

# St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches

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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](#).**

Thank you for participating in this important event. Please feel free to call with any questions you may have.

## 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

Altar Sodality – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

Men's Club - As announced

CYO Meeting - As announced

Food Pantry Distribution – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 20, 4:00pm—Tom Zurliene+  
Sunday, January 21, 10:30am—Larry McClure+  
Thursday, January 25, 6:30pm—Jenna & Joshua Mayfield+  
Friday, January 26, 8:00am—For St. Edward Parishioners  
Saturday, January 27, 4:00pm—Don Schoenborn+  
Sunday, January 28, 10:30am—Ian Penrod+

Rosary—Every Saturday 3:30pm and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 10:00am

Weekly Contributions 01-14-2018

Envelopes(26) \$1,354.00  
Loose 106.00  
Total \$1,460.00  
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$ 77.00  
First Offering 5.00  
Donations 140.00

Attendance: Sat. 35 Sun. 51



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

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TAX FORMS  
ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE HALL.

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Mk 3:22-30  
Tues: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Mk 3:31-35  
Wed: 2 Sm 7:4-17 Mk 4:1-20  
Thur: Acts 22:3-16 Mk 16:15-18  
Fri: 2 Tm 1:1-8 Mk 4:26-34  
Sat: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Mk 4:35-41  
Sun: Dt 18:15-20 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

Saturday, January 27

Lector: Mike Oppenheimer  
EM: Tim & Jackie Schoenborn  
Ushers: Don & Nick Zurliene  
Gifts: The Nick Zurliene Family  
Servers: volunteers

Sunday, January 28

Lector: Jen Wellen  
EM: Emily Milligan, Peg Garrison  
Ushers: Scott Merkle, Devon Butler  
Gifts: The Bunting Family  
Servers: Grace & Andrew Milligan

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 20, 6:00 p.m. mass – Howard & Madonna Goellner+  
Sunday, January 21, 8:30 a.m. mass – St. Ann’s Altar Society  
Tuesday, January 23, 6:30 p.m. mass – John & Bertha Rudolphi+  
Wednesday, January 24, 6:30 p.m. mass – Roger & Lenore Wells+  
Thursday, January 25, 8:00 a.m. – Regina Buckleh+  
Friday, Jan. 26, No mass, 8:30 – 3 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration 3 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Sat., January 27, 6:00 p.m. mass – For the legal protection of unborn children  
Sunday, January 28, 8:30 a.m. mass – Jim Stanford+

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

Weekly Contributions

01-14-2018

Envelopes..... \$1040.00  
Loose..... 214.00  
Total ..... \$1254.00  
We Need - \$1,731.00

Solemnity of Mary - \$5.00

Attendance: Sat. - 78 Sun. – 73

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Saturday, January 13, Sacrament of  
Reconciliation, noon to 1 p.m.  
Sunday, Jan. 14, PSR after 8:30 a.m.  
Sacrament of Reconciliation 8-8:20 a.m.  
Wednesday, January 17, Eucharistic Adoration  
7 p.m. - midnight  
Friday, Jan. 19, 8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. Eucharistic  
Adoration, 12 noon - Servite Rosary  
3:00 p.m. - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, January 27

Lector: May Roy  
Commentator: Volunteer  
EM: Jim Fehrenbacher, Jim & Dorothy Croy  
Altar Servers: Pierce Family  
Ushers: Don Talmant, Mike Winka

Sunday, January 28

Lector: Gerald Klein  
Commentor: Deb Zimmerman  
EM: Dorothy Uebinger, Emily Milner, Pat  
Ridgeway  
Altar Servers: Max, Sam & Nolan Duquane  
Ushers: Ted Zimmerman, Ted Whitehead

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 Susan and Tyler Schroeder and family on the death of Tyler’s nephew, Kyle Schroeder (son of Brent & Kathy Schroeder) January 11, in St. Louis. His funeral service was January 20 in Charleston with burial following in Roselawn Cemetery, Charleston. May his soul rest in peace

**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](mailto:erinmp1968@aol.com) call 662-2266.

PSR SCHEDULE

- January 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

Messenger renewal weekend is the first weekend in February. Please renew your subscriptions or become a new subscribers to the print edition (\$25.00), the E-Edition (online \$25.00) or both for \$30.00.

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.

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

**There will be an Altar Society meeting following mass Sunday, in the social room. All ladies are welcome.**

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](http://shopwithscrip.com) Retailer list is on website.

If you would like to help earn money for St. Ann's general fund visit [Goodsearch.com](http://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.

ST. EDWARD NEWS

*PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP TERESA WILLIAMS AND LIBBY POND IN YOUR PRAYERS. THEY LEFT JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>-26<sup>TH</sup> FOR THEIR MISSION TRIP TO HAITI.*

PSR CHILDREN’S CHOIR

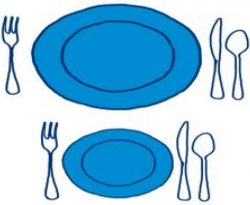
The children’s choir has started again. They will practice after PSR classes on Sunday’s.  
**PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:**  
February 4<sup>th</sup>---Do Lord  
March 4<sup>th</sup>---Lent (2:41)  
April 1<sup>st</sup>—The Solid Rock  
May 6<sup>th</sup>—Pharaoh, Pharaoh  
Any questions please contact Laura Zurliene

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Different first words today.

The first words of Jesus in the gospel of Saint Mark are: “Time of fulfillment...kingdom of God...at hand...repent...believe in the gospel.” We will hear them again with the giving of ashes at the first start of Lent. We need to be reminded, don’t we?  
**\*What is this gospel, this Good News I choose to believe today?**  
**\*How can I live both in this world and in the kingdom of God that is already begun?**  
**\*How will my belief spill into action, into mercy work?**

ST. EDWARD CHOWDER  
HOSTED BY MEN’S CLUB & ALTAR SODALITY  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2018  
AT ST. EDWARD PARISH HALL  
FOLLOWING 10:30AM MASS

EVERYONE IS WELCOME. PLEASE BRING COVERED DISH OR A DESSERT.



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**  
**Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>: Blessing of Throats at Mass**  
**Feb 14<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday—St. Stephen-7:00am St. Edward-6:30pm**

FROM FATHER CHARLES' DESK:

### **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) ----- Call to Discipleship**

In today's Gospel, Mark 1:14-20, when Jesus saw Peter, Andrew, John, and James, he said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Following these words of Jesus, they abandoned their nets and followed him.

A call to discipleship is a call to service of others; it is a call to a life of sacrifice and commitment. In the Gospel reading, as Jesus called the apostles, He assigned them work to do, and he said to them, "I will make you fishers of men." And as Scripture says, He called the apostles, not to service of himself, but to service of others.

Jesus calls each of us for a reason. The call of the Lord in Baptism is not just generic but very personal. Just as we were all created for a purpose, so each of us was called to follow Christ for a purpose—to save our soul, of course, but also for more than that.

To follow Christ, we too have to leave behind the nets that entangle us, burden us, and ensnare us. It would be tempting to imagine that if we just somehow could leave the world behind, all would be well. But would it? The conflicts, tensions, and darkness in the human heart still remain. There is no place on earth where we can go to escape the tensions within the human heart. It's like going to Florida to escape the cold weather. Where do we go to escape jealousy? Where do we go to escape anger? Where do we go to escape the desire for revenge?

To be a Christian is not simply to leave the world behind but to stay in the world as salt and light and use things of the world differently than others do for the sake of the kingdom. That is the point that St. Paul is driving at in today's second reading. If we keep our eyes fixed on Christ, then we start to see marriage, family, and work in a different light, as places where we can be Christ to others.

To follow Christ, before we change the world around us, we need to change the world inside us. It's like the repentance of the Ninevites in today's first reading. When they repented, they lived in the same city, but it was a different world.

Finally, the Gospel tells us that they followed Jesus. What does it mean to follow the Lord? It tells us that through our Baptism, Jesus has a call and a mission, a personal mission for each of us. It means that we follow Jesus not only by preserving His message but also by taking His message and His Gospel to the people around us.

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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," the Pope said November 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," the Pope said.

Meditate on this piece

Wonder of wonders and Miracle of Miracles which reminds us that the God who is God the way we would be God, if we were God.

I invite you to keep this brief meditation and review it from time to time when you find you are distracted by minor and ultimately insignificant details.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/1Eh5BpSnBBw>



