelope with intentions and \$10 per mass and just drop in the collection basket. Thanks.

WE WILL BE TAKING DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH AFTER 10:30AM MASS. ALL HELP IS NEEDED. IT SURE MAKES IT GO A LOT QUICKER. THANK-YOU

Please look over Prayer List in bulletin and let the office know if anyone can be taken off or needs to be added. Thank-you.

FROM FATHER CHARLES' DESK:

The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Today, in the liturgical calendar the church commemorates and celebrates the feast of Epiphany of the Lord. Self-revelation to the Gentiles and Jews that Christ is the Savior of the world. It's for us to recognize God's love for His people.

We celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord on twelfth day after Christmas. It's the feast of the "Three kings," the day when we recall the journey of these wise men from the East to Christ. They had with them three gifts - the Gold, the Frankincense, and the Myrrh. The Gold represented Jesus's royal standing; the Frankincense represented His divine birth, and myrrh represented His mortality. The three kings knelt before Him and offered those gifts to Him, whom they had seen as their Universal King. Jesus Christ is the King of Kings, and His reign will not end. He is an everlasting King.

Epiphany comes from the Greek word "epiphaneia" which means manifestation or appearance. The Epiphany shows that Jesus is the Savior not only of the Jewish people, but also for everybody, in every land and in every culture. The message of the power and love of Christ is for everyone. Christ is the light that leads to salvation.

The Epiphany is not just about a visit by these exotic travelers to Jerusalem centuries ago. It is a revelation of deep truths that apply to all of us today.

For unbelievers, the Epiphany reveals that God has given every person on earth a sign of His presence. The message of the Epiphany is that whatever our darkness, God's light is also there. Even if we are not fully aware of it, His light is there to guide us to that perfect light which is Jesus Christ.

However, as we celebrate this feast today, may we also follow the light of Christ in our lives which leads to eternal life and salvation. May we recognize His star always in our lives unlike the Jews who lived in Jerusalem who did not recognize Christ's star. What a great paradox at the heart of this story.

APPRECIATION

I wish to express my appreciation to all parishioners for your generous heart and love. I received your Christmas gifts and Good wishes with love. I pray for God's blessing and guidance.

I wish everyone a lovely New Year!

GRATITUDE

Fr. Charles Anyaoku wishes to express his gratitude to all parishioners for their love and supports during the Christmas festive. May God's blessing always be with you.

NOTE: The Feast of the Baptism of Christ will be celebrated on Monday, and it marks the end of Christmas season.

