

INFORMATION FOR BOTH PARISHES

"On Tuesday of Holy Week March 27, I will celebrate the Mass of Chrism in our Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville. The Mass will begin at 11:30 a.m., in order to make it easier for our school children to participate.

The Chrism Mass is one of the principal expressions of the life of our Local Church. On this day, the Priests and the Christian Faithful of the Diocese gather around me as I consecrate the Sacred Chrism and bless the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick.

I am pleased to invite each parish and institution that reserves the Holy Oils to send two representatives to receive the Holy Oils at the Chrism Mass."

The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Bishop of Belleville
Contact Trudi at St. Stephen or Peggy at St. Edward, if you are interested.

The Newman Auxiliary is having a Quilt & Cash Bingo on April 29, at St. John the Baptist Parish, Red Bud. Lunch beings at 11 a.m. and Bingo starts at 1 p.m. Win quilts, cash, gift baskets & door prizes.

LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Chrism Mass in Belleville, 11:30 a.m., Tues., March 27

Holy Thursday, March 29- 6:30 p.m. St. Stephen, no service St. Edward

Good Friday, March 30 - Stations of the Cross – 3 p.m. and Passion 7:30 p.m. – St. Stephen
Stations of the Cross – 5 p.m. and Passion 5:30 p.m. – St. Edward

Easter Vigil - 8 p.m. – St. Edward no mass St. Stephen

Easter Sunday – regular mass times both churches



A Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land

Prayer- Solidarity – Peace

You are invited to join us on a once in a lifetime "Pilgrimage to the Holy Land,"

Nov. 26 to Dec. 7, including visits to Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Mt of Beatitude, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, CRS Projects in the area and more.

\$3,339 from Chicago plus \$195 in tips. Pilgrimage coordinator is Cheryl Sommer, CRS Coordinator.

Download from brochure and registration form, www.GoCatholicTravel.com/18017 or for more info contact Cheryl at 618-234-1166 or send an email to crsdiobelle@gmail.com. Register today.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collect, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and other religious education. The Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability has been especially hard on Christians. Thank you

Lent is a good time to decide to deepen your faith, and your relationship with your spouse. **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** offer you new tools to improve your communication, and open a whole new world of closeness. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Apr. 20-22 in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to <http://www.stl-wwme> www.stl-wwme or call 314.649.7317.

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches

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Rev. Father Charles Anyaoku, Pastoral Administrator

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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

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 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.

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Saturday, March 24, 6:00 p.m. mass – Richard Dunnigan+
Palm Sunday, March 25, 8:30 a.m. mass – For the living & deceased of the parish
Tuesday, March 27 – **No mass**
Wednesday, March 28, **No mass**
Holy Thursday, March 29, 6:30 p.m. mass
Good Friday, March 30, 3 p.m. Stations of the Cross 7:30 p.m. Passion
Saturday, March 31, No mass at St. Stephen, 8 p.m. Easter Vigil – St. Edwards, Fairfield
Easter Sunday, April 1, 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 03-18-2018

Envelopes..... \$1123.00 (42 envelopes)
Loose..... 168.00
Total \$1291.00
We Need - \$1,731.00

Catholic Relief Services Collection - \$20.00
CSMA - \$2,122.80
Attendance: Sat. – 57 Sun. – 79



PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Griffy, Bill Marks, Nicole 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, Jim Brown, Marilyn Wheaton, Diana Fleener, Robbie Porter, J.R. Means, Clarice Schweighart, Cory Britton, Lucille Anderson, Debbie Jones

St. Stephen Activities for the Week
Sat. March 23, Sacrament of Reconciliation, noon to 1p
Sun. March 24, No PSR, Sacrament of Reconciliation 8-8:20 a.m.
Wed. March 28, No Bible Study
Thur. March 29, Holy Thursday
Fri, March 30, Stations of the Cross – 3 p.m.

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.

Food Pantry Collection will be April 7 & 8.

Weekend Ministers Easter Week and Easter

Holy Thursday – Lector - Cheryl McCarty
Commentator – Jim Fehrenbacher
Euch Min – Emily Milner, Beth Sulsberger, Sam Pierce
Servers – Pierce’s & Duquaine’s

Good Friday – Narrator - Mary Roy
Voice - Cheryl McCarty
Commentator - Beth Sulberger
Euch. Min. - Sam Pierce
Servers: Pierce’s

Easter Sunday - Lector – Sam Pierce
Commentator – Phil Fancher
Euch. Min - Emily Milner, Beth Sulsberger, Beth Fancher
Servers - Duquaine’s

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Saturday, March 24, 4:00pm—John Robison III+
Sunday, March 25 (**Palm Sunday**), 10:30am—Albert Ochs+
Holy Thursday, March 29, --No Mass (St. Stephen—6:30pm only)
Good Friday, March 30, 6:00pm—Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Passion
Easter Vigil, March 31, 8:00pm—Parishioners of St. Edward & St. Stephen
Easter Sunday, April 1, 10:30am—Parishioners of St. Edward

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

Weekly Contributions 03-18-2018

Envelopes(33) \$1,798.00
Loose 130.00
Total \$1,928.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$ 152.00
Easter Flowers 166.00
CSMA 240.00
Catholic Relief Serv. 20.00
St. Pat’s Dinner 413.00
Attendance: Sat. 60 Sun. 47



PRAYER INTENTIONS:
Garland Keck, Kim Buchanan, Lanora Neavill, Leon Chamness, Jack Ciesielczyk, Jalain Thompson, 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, Tim Dittmer, Megan Young, Ed Potts and all priests who are sick.

Good Friday, March 30
Lector: Don Zurliene, Jen Wellen
Usher: Kent Ochs, Diana Zurliene
Servers:Drew Milligan, Jack Mills, Ailyn Zurliene

Easter Vigil, March 31
Lector: David Mills, Mike Oppenheimer
EM: Tim & Jackie Schoenborn
Ushers: Scott Merkle, Libby Pond
Gifts: The Garrison Family
Servers: Drew Milligan, Jack Mills, Ailyn Zurliene

Easter Sunday, April 1
Lector: Tom Konopasek
E. Mins: Jeff & Mary Murphy
Ushers: Nick Zurliene, Richard RENNIER
Gifts: The Felowitz Family

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Holy Week
Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11

Tues: Holy Week
Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed: Holy Week
Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25

Thur: Holy Thursday of The Lord’s Supper
Ex 12:1-8,11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15

Fri: The Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Is 52:13—53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1—19:42

Sat: Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
Gn 1:1—2:2 Gn 22:1-18 Ex 14:15 Mk 16:1-7

Sun: Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a,37-43 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9

ST. EDWARD NEWS

PSR CHILDREN'S CHOIR---- They will practice after PSR classes on Sunday's.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:

April 1st—The Solid Rock

May 6th—Pharaoh, Pharaoh

Any questions please contact Laura Zurliene

CHRISM MASS: WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF SOMEONE TO ATTEND THE CHRISM MASS IN BELLEVILLE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 27 AT 11:30AM. PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF INTERESTED.

St. Edward Clean-up Day

Saturday, March 31, 2018 we will be having a clean up day for Easter Liturgies. The times are 9am-12pm with lunch provided. The more hands the quicker the work goes.

EASTER EGG HUNT

ON EASTER SUNDAY ST. EDWARD WILL BE HAVING AN EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER MASS. BRING YOUR OWN BASKET. ANYONE WILLING TO DONATE "FILLED EGGS" PLEASE CONTACT LAURA ZURLIENE.

ALTAR SODALITY: The Ladies of Altar Sodality would like to thank everyone who helped with the Salad Luncheon. It was a huge success. We served 140 people with a profit of \$1,400. Also, a reminder that the Sodality are still selling tickets for the bird figurines (made by Ken Nordmann). The cost is \$1.00 for one or 6 for \$5.00. They will draw the winners at the Men's Sausage Dinner.

THANKS

THANK-YOU GOES OUT TO SCOTT MERKLE AND ALL OF HIS LITTLE LEPRECHANS FOR ANOTHER WONDERFUL ST. PATRICK'S DINNER. A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY EVERYONE.

MEN'S CLUB: The Men's Club Sausage Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 8th. Serving will be 11am-1:30pm. Once again we will need them delicious desserts from the Ladies and all help will be greatly appreciated.

PARENTS WITH PSR KIDS RECEIVING THEIR FIRST COMMUNION, JUST A REMINDER THAT FIRST COMMUNION WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, MAY 6TH, AT 10:30AM MASS.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS



If you are interested in donating toward Easter flowers fund, there are envelopes at both entrances. The flowers can be donated in memory of loved ones. Put the envelopes in the offertory basket or give to Trudi Herdes.

Choir practice for Holy Week is every Monday evening, 7 pm and continue on Mondays unless announced.

April 13/14 - Rummage Sale and Plant Sale. Start your spring cleaning and save your good clean items for our annual rummage sale No clothes



Please be thinking about plants to sale or getting plants started for the sale. Bernie Brown and Beth Fancher are co-chairwomen.

Cookbook Copies of "Family Favorites: Clay County's Favorite Recipes" are available after Mass in the social room. Books are \$15. All proceeds benefit Guadalupe Project. Contact Laura and she can get copies to you.

Please Support The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal!

A most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to The 2018 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. There are 15 households who have participated in the Catholic Service and Mission Appeal. So far \$2,349.80 has been pledged. NO gift is too great or too small. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, please use an envelope on the table in the back of church.

If you have not yet done so, there's still plenty of time...one-time donations or pledges – in any amount. Thank you and may God bless. you.

Don't forget to look at the display case at the north entrance. There are great gift items for First Communion and Confirmation.

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

The Altar Society Meeting was held on March 11.

The Rummage Sale is set for April 13th (3-6 p.m.) and April 14th (8-11 a.m.) The drop-off times that week will be Wednesday 8-4 and Friday 10-Noon.

There will also be a plant sale. Please bring labeled starts, house plants, or any gardening-related items. The next meeting will in May at the Mother-Daughter Banquet.

2018 PSR SCHEDULE

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

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.

From Fr. Charles’ desk...

Today is Palm Sunday. it can also be called Passion Sunday. It marks the beginning of the Holy Week and Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ the son of God and our Lord

Palm Sunday celebrates the triumphant entry of Christ into the city of Jerusalem. It was necessary for Christ to go Jerusalem because he is truly both the king of heaven and earth. It was to fulfill what the prophets long foretold, “He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this....”.(Isaiah 9,7).

The first reading and second reading of this Sunday are on the suffering and humility of Christ the son of God. Paul ‘s letter to Philippians reminds us of the humility and obedience of Christ, the servant of God. “He emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became like men are , he was humble even to accepting death on a cross”.

The most important lesson from all these is that, the virtues of patience, humility and obedience are very important in life. The reading teaches us that suffering is inevitable in life. It teaches us that if we persist in our faith in God and his son Jesus Christ, they will help us carry out all that we need to do without losing our faith, and we shall emerge victorious over sufferings.

The celebration of this Sunday is full of symbols as the passion narrative according to Mark presents it. Some of the most important symbols today include the palms, the donkey, and the crowd or people etcetera. The palms represent the royalty of Christ and his peaceful reign; the donkey is a symbol of the humility of Christ the king as our first and second readings presented him. By this act, Christ not only demonstrates his humility, but also demonstrates his solidarity with the poor and the weak.

Dear brothers and sisters in the lord, we can learn humility and patience from Christ the son of David who came to die for us. He accepted to do the will of the His father.

We are called to offer all for the good of our neighbors as Christ is about to do this week for our good. We pray for the grace of God to remain steadfast to him and to our brothers and sisters at all moments of our lives. Christ the humble king , and the Christ the suffering servant of God ---- Have , mercy on us

St. Stephen News

Bible Study at St. Stephen’s: This series of Bible Study is on Tuesday evenings following 6:30 p.m. mass.

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 through March 20.

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.

St. Anne’s Altar Society is inviting members of the parish to join in caring for the needs of our parish by becoming an “**Anonymous Angel of the Altar.**” A parish member can become an Anonymous Angel simply by making a yearly donation to St. Anne’s to help with the charitable project for which we are responsible.

St. Anne’s Altar Society purchases altar breads, altar cloths and flowers for the altar, as well as supplying the votive candles. They also provide the funeral dinners for families of parish or families of those buried at St. Stephen’s Cemetery. They provide supplies for the kitchen and contribute to the purchase of gifts for First Communion, Confirmation and Graduation classes and for new mothers and the newly married from our parish.

If you decided to become an Anonymous Angel, you may do so by putting your donation into an envelope labeled “Angels of the Altar,” and dropping it into the collection basket or mailing it to St. Stephen’s. If you pay be check make your check out to St. Anne’s Altar Society. A receipt will be proved to you. The members of St. Anne’s Altar society will keep the intentions in their prayers.

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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

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.

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 .

The next Altar Society rotating chairman are: Bernie Brown, Donna Myers, Beth Fancher

