

INFORMATION FOR BOTH PARISHES

February 14, Ash Wednesday masses: St Stephen, 7 am, St. Edward, 6:30 pm

Station of the Cross (The Way to the Cross) every Friday during Lent

6pm—St. Edward 7pm—St. Stephen



Next week our parish will take up the 134th Annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Or support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

February is Catholic Press Month. Twice a month, The Messenger comes to your home to feed your faith with page after page of photos, features, local and national news. The Messenger's content is important and cannot be found in secular publications. Please renew your subscriptions by returning The Messenger subscription envelope either by mail or in your parish collection basket (\$25), the E-Edition online \$25 or both \$30.

St. Mary's Brunch
St. Marie, 8 a.m. to noon
Sunday March 4, MENU:
sausage, ham, scrambled
eggs, biscuits and gravy,
breads, fruit Adults \$7
children \$3

Hospice of Southeastern Illinois Volunteer Training
Hospice Volunteer training is being offered by Carle, Richland Memorial Hospital, Olney., March 1 and 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If interested call 800-375-9343 or 618-392-2745. Info on bulletin board.

St. Clement of Rome Wurstmarkt
603 E. MARKET STREET,
MCLEANSBORO
Sunday, February 18, serving from
10:30 am - 3:00 pm MENU: Whole
Hog Sausage-Mashed Potatoes Gravy-
Sauerkraut-Applesauce-Dessert-Drinks
Tickets Adults \$10.00, Children (5-12)
\$5.00 (Age 4 and under free)

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
"Remember that my life is like the wind," Let us make the best of our time together with our spouses by enjoying a WorldWide Marriage Encounter, weekend in Springfield, March 23-25. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or www.stl-wwme.org

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul & Western Catholic Union present "No Gun Smoking" dinner theater, March 10, McCormick Center, Belleville, ticket information 618-394-0126



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:

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

Pastoral Council - 4th Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 10, 6:00 p.m. mass – Sharon Pierce+
Sunday, February 11, 8:30 a.m. mass – For the living & deceased of the parish
Tuesday, February 13, 6:30 p.m. mass – Dominic and Mary Talmant+
Ash Wednesday, February 14, 7 a.m. mass – Al Winka+
Thursday, February 15, 8:00 a.m. – Regina Buckleh+
Friday, February 16, **7 p.m. Stations of the Cross** 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration 3 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet
Saturday, February 17, 6:00 p.m. mass – Richard Dunnigan+
Sunday, February 18, 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 02-04-2018
Envelopes..... \$2560.00
Loose..... 202.00
Total \$2762.00
We Need - \$1,731.00
Food Pantry - \$241.00

Attendance: Sat. - 50 Sun. – 87

Weekend Ministers
Saturday, February 17
Lector: Jim Fehrenbacher
Commentator: Volunteer
EM: Krista Weidner, Cheryl McCarty, Gerald Klein
Altar Servers: Pierce Family
Ushers: Jim Klein, Tony Holkenbrink

Sunday, February 18
Lector: Ted Zimmerman
Commentor: Deb Zimmerman
EM: Ted Whitehead, Dennis Holkenbrink, Randy Wells
Altar Servers: Max, Sam & Nolan Duquane
Ushers: Justin Fleener, Jacob Whitehead

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.



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, 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, Paul Weidner, Marilyn Wheaton, Jim Brown, Jakob Lane, Ted Zimmerman, Diana Fleener, Robbie Porter, David Sulsberger, J.R. Means, Clarice Schweighart, Maura Smith, Cory Britton, Lucille Anderson

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Sat. February 10, Sacrament of Reconciliation, noon to 1p
Sun. February 11, Sacrament of Reconciliation 8-8:20 a.m. PSR following mass.
Tues. February 13, Bible Study after 6:30 mass
Ash Wednesday. February 14, 7 a.m. mass
Eucharistic Adoration 7 pm- midnight
Friday, February, Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m. 8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, 12 noon - Servite Rosary 3:00 p.m. - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

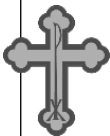
Saturday, February 10, 4:00pm—Jim Turner+
Sunday, February 11, 10:30am—Larry McClure+
Ash Wednesday, February 14, 6:30pm—Bill Grogan+ & The Grogan Family
Thursday, February 15, 6:30pm—Jenna & Joshua Mayfield+
Friday, February 16, 8:00am—Parishioners of St. Edward
Friday, February 16, 6:00pm—Stations of the Cross
Saturday, February 17, 4:00pm—Loretta Schoenborn+
Sunday, February 18, 10:30am—Jerry Zurliene+
Rosary—Every Saturday 3:30pm and 2nd Sunday 10:00am

Weekly Contributions 02-04-2018

Envelopes(30) \$1,651.00
Loose 129.00
Total \$1,780.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$ 112.00
First Offering 5.00

Attendance: Sat. 43 Sun. 60



PRAYER INTENTIONS:
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, Eva Decker, Matthew Rorban, Kathy Bramlet, Tom Colvin, Andrew Mayo, Robyn Meagher, Sheila Zurliene, Sandra Henson, Andrew Luna, Elaine Jeffers, Homer and Shirley Clark, Alice Zurliene and all priests who are sick.

Saturday, February 17
Lector: Don Zurliene
EM: Sally Conley, Diana Zurliene
Ushers:Jim & Margaret Thompson
Gifts: Dave & PJ Cavanaugh
Servers: volunteers

Sunday, February 18
Lector: Jen Wellen
EM: Emily Milligan, David Mills
Ushers: Paul Perez, Devon Butler
Gifts: The Felowitz Family
Servers: Jed Wellen, Drew Milligan

Our Daily Scripture Readings:
Mon: Jas 1:1-11 Mk 8:11-13
Tues: Jas 1:12-18 Mk 8:14-21
Wed: Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thur: Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25
Fri: Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15
Sat: Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32
Sun: Gn 9:8-15 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15

PASTORAL COUNCIL WILL MEET THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH AT 7:00PM. MINUTES ARE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.

ST. EDWARD NEWS

SOMEONE'S HAVING A BIRTHDAY!!! Father Charles birthday is Sat. February 24th. We will be celebrating on Sunday, February 25th with a potluck following 10:30am mass. The church will provide meat, pasta and drinks. Please bring a covered dish and come and wish Father a Happy Birthday!!!!

LENTEN MATERIALS: There are some Lenten materials in the hall to help prepare for the Life, Death, & Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Please feel free to take some home.

PSR CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The children's choir has started again. They will practice after PSR classes on Sunday's.
PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:

March 4th---Lent (2:41)

April 1st—The Solid Rock

May 6th—Pharaoh, Pharaoh

Any questions please contact Laura Zurliene

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: For the glory of God.

Saint Paul lays out a profoundly simple rule of thumb. Eat for the Glory of God. Drink for the Glory of God. Do everything for the Glory of God. Some suggestions:

***Grocery shopping – with an extra mercy bag for the food pantry.**

***Shovel the walk – and perhaps my elderly neighbor's, too.**

***Kiss my spouse and caress my children – and comfort someone in need.**

EVERYTHING FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb 14th: Ash Wednesday—St. Stephen-7:00am St. Edward-6:30pm

Feb 15th: Pastoral Council—7:00pm

Feb 19th: Altar Sodality—6:00pm

Feb 25th: Birthday Potluck for Father Charles following 10:30am mass

Feb 16th, 23rd, Mar 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd,----Stations of the Cross-6:00pm

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

We will be having a Plant Sale along with the Rummage Sale in April. Please be thinking about plants to sale or getting plants started for the sale. Bernie Brown and Beth Fancher will be chairing this part of the sale. If you want to help, please let us know.

. MEALS ON WHEELS We are scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels in March. There is a sign-up sheet on the table outside the Social Room. Delivery includes two routes five days a week. can sign up for a day or for the whole week. More information contact Beth Fancher 618-676-4292. Please plan on helping with this wonderful program.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic Church, or is interested in joining or returning to the Church, the RCIA program is in session and currently working on Confirmation preparation. Info contact Father Charles at 662-6261 or Cheryl McCarty at 815-343-1502.

The next Altar Society rotating chairman are: Deb & Vivian Duquane; Etchison, Winka & Whitehead; Bernie Brown

Please pick up 2017 Contribution envelopes, Little Black Book for Lent and other reading materials on table in back of church.

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.

Cookbook Copies of "Family Favorites: Clay County's Favorite Recipes" are available after Mass in the social room. Books are \$15 each and all proceeds benefit Guadalupe Project. If you have any family or friends who would like to purchase a cookbook, contact Laura and she can get extra copies to you.



2018 PSR SCHEDULE

February 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

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. Call Erin 662-2266 erinmp1968@aol.com

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 .

Eucharistic Adoration Schedule Wednesdays - 7:00 p.m. until 12 midnight

Fridays - 8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. 12 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 -10:15 a.m. when PSR is not in session 10:30. - 11:00 a.m. when PSR is in session

From Fr. Charles’s desk...

In today’s liturgy, the church celebrates the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B). In the Gospel of today, Jesus was moved with pity for the leper. He stretched out his hand, touched the leper, and said to him, “I do will it. Be made clean.”

The first reading (Leviticus 13:1-2.45-46) describes how lepers were considered ritually unclean and were compelled to live apart from the community, making the leper an outcast. Until the leper had been pronounced cured and had undergone a purification rite, he was not readmitted to the community. This reading prepares us for Jesus’s encounter with a leper in the Gospel.

We are to bring the Gospel to everyone, even to those shunned by others, such as the leper in the Gospel. We should be imitators of Christ and also ready to do everything for the glory of God. In the sacrament of Penance, Christ touches us with His grace and gives us inner healing. Just as he healed the leper physically, during Confession He brings His spiritual medicine of grace to the scars of the soul, healing the wounds and bruises of sin.

The Gospel reading (Mark 1: 40-45) tells of the cure of a leper by Jesus. Jesus broke through all the religious and social taboos and reached out a loving and healing hand to the leper. In this way Mark shows us how a Christian community should deal with sinners and people whom society rejects. Furthermore, a Christian is one who has been “cleansed” by Christian baptism and who ought to spread the “Good News.”

In the second reading (1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1) Saint Paul urges us never to do anything offensive to anyone but to do everything for the glory of God.

Note: This coming Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of Lent. We shall receive ashes on our foreheads which remind us that we are dust and unto dust we shall return. We receive also the message of repentance, “Repent and believe in the Gospel.” We are urged to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. We are called to go into the desert with Jesus for the penitential season of prayer, repentance, almsgiving, fasting, and abstaining so that we may participate more worthily in the Sacred Triduum.

Bishop Braxton has not given any dispensation to anyone from the Lenten disciplines of fasting and abstaining on Ash Wednesday. We shall have mass at St. Stephen Parish in Flora at 7:00 a.m. and at St. Edward Parish in Fairfield at 6: 30 p.m. Our spirituality is more important than our material body. Valentine celebrations come and go, but our spirituality leads us to real happiness and salvation.

During Lent, the priest wears a purple vestment for celebration of mass to symbolize the penitential season. We eat fish instead of meat on Fridays. The stations of the cross will be held every Friday evening, and we are all called to be giving up something for Lent. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting as well as abstaining from meat.

St. Stephen News

USHERS: Don’t forget to count attendance on Saturday night and Sunday mornings. Thanks

Please bring in old palms to burn for Ash Wednesday. They can be left in the Social Room



The new Pastoral Council members are Emily Milner and Justin Fleener. Congratulations.

We would like to thank those that allowed their names to be put on the ballet.

Please look at the tables in back of church, there are contributions for 2017, weekly envelopes, calendars and various reading material.

Trivia Night
Mark your calendars! The second trivia night to support Guadalupe Project will be held on February 17th at 7:00 p.m. at Anthony's Restaurant. The entry cost is \$150 for a team of up to 6 people. There are 10 rounds of 10 trivia questions each, along with fun games in between rounds. There are prizes for top teams, and the winning team receives their entry fees back.

It’s sure to be a fun time, and emceed by Mary Beth Lancaster! Contact Laura Whitehead to register your team today. If you can't play, but would like to support the fundraiser, you can register a "ghost team" for a donation of \$150. All proceeds benefit our own Guadalupe Project. Thank you!

BIBLE STUDY

This series of Bible Study has begun Tuesday evenings following 6:30 p.m. mass.

As disciples we are continually shaped by the teachings of Jesus and guided by the Spirit “Virtues of Disciples.” Mercy- God’s Nature, Our Challenges is the first theme we will explore. Study will continue on February 13 and conclude on February 20.

Trust, Confidence in the God of Salvation is the second theme. It teaches us to rely on the God who created and redeems us. This theme will be discussed starts Feb. 27 through March 20. There will be no Bible Study on March 13.

Bible passages that help us discover the virtues that challenge and provide us the most fulfilling way to live well and be a part of each study.

Materials are furnished. Please join us for all or as many sessions as possible as we seek God’s Word to keep acting within us.

