

**INFORMATION FOR BOTH PARISHES**

Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, mass times will be switched to:  
St. Edward---8:30am  
St. Stephen---10:30am - PSR before mass

St. Edward Men's Club will hold their annual Sausage  
Dinner fundraiser, it starts at 11 a.m.

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.



**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](http://www.GoCatholicTravel.com/18017) or for more info  
contact Cheryl at 618-234-1166 or send an email to [crsdiobelle@gmail.com](mailto:crsdiobelle@gmail.com). Register today.

**The Pontifical Good Friday Collection**

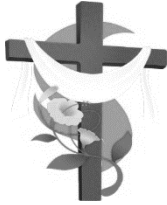
Pope Francis has asked our parish to support  
the Pontifical Good Friday Collect, which helps  
Christians in the Holy Land.

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.

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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 – 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

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](mailto:bafancher@wabash.net)

**New Parishioner Register** contact Father Charles,

Trudi Herdes or Dorothy Uebinger 662-3711  
email [dot@wabash.net](mailto: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

Pastoral Council - 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**  
Saturday, March 31, NO mass at St. Stephen, 8 p.m. Easter Vigil – St. Edward, Fairfield  
Easter Sunday, April 1, 8:30 a.m. mass – For the living & deceased of the parish  
Wednesday, April 4, 6:30pm mass – Gerald & Pat Klein+  
Thursday, April 5, 8:00 a.m. mass – Catholic Extension Donors  
Saturday, April 7, 6:00 p.m. – The Staples Family  
**Sunday, April 8, 10:30 a.m. mass (change this date only) PSR before mass –**  
For the living and deceased of the parish The Feast of Divine Mercy Adoration will be held in  
the chapel from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m  
**Rosary will be said a half an hour before each mass +designates deceased**

Weekly Contributions 03-25-2018

Envelopes..... \$1374.00 (47 envelopes)  
Loose..... 198.00  
Total ..... \$1572.00  
**We Need - \$1,731.00**

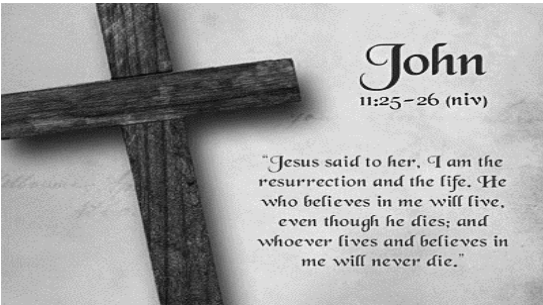
**Weekend Ministers** April 7 & 8  
  
Sat. April 7, Lector - Sam Pierce  
Euch Min – Paul Birk, Dennis Holkenbrink,  
Gerald Klein  
Servers – Pierce’s  
Ushers – Mike Winka & Don Talmant  
  
Sun, April 8, Lector – Beth Sulberger  
Commentator – Ted Whitehead  
Euch. Min. - Phil & Beth Fancher, Pat  
Ridgeway  
Servers: Duquaine’s  
Ushers – Tom Lancaster, Ted Zimmerman

**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.**

**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, Gary Nelson

**St. Stephen Activities for the Week**  
**Sat. March 31,** Sacrament of Reconciliation, noon to 1p  
***Sun. April 1, Easter,***  
**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.***



**ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**  
**Easter Vigil, March 21, 8:00pm—Parishioners of St. Edward & St. Stephen**  
**Easter Sunday, April 1, 10:30am—Parishioners of St. Edward**  
Thursday, April 5,--**NO MASS**  
Friday, April 6, --**NO MASS**  
Saturday, April 7, 4:00pm—Marshall & Lucille Sork  
**Sunday, April 8, 8:30am—Bill Grogan & the Grogan Family**  
  
**Rosary—Every Saturday 3:30pm and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 10:00am**

Weekly Contributions 03-25-2018

Envelopes(32) \$1,623.00  
Loose 158.00  
Total \$1,781.00  
We need \$1,887.00  
  
Building Fund \$ 162.00  
Easter Flowers 15.00  
CSMA 700.00  
Donation 20.00  
  
Attendance: Sat. 41 Sun. 63

**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.

**Saturday, April 7**  
Lector: Don Zurliene  
EM: Tim & Jackie Schoenborn  
Ushers: Jim & Margaret Thompson  
Gifts: Ray & Sally Conley  
Servers: volunteer  
  
**Sunday, April 8**  
Lector: David Mill  
EM: Emily Milligan, Peg Garrison  
Ushers: Scott Merkle, Kent Ochs  
Gifts: The Bunting Family  
Servers: Jack Mills, Hayden Felowitz

**Our Daily Scripture Readings:**  
**Mon:** *within the Octave of Easter*  
Acts 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15  
**Tues:** *within the Octave of Easter*  
Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18  
**Wed:** *within the Octave of Easter*  
Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35  
**Thur:** *within the Octave of Easter*  
Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48  
**Fri:** *within the Octave of Easter*  
Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14  
**Sat:** *within the Octave of Easter*  
Acts 4:32-35 Mk 16:9-15  
**Sun: Divine Mercy (second Sunday of Easter)**  
Acts 4:32-35 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31

# ST. EDWARD NEWS

**MASS TIME CHANGE: SUNDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>, THE MASS TIMES WILL CHANGE—ST. EDWARD—8:30AM AND ST. STEPHEN—10:30AM. THIS IS SO THE ST. EDWARD MEN’S CLUB CAN HOLD THEIR ANNUAL SAUSAGE DINNER.**

**PSR CHILDREN’S CHOIR----** They will practice after PSR classes on Sunday’s.  
**PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:**

**April 1<sup>st</sup>—The Solid Rock**  
**May 6<sup>th</sup>—Pharaoh, Pharaoh**

**Any questions please contact Laura Zurliene**

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

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

## THANK-YOU

Thank you to Laura, Emily & Sarah Titzer for attending The Chrism Mass in Belleville and representing St. Edward to receive the Chrism Oils.

## CSMA

**Way to go St. Edward! We have surpassed our goal for The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Our goal was \$3400 and to date we have collected \$3501. If you have not made your contribution you still can. Please write the check to St. Edward. Thank-you.**

## JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

THERE WILL BE A JOINT COUNCIL MEETING ON THURSDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> AFTER 6:30PM MASS. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT ST. EDWARD CHURCH. ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES WILL NEED TO ATTEND. THANK-YOU.

## ST. EDWARD TRAVELOGUE

Save the date: Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> after 10:30am mass. Come learn about Haiti. Libby Pond & Teresa Williams will have a presentation on their mission trip to Haiti. Everyone is invited.

# ST. STEPHEN NEWS

If you are interested in donating toward Easter the 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.



**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 co-chairwomen. Please contact us if you would like to help.

The “Little White Books,” for the Easter season is available at both entrances.

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

## 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. May God bless. you.

## 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 Feast of Divine Mercy - Sunday, April 8, 2018 - Adoration will be held in the chapel from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m.

## 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 and garden plants, or any gardening-related items. The next meeting will in May at the Mother-Daughter Banquet.

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 815-343-1502.

## 2018 PSR SCHEDULE

*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*



From Fr. Charles’ desk...

Happy Easter to everyone! May the grace of Easter be with you!

In today’s Gospel reading, John 20:1-9, John said, “For they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

The Resurrection of Jesus is the supreme truth of our Christian faith. Without it there wouldn’t have been any Church, and our faith would be in vain.

The Easter victory of Jesus enables us to live our lives under the brightness of immortality. And it makes it possible for us to enter the dark kingdom of the death buoyed up with hope. God has power to raise his Beloved Son. He is almighty God

Jesus’ Resurrection is not only about Jesus but also about new life for us. May we allow our faith to unlock the door to Christ’s presence in our life so that we can experience conversion of life and the grace and mission the Lord has for each of us.

Don’t let Easter be a spiritual day trip for you. Make it the renewal of your journey with Christ in His Church. Don’t be like the sleeping people in Jerusalem. The power of Christ’s Resurrection can be part of your life conveyed to you through the sacraments and rituals of His church.

This Easter, what remains for us to open the door to the new life in Christ? Open the door, Christ has lots to show you and to give you

St. Stephen News

*The final Bible Study of our Trust, Confidence in the God of Salvation*, will be on Tuesday evening following 6:30 p.m. mass, April 10. All are invited.

**Guadalupe Project** will be hosting an **Open Forum** on Monday, April 9, from 6 to 7 p.m., at Guadalupe Project's location at 124 East North Avenue in Flora. This open forum is an opportunity for parishioners to visit Guadalupe Project, tour the location, and ask any questions that you may have. Hope to see you there!

Thank you to those who helped with the **March delivery of Meals on Wheels**. Special thank you to Mary Beth & Tom Lancaster, Lora Delaney, Mary & Don Talmant, Jill Fehrenbacher, Beth Fancher, Sulsberger family members, Jim and Cheryl McCarty, Susan Schroeder, Dorothy Uebinger. Joann Stanford, Jean Guerrettez, Bernie Brown.

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. Contact Joann Stanford for more information.

**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.

**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](mailto: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](http://shopwithscrip.com) .



