

INFORMATION FOR BOTH PARISHES

Hot Weather Has Arrived and St. Vincent de Paul Needs Your Help Again! The Belleville Council Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in need of bottled water and Gatorade to distribute to the poor and homeless. Items can be dropped off at St. Vincent de Paul Offices, #13 Vieux Carre Drv., East St Louis or call 618-394-0126 for more information

St. Patrick's Parish, Ruma, will hold its 59th Annual Strawberry Festival on May 20. The Strawberry Festival features Fried Chicken Dinners, serving from 11AM-4:00PM with strawberries and ice cream. Quilt/Cash Bingo There will be a large country store, etc. Mass will be at 10a.m.

Saturday, May 19, 10:30 a.m., Bishop Edward K. Braxton will ordain the following for the Diocese of Belleville, in the Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville.

Sacred Order of Deacon - Mr. Daniel Cozzi, Mr. Mark Kabat, Mr. Randy Riesenberger, Mr. Steven Eischens, Mr. James Law, Mr. John Gomez, Mr. John Mote and Mr. Kevin Templin.

Sacred Order of Priesthood – Mr. Steven Pautler.
All are urged to attend.



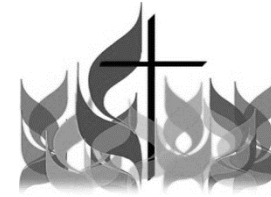
FREELANCE WRITER WANTED: The Messenger is seeking a talented freelance writer/photographer to contribute feature stories and photographs to the newspaper. Good writing ability a must, but journalism experience not required. The freelancer would be expected to contribute at least one feature story/photograph per issue. He or She can reside anywhere in the diocese. \$75 per story, \$25 per photo used. Interested persons should email their resume, three sample feature stories (or links) to themessengereditor@gmail.com

Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all? Times away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. A chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves and whom you love. These WWME weekends away are August 3-5 or Sept. 21-23 in St. Peters, MO. More info by clicking on www.stl-wwme.org or call at 314.649.7317.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal... using your gifts to serve one another, YOUR GIFT to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps Gerry Hasenstab and the staff of Catholic Urban Programs provide food, clothing, shelter and assistance of every kind to hundreds of people who lack the basic necessities of life to survive. If you haven't yet done so, consider making a gift today to The Appeal and enable Catholic Urban to continue their important work of serving our brothers and sisters in need. Thank you and may God bless you always.

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:

Friday, 8:30 a.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, May 19, 6 p.m. – Howard & Madonna Goellner+
Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 8:30 a.m. mass - Stan & Ginny Timm+
Tuesday, May 22, 6:30 p.m. – Regina Buckleh+
Wednesday, May 23, 6:30 p.m. mass – For the living & deceased of the parish+
Thursday, May 24, 8:00 a.m. mass – Catholic Extension Donors
Saturday, May 26, 6:00 p.m. – Kenny & Evelyn Myers+
Sunday, May 27, 8:30 a.m. mass – Tom Scanlan+

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

Weekly Contributions 05-13-18

Envelopes.. \$1,148.00 (41)
Loose..... 230.00
Total \$1,378.00
We Need - \$1,731.00
Ascension -\$90.00 Catholic Com. Campaign -\$30
Attendance: Saturday – 51 Sunday – 90

Weekend Ministers May 26 & 27

Saturday,. May 26
Lector – Mary Roy
Euch Min – Jim Fehrenbacher, Dorothy & Jim Croy
Servers – Pierce’s
Ushers – Don Talmant, Mike Winka

Sunday, May 27
Lector – Susan Schroeder
Commentator – Deb Zimmerman
Euch. Min. – Dorothy Uebinger, Emily Milner, Pat Ridgeway
Servers: Duquaine’s
Ushers – Ted Zimmerman, Alan Huff

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Griffy, Bill Marks, Nicole Wheaton, Lisa Persinger, Velrna Oliver, LaVonne Kemmerer, Patience McKnight, Clara Wilson, Claire Fopay, Mildred Garrison, Ray Vaughn, 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, Becky Payne, 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, Ed Perk

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Saturday, May 19, Sacrament of Reconciliation, noon to 1p
Tuesday, May 22, Bible study after mass until 8 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.

Pentecost Sunday

May 20, 2018

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 19, 4:00pm—Albert N. Ochs+
Sunday, May 20, 10:30am(Pentecost)—Larry McClure+
Thursday, May 24, 6:30pm—Blessings Received
Friday, May 25, 8:00am—St. Edward Parishioners
Saturday, May 26, 4:00pm—Frank Cavanaugh+
Sunday, May 27, 10:30am(Most Holy Trinity)—Bill Grogan & the Grogan Family
Rosary—Every Saturday 3:30pm and 2nd Sunday 10:00am

Weekly Contributions 05-13-2018

Envelopes(27) \$1,279.00
Loose 140.00
Total \$1,419.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$ 149.00
Ascension 80.00
Catholic Comm. 45.00

Attendance: Sat. 29 Sun. 53

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, Linda Murphy and all priests who are sick.

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
Jas 3:13-18 Mk 9:14-29
Tues: Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious
Jas 4:1-10 Mk 9:30-37
Wed: Weekday
Jas 4:13-17 Mk 9:38-40
Thur: Weekday
Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:41-50
Fri: Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de’Pazzi Virgin
Jas 5:9-12 Mk 10:1-12
Sat: Saint Philip Neri, Priest
Jas 5:13-20 Mk 10:13-16
Sun: The Most Holy Trinity
Dt 4:32-34,39-40 Rom 8:14-17 Mt 28:16-20

Saturday, May 26

Lector:Mike Oppenheimer
EM: Jim & Margaret Thompson
Ushers:Dave & PJ Cavanaugh
Gifts: Ray & Sally Conley
Servers: volunteer

Sunday, May 27

Lector: Debra Simmers
EM: Jeff & Mary Murphy
Ushers: Bob & Hank Simmers
Gifts: The Felowitz Family
Servers: Cali Bunting, Ailyn Zurliene

ST. EDWARD NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

8TH GRADE: Garion Sheraden, Gregory Thompson
HIGH SCHOOL: Kasaundra Zurliene, Sarah Titzer, Emily Titzer, Jalain Thompson
COLLEGE: Kate Pond

GUADALUPE PROJECT

Thank you to everyone that has picked up a **Baby Bottle for Loose Change**. If you did not get one there are a few left and you can still take one. Also, we still have some tickets left for **the Summer Cash Giveaway**. Just contact Peg if you have any questions.

THANK-YOUI!!!

THE LADIES OF THE PARISH WANT TO THANK OUR WONDERFUL MEN OF THE MEN’S CLUB FOR A GREAT EVENING. GOOD FOOD & GOOD COMPANY. HOW BLESSED WE ALL ARE!!!!

WITH THE SCHOOL YEAR COMING TO AN END AND SUMMER VACATIONS STARTING, HERE IS A LIST OF SOME EVENTS FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDARS:

- Sunday, May 27th—Most Holy Trinity
- Friday, June 8th—Food Pantry Set-up 8:30am
- Saturday, June 9th—Food Pantry Distribution 8:00am
- June 11th thru June 17th—Father Charles will be gone
- Sunday, June 17th—Father’s Day
- Wednesday, June 20th—Joint Pastoral Council at St. Stephen Church
- July 9th thru July 12th—Vacation Bible School

The masses that were scheduled for Monday, May 21st have been cancelled. Sorry for the confusion and any inconvenience. Thanks, Peg

LORD, SEND OUT YOU SPIRIT, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH



ST. STEPHEN NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES
The Grade and High School graduates were honored with a gift from the Parish Organizations last Sunday. If you are a graduate and you were not here last Sunday, you may pick up your gift on the table in the back of church at the east entrance today.

Grade School Graduates:
Nolan Duquaine, Allie Parker and Ella Pierce



High School Graduates: Breanna Hinton & Clint Holkenbrink

Congratulations to Jordan Winka who recently graduated with an Associate’s Degree from OCC College. Jordan will continue college at USI, Southern Indiana

Cookbook Copies of "Family Favorites: Clay County's Favorite Recipes" are available for purchase, after Mass in the social room. Books are \$15. All proceeds benefit Guadalupe Project. Contact Laura

The next three rotating chairmen are Mary Beth Lancaster/Susan Schroeder, Deb/Vivian Duquaine, and Etchison/Whitehead/Winka.

Last weekend began the annual **Baby Bottle Fundraiser** at both St. Stephen and St. Edward Parishes. Anyone interested in participating can pick up a baby bottle from church on Mother's Day weekend, fill it with spare change. Return on Father's Day weekend. All proceeds will benefit Guadalupe Project Thank 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

Winners announced on WNOI Radio every Wednesday from May 30 – Sept. 5. All proceeds benefit Guadalupe Project. If you would like to help sell these tickets or purchase one, see Laura Whitehead.

2018 PSR SCHEDULE
May 20 - Last day of Class. There will be a Pizza Party for all the PSR students Sunday, May 20, right after Mass. There will also be registration for next year PSR.



From Fr. Charles’ desk

Renew us Lord with your Spirit!

Today, we celebrate the great solemnity of Pentecost. Originally, it was a Jewish feast of the harvest. Pentecost Sunday marks the definitive end of the Easter Season. Pentecost is a day of renewal and empowerment. It marks the beginning of the Church’s missionary endeavor. It is the birth of the Church when the Holy Spirit came down in wind and flame to transform the Apostles and disciples into great missionaries of the Gospel and make of them a Church, a kind of Easter harvest.

Each one of us received the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation to enable us to live a courageous Christian life. That Holy Spirit within us brings to us the courage to withstand the negative influences of our cultures, the wisdom to look past so much of the foolishness and shortsightedness that surround us, the knowledge to apply the Gospel to our lives, and the understanding to comprehend the deep truths of Christ and the truth that the importance of our life in God’s sight may be vastly different from what others may think of us.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to everyone, to every Christian, to enable us to love the Christian life. With the state of the world around us as it is, we have the words of Jesus, “He that is in you is greater than he who is in the world.” The Holy Spirit is part of our lives. The Holy Spirit is our personal link to what counts, our link to what is right, our personal link to God. The Holy Spirit is Christ’s Easter gift to the Church and to each one of us.

In today’s first reading, Acts of Apostles 2:1-11, we see the reward of obedience and steadfastness in prayer. Therefore, today we celebrate a great feast when Christ fulfilled his promise to us. As Christ’s disciples, every true Christian has been empowered by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the mutual love of the Father and the Son. He empowers us to go into our world to bring peace, unity, joy, love, and salvation to the nations.

In the second reading, 1 Cor. 12:3-7,12-12, Paul makes a very important statement, “No one can say Jesus is Lord, except through the Holy Spirit.” This statement means that it is God himself that enables us to recognize and accept the lordship of Christ through the Holy Spirit.

In the Gospel reading, John 20:19-23, Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit upon his disciples in order to restore their peace and to free them from the slavery of fear. Christ knew that the Holy Spirit empowers and liberates. Therefore, the Spirit we have received, “is not the spirit of fear and timidity, but the spirit of power, love, self- discipline.” (2Tim1:7). According to *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the Holy Spirit empowers us to be strong Christians and soldiers of Christ (cc1302).

Today, we must ask ourselves: “What does the Holy Spirit want me to do? Where is He leading me to?” It is important to reflect on these questions, especially now that our world has become so complex and many of us seem confused. We must pay attention to Him. We must be docile to him. We must let him lead and show us the best way. In view of this fact, daily and prayerfully, we must pause to listen to what the Holy Spirit has to say to us in order to know the direction he wants to lead us. Let us give him the chance to direct our lives, our families, our businesses, and our studies. If He leads us, no matter how complex our world becomes, we shall never be confused. We shall always find our way forward.

St. Stephen News

Please Support The **2018 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal!**

Thank you to the 20 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 \$3,144.800 has been pledged. NO gift is too great or too small. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, use one of the envelopes on the table in the back of church. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so.

Our parish participation goal for the appeal is 39 households and our financial target is \$4850.00. No gift is too great or too small. \$1705.20 is needed to meet our financial target.

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.

There will be Bible study after Mass on Tuesday evenings.

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

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 .

