

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. **Please join us this Sunday at St. Stephen, 3 p.m.**

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

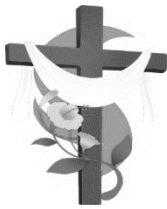
You are invited to join us on a once in a lifetime "Pilgrimage to the Holy Land," Nov. 26 to Dec. 7, including visits to Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Mt of Beatitude, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, CRS Projects in the area and more. \$3,339 from Chicago plus \$195 in tips. Pilgrimage coordinator 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.

Are you looking for a way to let your spouse know that you love them? - In the middle of carpools, work, household chores and sports"

Share a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend TOGETHER as a way of giving an important gift to your spouse. Every marriage needs, and deserves, that kind of attention. The next weekend is August 3-5, 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

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 21, 6 p.m. – For the living and deceased of the parish

Sunday, April 22, 8:30 a.m. mass - Al Winka+

Tuesday, April 24, 6:30 p.m. –Roger Beard+

Wednesday, April 25, 6:30 p.m. mass –Bill Woodrum +

Thursday, April 26, 8:00 a.m. mass – Dominic & Mary Talmant+

Saturday, April 28, 6:00 p.m. – Kenny & Evelyn Myers+

Sunday, April 29, 8:30 a.m. mass – Ginny Timm+

Rosary will be said a half an hour before each mass

+designates deceased

Weekly Contributions 04-15-18

Envelopes.. \$1525.00 (44)

Loose..... 135.00

Total \$1660.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Attendance: Saturday – 61 Sunday – 75

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Griffy, Bill Marks, Nicole Wheaton, Lisa Persinger, Velrna 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, 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, Jody West, Betty Greenwood, George Travis, Billie Gillens

Weekend Ministers April 28 & 29

Sat. April 28

Lector - Mary Roy

Euch Min – Jim Fehrenbacher, Dorothy & Jim Croy

Servers – Pierce’s, Allie Parker

Ushers – Jerry Price, Mike Winka

Sun, April 29

Lector – Ted Whitehead

Commentator – Susan Schroeder

Euch. Min. – Dorothy Uebinger, Emily Milner, Pat Ridgeway

Servers: Duquaine’s

Ushers – Ted Zimmerman, Dennis Holkenbrink

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Sat. April 21, Sacrament of Reconciliation, noon to 1p

Sun. April 22, World Day of Prayer, St Stephen’s 3:00 p.m.



ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 21, 4:00pm—John Robison III+

Sunday, April 22, 10:30am—The Anstett Family

Thursday, April 26, 6:30pm—Diane DeVous+

Friday, April 27, 8:00am—Blessings Received

Saturday, April 28, 4:00pm—Marshall & Lucille Sork+

Sunday, April 29, 10:30am—Bill Grogan & the Grogan Family

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

Weekly Contributions 04-15-2018

Envelopes(29) \$1,511.00

Loose 227.00

Total \$1,738.00

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$ 167.00

Rice Bowl 363.91

Donation 70.00

Attendance: Sat. 28 Sun. 65

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 28

Lector: Mike Oppenheimer

EM: Jim & Margaret Thompson

Ushers: Tim & Jackie Schoenborn

Gifts: Dave & PJ Cavanaugh

Servers: volunteer

Sunday, April 29

Lector: Tom Konopasek

EM: Peg Garrison, Mary Murphy

Ushers: Scott Merkle,Rick Rennier

Gifts: The Bunting Family

Servers: Grace Milligan, Hayden Felowitz

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop, Martyr

Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:1-10

Tues: Saint Fidelis of Signaringen, Priest, Martyr

Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30

Wed: Saint Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b-14 Mk 16:15-20

Thur: Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13-25 Jn 13:16-20

Fri: Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6

Sat: Saint Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion De Montfort, Priest

Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14

Sun: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31 1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8

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

Thank-you to everyone who helped with St. Edward Food Pantry last weekend. We helped 94 people in the month of April.

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.

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

RICE BOWL

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT TURNED IN THEIR RICE BOWLS. IF YOU HAVE NOT TURNED YOURS IN THERE IS STILL TIME. PLEASE PUT IN BASKET IN THE HALL OR DROP IN COLLECTION BASKET.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS & LECTORS NEEDED

If anyone is interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister or be a Lector please contact the church office to set up training. If enough people interested we will hold a training session for these very important ministries. Thank-you.

PLEASE KEEP GABRIELLA ZURLIENE & STELLA ZURLIENE IN YOUR PRAYERS AS THEY ARE PREPARING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY EUCHARIST. FIRST COMMUNION WILL BE SUNDAY, MAY 6TH, DURING THE 10:30AM MASS.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

We extend our sympathy to the family of Jerry Judd. He was a first cousin to the Sulsberger family. A memorial service was held April 21 at Frank & Bright Funeral Home. Interment at Onstott Cemetery, Xenia, with military honors. May his soul rest in peace.



Sympathy is extended to the family of Ginny Timm. Ginny passed away April 12. Her funeral was held April 16, at St. Stephen Catholic Church, with burial at St. Stephen Cemetery. May her soul rest in peace.

A BIG THANKS to everyone who donated, bought and helped with the Rummage and Plant Sale. We made a total of \$775.00. Be thinking of new ideas for next year.

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



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.

SUMMER CASH GIVEAWAY RAFFLE
\$20/ticket
Every week from Memorial Day - Labor Day we are giving away two \$100 cash prizes.

GRAND PRIZE awarded after Labor Day: \$500 and \$1,000!
One ticket enters you in all of the drawings all summer!

Winners announced on WNOI Radio every Wednesday from May 30 - September 5.

All proceeds benefit Guadalupe Project. If you would like to help sell these tickets or purchase one, see Laura Whitehead.

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.

From Father Charles’ desk:

In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus says He is the Good Shepherd. He gives three characteristics of a good shepherd. First, a good shepherd cares so much for the flock that he is willing to risk his life to protect them. Secondly, he knows each of the sheep well, “by name.” Thirdly, he cares about all of them, even those who go astray. We can apply each of these to the Lord.

A good shepherd is willing to give even his life for the sheep. We all have had the experience of being disappointed by leaders in our life. During election, we listened to politicians, we admired their promises, but at end they did nothing. They claimed what they were not. Jesus is everything He claimed to be. He showed His love by giving up His life for us. Each Sunday, the words, “My Body for you.... My Blood for you,” come to us without interference from the Last Supper to show us the extent of Jesus’ sacrifice for us.

The Lord says at end of today’s Gospel reading that nobody took His life from Him. He Himself gave it up voluntarily and willingly for us. His death was not something that happened to Him. It is something He did for us. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who gave His life for us.

Secondly, a good shepherd knows his sheep. To a stranger, they all look alike. A good shepherd knows the temperament of each and knows each one’s name. So often, we wear a mask in front of others. It might be the mask of self-assurance, piety, competence of certainty. Usually, there is a gap between what people see and what is the case within. Jesus knows our true name in a way that nobody else ever will. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep.

Finally, a good shepherd gathers his scattered flock. A sheep that is missing is never far from his mind. In a world of so much fragmentation where businesses are devoted to creating and catering to “niche constituencies,” Jesus is a point around which we all can gather. His flock embraces all nationalities. His flock is a place every human being can call home. His grace and light make us to be better human beings and bring us close to him. Jesus is indeed the Good Shepherd who gave his life for us, knows each of us by name, and gathers the lost even as He brings new members into His flock.

St. Stephen News

2018 PSR SCHEDULE

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

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.**

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

The next Altar Society rotating chairman are Donna Myers, Beth Fancher, Mary Beth Lancaster/Susan Schroeder

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 .

