

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, Caseyville; 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.

The Newman Auxiliary is having a Quilt & Cash Bingo on April 29, at St. John the Baptist Parish, Red Bud. Lunch begins 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 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-wwwme.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

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, April 14, 6 p.m. – Howard and Madonna Goellner+
Sunday, April 15, 8:30 a.m. mass - Kenny & Evelyn Myers+
Tuesday, April 17, 6:30 p.m. – Margo Etchison+
Wednesday, April 18, 6:30 p.m. mass – Regina Buckleh+
Thursday, April 19, 8:00 a.m. mass – Catholic Extension Donors
Saturday, April 21, 6:00 p.m. – For the living & Deceased of the Parish
Sunday, April 22, 8:30 a.m. mass – Al Winka+

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

Weekly Contributions 04-08-18

Envelopes.. \$2320.00 (46)
Loose..... 229.00
Total \$2549.00
We Need - \$1,731.00
Attendance: Saturday – 58 Sunday – 71

Easter envelopes – (4) \$125
Food Pantry - \$433.00



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, Judy Porter, Bob Bluhm, Rhonda Ryker, Kelly Coan, Dr. Don Bunnell, Paul Weidner, Marilyn Wheaton, Diana Fleener, Robbie Porter, J.R. Means, Clarice Schweighart, Cory Britton, Lucille Anderson, Debbie Jones, Gary Nelson

Weekend Ministers April 21 & 22

Sat. April 21
Lector - Jim Fehrenbacher
Euch Min – Krista Weidner, Cheryl McCarty, Gerald Klein
Servers – Pierce’s
Ushers – Jim Klein, Tony Holkenbrink

Sun, April 22
Lector – Ted Zimmerman
Commentator – Deb Zimmerman
Euch. Min. –Ted Whitehead, Dennis Holkenbrink, Randy Wells
Servers: Duquaine’s

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Sat. April 14, St. Stephen Rummage, Sale 8 – 11 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation, noon to 1p
Sun. April 15. PSR after mass

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 14, 4:00pm—Dennis Milligan+
Sunday, April 15, 10:30am—Larry McClure+
Thursday, April 19, 6:30pm—Albert Ochs+
Friday, April 20, 8:00am—Blessings Received
Saturday, April 21, 4:00pm—John Robison III+
Sunday, April 22, 10:30am—The Anstett Family

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

Weekly Contributions 04-08-2018

Envelopes(31) \$1,916.00
Loose 87.00
Total \$2,003.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$ 139.00
Holy Land 20.00
CSMA 35.00
Donation 20.00

Attendance: Sat. 43 Sun. 50

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 21

Lector: Jay Fyie
EM: Diana Zurliene, Sally Conley
Ushers: Teresa W., Hank Eckleberry
Gifts: John & Leslie Robison
Servers: volunteer

Sunday, April 22

Lector: Debra Simmers
EM: Peg Garrison, David Mills
Ushers: Anne & Libby Pond
Gifts: The Kosmatka Family
Servers: Cali Bunting, Jackson Mills

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Easter Weekday
Acts 6:8-15 Jn 6:22-29

Tues: Easter Weekday
Acts 7:51—8:1a Jn 6:30-35

Wed: Easter Weekday
Acts 8:1b-8 Jn 6:35-40

Thur: Easter Weekday
Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51

Fri: Easter Weekday
Acts 9:1-20 Jn 6:52-59

Sat: Saint Anselm, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69

Sun: Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:8-12 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18

ST. EDWARD NEWS

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

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:

May 6th—Pharaoh, Pharaoh (last performance for this PSR year)

Any questions please contact Laura Zurliene

THANK-YOU

The Men's Club would like to Thank everyone who helped with The Sausage Dinner last Sunday. Everything went great and had an awesome turn out.

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 \$3536. If you have not made your contribution you still can. Please write the check to St. Edward. Thank you from The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal.

LADIES ALTAR SODALITY

The Ladies Altar Sodality will meet on **Monday, April 16th at 6:00pm.** All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend. The winners of the "Carved Birds" Raffle were Homer Clark & Shirley Tibbe.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 19TH, FOLLOWING THE 6:30PM MASS. THE MINUTES ARE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.

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 this **Sunday, April 15th after 10:30am** mass. Everyone is invited.

MASS INTENTIONS

We are once again in need of Mass Intentions. If you would like to have a Mass said for a family member or just blessings received, please put in an envelope with the name/names of who you are requesting for and then drop in the collection basket at mass. The donation is \$10 per request. Thank-you

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

Congratulations to Alan Huff who was confirmed on Holy Saturday during Easter Vigil Mass.



Sympathy is extended to Fern Ketzner on the death of her uncle, Robert Bozarth who passed away Monday, April 9, at his home near Cisne. His funeral service was Thursday, April 12 at Johnson and Vaughn Funeral Home in Fairfield with burial in Cisne Cemetery. May his soul rest in peace.

Anyone wishing to make a monetary contribution to the Guadalupe Project may place their donation in an envelope labeled "Guadalupe" and place it in the collection basket.



The "Little White Books," for the Easter season are available at both entrances.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Easter week and Easter services. Everything was beautiful. The lectors, commentators and servers did a great job and the music was wonderful.

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.

2018 PSR SCHEDULE

April 15, 22, 29 – Classes
May 6 – No Class, First Communion
May 13 – No Class, Mother's Day
May 20 – Last Class, Pizza Party

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 **2018 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal!**

A most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded.

Thank you to the 18 households who have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of the Catholic Service and Ministry appeal. So far \$2,819.80 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.

Our parish participation goal for the appeal is 39 households and our financial target is \$4,850.00. 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 tables in the back of church.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15,17-19

Here, Peter and other apostles proclaimed Jesus’ resurrection to the people, and how God has raised Jesus from the dead. Peter professed that they are witnesses of everything that happened. In this reading, Peter called them for repentance that they may receive forgiveness of their sins. We are called to preach and spread the Good News in Jesus’ name to the people and to all the earth. We are called to accept Christ because his death has brought us salvation. His suffering, death, and resurrection were predestined for our salvation. As we have received the power of the resurrection, we are called to bear witness to Christ’s resurrection. We can do that because of his goodness and love which we have received in our lives. We can bear witness to Jesus’ resurrection when we love one another as he has commanded us to do.

The second reading: 1 John 2:1-5a

This reading is encouraging us to follow Christ by keeping his commandments for he has paid for our sins and for remission for our sins. By his resurrection, he has given us the opportunity to be co-heirs to eternal life. And we are commissioned to preach for forgiveness in his name to the whole world. Therefore, we are called to keep his commandments so that his love will be perfected in our lives.

The Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

In today’s Gospel reading, the breaking of bread is very significant. Every Sunday, and any other day, we gather together to celebrate Jesus who is present in the Eucharist. Through the breaking of bread, we understand his mission; we approach the throne of grace in which we receive blessing and inner peace. Here, through the breaking of bread, the disciples’ eyes were opened, and they had power and authority to preach in Jesus’ name for forgiveness of sins. This power is what we encounter when we truly receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Our eyes are opened, and we come to know him and love him. We come to understand his sacrifice of the cross and his death. Change is another issue we should consider in this reading. The apostles became fearless and bold to go back to Jerusalem that night to bear witness that they had seen the risen Christ. When we receive the body of Christ, our lives do not remain the same. We become fearless and strong and courageous in the face of difficulties. This power is what helps us to face the reality of life. Jesus has the very words for us this Sunday when he says, “Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Can we have some minutes to reflect on these words? His resurrection was real and true. We are called to believe because that is only way we can have eternal life and peace.

St. Stephen News

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

There are extra copies of the bulletin in the mail box on the south door.

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 .

