

INFORMATION FOR BOTH PARISHES

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: On Sunday, April 22, Catholics around the world will pray for vocations. In our diocese, this special prayer will take the form of a Holy Hour at 3 p.m. in 16 parishes. If you are able, please know all are welcome to join in prayer at the following parishes: St. Bernard, Albers; St. Mary, Anna; St. Mary, Belleville; St. Dominic, Breese; St. Mary, Carlyle; St. Stephen, `

1q2w3e4r6yCaseyville; St. Francis Xavier, Carbondale; St. Mary, Chester; St. Andrew, Christopher; Holy Trinity, Fairview Heights; St. Joseph, Freeburg; St. Augustine, Hecker; St. Mary, Mount Vernon; St. Ann, Nashville; St. Clare, O'Fallon and St. Rose of Lima, St. Rose. If you cannot attend at one of these parishes, you can pray in your homes at 3:00 p.m. to join your voice with others for this most important cause.

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

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 11 – Joint Finance and Pastoral Council Meeting 7p.m. – St. Stephen
April 12 - Pastoral Council Meeting 6 p.m. – St. Stephen
April 12 - Joint Pastoral Council Meeting – 7 p.m. – St. Edwards

A Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land

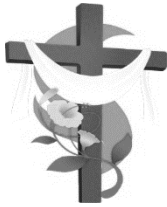
Prayer- Solidarity – Peace

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.

Does Springtime give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you and your spouse lovingly planted the seed of a lifelong relationship. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter will give you the tools you need to help your marriage grow and blossom more beautifully! The next weekends are Apr. 20-22 or Aug 3-5, 2018 in St. Peters, MO. You can find out more by clicking on <<http://www.stl-wwme.org>> www.stl-wwme.org or calling at 314.649.7317.



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

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, April 7, 6 p.m. – The Staples Family+
Sunday, April 8, 10:30 a.m. mass (time change this date only) – For the living & deceased of the parish
Tuesday, April 10, 6:30 p.m. – Dominic and Mary Talmant+
Wednesday, April 11, 6:30 p.m. mass – Marilyn Mylius+
Thursday, April 12, 8:00 a.m. mass – For the Living and deceased of the parish
Saturday, April 14, 6:00 p.m. – Howard and Madonna Goellner+
Sunday, April 15, 8:30 a.m. mass – Kenny & Evelyn Myers+

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

Weekly Contributions	
<u>Easter 04-01</u>	<u>Holy Thursday</u>
Envelopes.. \$1790.00 (42)	Envelopes - \$ 50.00
Loose..... <u>299.00</u>	Loose - <u>\$145.00</u>
Total \$2089.00	Total - \$195.00
We Need - \$1,731.00	
Attendance: Sat. –no mass Sun. – 170	
 <u>Holy Land – Good Friday</u>	
Envelopes...\$195.00 (15)	
Loose.... <u>\$ 33.00</u>	
Total.... \$228.00	

Weekend Ministers April 14 & 15

Sat. April 14
Lector - Cheryl McCarty
Euch Min – Sam Pierce, Dorothy & Jim Croy
Servers – Pierce’s
Ushers – Jim McCarty, Jerry Price

Sun, April 15
Lector – Gerald Klein
Commentator – Phil Fancher
Euch. Min. - Beth Fancher, Emily Milner, Dorothy Uebinger
Servers: Duquaine’s
Ushers – Kole Greenwood, Ted Whitehead



PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Griffy, Bill Marks, Nicole Wheaton, Lisa Persinger, Verna Oliver, LaVonne Kemmerer, Patience McKnight, Clara Wilson, Claire Popay, 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, 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. April 7, Sacrament of Reconciliation, noon to 1p
Sun. April 8, PSR before mass, Feast of Divine Mercy
Sacrament of Reconciliation 8-8:20 a.m.
Mon April 9, Guadalupe Project Open Forum, 6 – 7 p.m.
Tues, April 10, Bible Study following 6:30 p.m. mass
Wed. April 11, Joint Council meetings
Thurs., April 12, Joint Council meetings
Fri. April 13 – St Stephen’s Rummage Sale,3 - 6 pm.
Sat. April 14 - St. Stephen’s Rummage Sale, 8- 11 am

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.

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 7, 4:00pm—Marshall & Lucille Sork+
Sunday, April 8, 8:30am—Bill Grogan & the Grogan Family
Thursday, April 12, 6:30pm,--Diane DeVous+
Friday, April 13, 8:00am—John Robison III+
Saturday, April 14, 4:00pm—Dennis Milligan+
Sunday, April 15, 10:30am—Larry McClure+

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

Weekly Contributions 04-01-2018
Envelopes(31) \$1,600.00
Loose 352.00
Total \$1,952.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$ 128.00
Holy Land 222.00
CSMA 25.00

Attendance: Sat. 60 Sun. 112
Good Friday -- 57



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.

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: *The Annunciation of the Lord*
Is 7:10-14;8:10 Lk 1:26-38
Tues: *Easter Weekday*
Acts 4:2-37 Jn 3:7b-15
Wed: *Saint Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr*
Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21
Thur: *Easter Weekday*
Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36
Fri: *Saint Martin I, Pope, Martyr*
Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15
Sat: *Easter Weekday*
Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21
Sun: *Third Sunday of Easter*
Acts 3:13-15,17-19 1 Jn 2:1-5a Jn 6:22-29

Saturday, April 14

Lector: Diana Zurliene
EM: Ken & Theresa Nordmann
Ushers: Nick Zurliene, Don Zurliene
Gifts: Sue Milligan, Hank Eckleberry
Servers: volunteer

Sunday, April 15

Lector: Jen Wellen
EM: Jeff & Mary Murphy
Ushers: Paul Perez, Devon Butler
Gifts: The Felowitz Family
Servers: Drew Milligan, Jedd Wellen

ST. EDWARD NEWS

MASS TIME CHANGE: SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH, 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. Serving will be 11am-1:30pm. Price is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 5-12 yrs old, and 4 yrs and under eat free.

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

May 6th—Pharaoh, Pharaoh
Any questions please contact Laura Zurliene

DIVINE MERCY: This Sunday is Divine Mercy and there will be anointing of the sick after weekend masses. If anyone would like to be anointed, please come forward after mass and Father Charles will administer the sacrament.

THANK-YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Holy Week Liturgies. Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers, Commentators, Organists, Decorators and all the parishioners who attended the Liturgies. Could not have been possible without you. Thanks again.

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 12TH AFTER 6:30PM MASS. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT ST. EDWARD CHURCH. ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES WILL NEED TO ATTEND. THANK-YOU.

FOOD PANTRY

NEXT WEEKEND IS ST. EDWARD FOOD PANTRY. WE WILL SET-UP FRIDAY, APRIL 13 AFTER 8:00AM MASS. ON SATURDAY, APRIL 14 DISTRIBUTION WILL BE AT 8:00AM. ALL HELP IS NEEDED IF YOU CAN SPARE SOME TIME FOR THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY. THANK-YOU.

ST. EDWARD TRAVELOGUE

Come learn about Haiti. Libby Pond & Teresa Williams will have a presentation on their mission trip to Haiti. This will be held Sunday, April 15th after 10:30am mass. Everyone is invited.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS



Our Deepest Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Kenny Myers, who passed away April 2. The funeral mass for Kenny was Friday, April 6th at St. Stephen’s. Burial was at St. Stephen’s Cemetery.

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

The Feast of Divine Mercy - Sunday, April 8, - 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.

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.

April 13/14 - Rummage Sale and Plant Sale. Friday – 3 – 6 p.m. and Saturday 8 – 11 a.m.

Drop off times will be Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Start your spring cleaning and save your good clean items for our annual sale. clothes please.



Plants sale chairwomen are Bernie Brown and Beth Fancher, please contact us if you would like to help.

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.

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’ desk...

On this Second Sunday of Easter, we continue to express our joy and faith in the risen Christ. This Sunday used to be called “Dominica in Albis (Deponendis),)” the Sunday for setting aside the white garments which the newly baptized were wearing all week because of their Baptism at the Easter Vigil service. Pope, now, Saint John Paul II, in the latest edition of the Roman Missal for the ordinary form, decreed that it be called Divine Mercy Sunday.

Divine Mercy can be defined as undeserved forgiveness for sins. God is rich in mercy, slow to anger; therefore, we need God’s mercy in our lives. In today’s Gospel reading, John 20: 19-23, Jesus instituted the sacrament of penance when he appeared to his apostles and gave them a mission to continue the work of salvation through the forgiveness of sins. “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” We receive this gift when we approach Jesus in his sacrament of Penance; we receive his grace and strength. He empowers us to move on.

We believe that through Christ’s resurrection the apostles have been empowered to preach in his name for repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are called to the throne of grace, to follow Christ who endured suffering and death for our redemption.

We believe in Christ’s resurrection only if we have faith. In today’s Gospel reading, Thomas doubted Jesus’s resurrection. Jesus urges his Apostles to be people of believing and not people of seeing. “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

The letter to Hebrews defines faith as the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen (Heb. 11:1). Jesus invites us to draw close to him in faith and to look at his wounds. We too are called to bear witness to others. We can be effective witnesses of Christ’s resurrection if we can be united as a community. In the first reading, Acts of Apostles, Paul tells us that the early Christians community lived and testified to the risen Lord. “The Apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were given great respect.”

One of the best ways to bear testimony to the risen Christ is through unity. Christ himself prayed for it when he prayed, “Father that they may be one as you and I are one” (John 17:21). It is unity in diversity for the progress of his mission.

The second reading equips us with the message we must spread about the risen Christ. This simple message is that Christ was crucified, died, was buried – that he resurrected through the power of the Holy Spirit on the third day. Therefore, our second reading places a task on us as a community of faith. This task is to help others to know and believe that Jesus has truly risen. This testimony must be reflected in our own lives.

PEACE BE WITH 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.

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.

2018 PSR SCHEDULE

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

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

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.

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

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

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 .

