

INFORMATION FOR BOTH PARISHES

WEEKEND MASS CHANGES: The Saturday evening mass will be rotated between St. Stephen and St. Edward Churches. The first and third Saturdays will be at St. Edwards and the second and fourth Saturdays will be at St. Stephen. The mass on Saturdays will be at 5 p.m. The Sunday morning mass times will remain the same at this time. St. Stephen – 8:30 a.m. St. Edward – 10:30 a.m.

Holy Cross Parish of Wendelin Picnic Sunday, August 5, Chicken dinner starts at 10:45 a.m. Serving lines begin at 11 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. Adults \$10, Children ages 6 -12 \$5, under 5 years old eats free. Lunch stands – brats, porkburgers, etc. Live music, raffles, drawings and many, many activities. See flyer on bulletin board.

Dining with the crowd. Today and through all the Sundays of August, we are blessed with the bread of Life interlude from the Gospel of John, Chapter 6. Today, Jesus, with his disciples, tries to get away from the pursuing crowd. But he cannot do it. Seeing the hunger in them, he feeds the thousands with five loaves and two fish. He feeds them with himself. Then he escapes alone.

Why do I keep looking for Jesus? Why do I, Sunday after Sunday dine on him in this crowd of believers? Because I am feed, who can I feed in turn?

Respect Life Corner Taking Young Children to Mass - As leaders of the domestic church, parents accept the responsibility for forming children in the Catholic faith. There is no more important experience to Catholics than the Mass, so it is crucial to help children understand and participate in liturgy as much as they are able.

Learn, Act, Connect, Pray: Go to www.foryourmarriage.org – How to Take Young Children to Mass- to find suggestions to help prepare the children (and yourself) for Mass. Pray for patience and understanding when stressful situations arise for parents and the parishioners.

Almost all couples who attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend say: “We should have done this a long time to go!” Why? Their whole relationship became more alive on the Weekend, and the Weekend reminded them of what it was like as newlyweds. The next WWME weekend away is Sep. 21-23, 2018 in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to www.stl-wwme or call 314.649.7317.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal... using your gifts to serve one another A special thanks to everyone who has so generously supported The 2018 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal – we are most grateful. If you haven’t had an opportunity to make a gift as yet, we hope you will prayerfully consider doing so now. Gifts can be made through your parish or by visiting www.diobelle.org and clicking on “Giving”. Diocesan ministries and all those they so faithfully serve are counting on you. Please make your contribution today!

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches

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St. Edward Mass Schedule:
1st and 3rd Saturday 5 p.m.
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.

St. Stephen Mass Schedule:
2nd and 4th Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Confession, Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday 1 p.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
Sacristan – Sam Pierce

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.
Food Pantry Collection - First Weekend

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, July 28, 5 p.m. mass – Kenny & Evelyn Myers+
Sunday, July 29, 8:30 a.m. mass - Ray Grundy+
Tuesday, July 31, 6:30 p.m. – Roger Beard+
Wednesday, August 1, 6:30 p.m. – Bill & Mary Handley+
Thursday, August 2, 8:00 a.m. – Regina Buckley+

Saturday, August 4 – NO MASS

Sunday, August 5, 8:30 a.m. mass – For the living & deceased of the parish
Rosary will be said a half an hour before each mass +designates deceased

Weekly Contributions 07-22-18

Envelopes. . \$1,115.00 (34)
Loose..... 124.00
Total \$1,239.00
We Need - \$1,731.00

Attendance: Sunday – 111
Saturday– no mass CSMA - \$50

Weekend Ministers August 5

Saturday,. August 4 - NO mass

Sunday, August 5
Lector –
Commentator –
Euch. Min. –
Servers: Duquaine’s
Ushers:



PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Griffy, Bill Marks, Nicole Wheaton, Velma Oliver, LaVonne Kemmerer, Patience McKnight, Clara Wilson, Claire Fopay, Mildred Garrison, Ray Vaughn, Joe Falica, Clarice Schweighart, Ray & Irene Winka, Pat Venable, Chris Boyd, Gerty Grundy, Tracy Winka, Steve Dudzik, Ruth Wilson, Mike Burge, Roger Wells, Becky Payne, Bob Bluhm, Rhonda Ryker, Kelly Coan, Dr. Don Bunnell, Paul Weidner, Marilyn Wheaton, Diana Fleener, Robbie Porter, J.R. Means, Lois Houlihan, Cory Britton, Lucille Anderson, Debbie Jones, Gary Nelson, Jody West, Betty Greenwood, Ed Perk, Kathryn Fleener, Georgia Klingler, Mike Winka, Gene Leonard, Celeste Replogle, Georgianna Weber, Mary Beth Lancaster, Denise Tadlock

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Saturday, July 28, Sacrament of Reconciliation, 1 p.m
Mass at 5 p.m.
Sunday, July 29, Mass 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, July 31, Mass 6:30 p.m., Bible Study following mass
Wednesday, August 1, Mass 6:30 pm. Adoration 7pm–12 midnight
Thursday, August 2, Mass, 8:00 a.m.
Friday, Aug 3, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Servite Rosary 12 noon, Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3 p.m.
Saturday, August 4, No Mass at St. Stephen

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 28,--NO MASS

Sunday, July 29, 10:30am—Joseph Murphy
Thursday, Aug. 2, 6:30pm—Blessings Received
Friday, Aug. 3, 8:00am—St. Edward Parishioners
Saturday, Aug. 4, 5:00pm—Barbara Hering+
Sunday, Aug. 5, 10:30am—Linda Murphy

Rosary will be 30 minutes before each mass

Weekly Contributions 07-22-2018

Envelopes(29) \$1,494.00
Loose 122.00
Total \$1,616.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$ 180.00

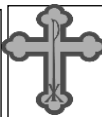
Attendance: Sat. 31 Sun. 51

Saturday, August 04

Lector : Mike Oppenheimer
EM: Sally Conley,PJ
Cavanaugh
Ushers:Jim & Margaret
Thompson
Gifts: Hank E, Teresa Williams.
Servers:volunteer

Sunday, August 05

Lector: David Mills
EM: Peg G., Ginny Barrett
Ushers: Scott Merkle,Paul Perez
Gifts: The Kent Ochs Family
Servers: Jack Mills, Hayden
Felowitz



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, Cody Burroughs and all priests who are sick.

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Dr. of the Church
Jer 13:1-11 Mt 13:31-35
Tues: Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Jer 14:17-22 Mt 13:36-43
Wed: Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Dr. of the Church
Jer 15:10, 16-21 Mt 13:44-46
Thur: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
Jer 18:1-6 Mt 13:47-53
Fri: Weekday
Jer 26:1-9 Mt 13:54-58
Sat: Saint John Vianney, Priest
Jer 26:11-16, 24 Mt 14:1-12
Sun: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 16:2-4,12-15 Eph 4:17,20-24 Jn 6:24-35

ST. EDWARD NEWS

PSR COORDINATOR: WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER TO FILL THE POSITION OF PSR COORDINATOR. PLEASE, PLEASE GIVE THIS SOME PRAYER AND THOUGHT. IF YOU HAVE ANY INTEREST, CONTACT PEG GARRISON OR FATHER CHARLES. THANKS.

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, August 4th, there will be Mass at St. Edward at 5:00pm.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING COUPLES CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST:

Ray & Sally Conley—55 years;(August 10)
Larry & Donna Keyser—45 years; (August 24)
John & Stacie Boyer—25 years; (August 14)
Lee & Emily Milligan—18 years; (August 12)
Nick & Laura Zurliene—10 years; (August 18)

MASS STIPENDS: Just a friendly reminder that if you would like a Mass to be said in memory of a loved one that has passed or just for help getting through a difficult situation, please drop an envelope earmarked in the collection basket with name or what you would like the mass for. The cost is \$10 per intention. Thanks.

ADOPT A SPOT

PLEASE GIVE SOME THOUGHT TO ANY FAMILY, FAMILIES, OR INDIVIDUALS THAT WOULD LIKE TO “ADOPT A SPOT” ON ST. EDWARD PARISH GROUNDS. WHAT IT CONSISTS OF IS PICKING A SMALL AREA ON THE PROPERTY AND KEEPING IT PICKED UP. COME BY ONCE A WEEK OR EVERY OTHER WEEK AND CHECK YOUR AREA FOR TRASH, WEEDS OR DEBRIS. IF WE ALL CHIP IN WE CAN KEEP ST. EDWARD LOOKING SHARP AND SHOW WE CARE ABOUT OUR PARISH. NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE A LAY OUT OF THE CHURCH GROUNDS FOR PARISHIONERS TO CHOOSE FROM. LET’S ALL LEND A HELPING HAND.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

There are three Masses at St. Stephen and St. Edward Parishes on the weekends.

1st and 3rd Saturday of the month masses will be at St. Edwards.
2nd and 4th Saturday of the month masses will be at St. Stephen.

The masses will be **at 5pm with rosary at 4:30pm**. The Sunday masses will stay the same times: St. Stephen, 8:30 a.m. and St. Edward, 10:30 a.m.

Just a reminder: There is a mailbox on the south entrance door.

There are extra weekly church bulletins in this mailbox for anyone.



We will now STAND as the gift bearers bring up the gifts during mass. Thank you.

Please consider serving as gift bearers. Just let the ushers know before mass. This is a great way for a family to participate in the mass.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the CMSA. We have met our financial goal.

There are envelopes in the back of church if you would still like to give to this worthy cause.

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.

SUMMER CASH GIVEAWAY RAFFLE \$20/ticket

Every week until 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 on Wednesdays through Sept. 5. All proceeds benefit Guadalupe Project. If you would like to help sell tickets or purchase one, see Laura Whitehead.

Thank you from Guadalupe Project! Thank you to all the parishioners, community members, and businesses who have supported Guadalupe Project recently! The Baby Bottle Fundraiser has raised \$1,310.29 so far. Thank you to all who participated! Thank you to WNOI Radio for running the raffle. Winners are drawn and announced during the WNOI R&B Revue every Wednesday at 2 pm. Winners are contacted, announced on the air, and posted on Facebook weekly. Tickets are still available for \$20 each at the Flora, Louisville, and Clay City Banking Companies, WNOI Radio, and the Country Closet. Recent winners include: Sara Frutiger, Dennis Holkenbrink, Tim & Sarah Weidner, Jerod Fleener, Joann Stanford, Mark Feldhake, Tim Maher, Subrina Tarp, Robert Marley

From Father Charles Desk:

The Church celebrates the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B.

Readings: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

Theme: A Treasured Story

Praise be to Jesus both now and forever more. Amen.

In today's Gospel when people saw the sign Jesus had done, they said, "This is truly the prophet, the one who is to come into the world." The story of the feeding of the multitude was treasured by the early Christians. It is the only miracle that is found in all four Gospels. This fact shows how importantly this event was regarded in the early church. Why was it so important?

We cannot go back to what actually happened that day in the desert. But we can see what it meant to Mark and his readers. For them, the miracle recalled the Old Testament story of how, at the intercession of Moses, God provided manna for his people in the desert. The gift of the manna stood out in people's memories. It became for the Jews the classic example of God's care for his people.

When Jesus fed those hungry people who had followed him into the desert, the early Christians came to regard him as the new Moses. In fact, they came to regard him as greater than Moses, because the bread he gave them was infinitely greater than the manna. Even though the manna came from the heavens, it was still earthly bread. It satisfied ordinary hunger. No more. Those who ate it still died. But those who eat the bread that Jesus gives – here we are no longer talking about the loaves and the fishes – will never die, never die eternally, that is. And it was precisely to give this other bread that Jesus came on earth.

On a first level, however, the miracle is concerned with ordinary bread and ordinary hunger. It is this ordinary hunger that is the focus of today's scripture readings. The miracle of multiplication of the loaves is a miracle of generosity. First of all, there is the marvelous generosity of the boy, who with his gift of the five loaves and two fish, made the miracle possible. It was a small thing in itself, but for the little boy, it was all he had. There are many who are willing to make a contribution out of the relative plenty that they have, but very few who are willing to give when it means themselves going without.

Then there is the astonishing generosity of Jesus. Not only did he feed all the people, but he also saw to it that each got as much as he wanted. Even so there were twelve full baskets of leftovers. Though the miracle harked back to the miracle of manna in the desert, it also looked towards the future. It pointed to another and infinitely more important kind of bread that Jesus would give—the bread that endures to eternal life, the bread he came down from heaven to give us.

The early Christians also saw in this feeding an anticipation of the Eucharist. The gestures and words used are the exact same ones that are used in describing the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper: "He took the bread...blessed it...broke it...and gave it to them." The Eucharist in turn anticipates the final banquet of the Kingdom.

The Lord nourishes us here in the Eucharistic banquet as surely and as generously as he fed the people in the desert. He nourishes us so that we in our turn may be able to nourish others.

May the Peace of our Lord be with us!

St. Stephen News

FOR ALL VISITORS ATTENDING MASS: Thank you and welcome to our church. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Charles, as he is interested in who you are and where you are from. Come visit us again – you are always welcome!!!

A BIG Thank you to Michael Upton, Sam, Max and Nolan Duquaine for repainting the parking lot lines. They did a great job!!!

SPECIAL EVENTS!

If you are celebrating an occasion such as a special birthday, anniversary, new birth, wedding, new church member, etc., please contact Trudi Herdes at church or Beth Fancher at 618-676-4292 or bafancher@wabash.net. We would like to pray for you and put the information in the bulletin.

WE WANT TO COMPILE AN ANNIVERSARY LIST OF ALL PARISHIONERS. PLEASE GIVE TRUDI OR BETH THAT DATE AND YEAR OF YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Guadalupe Project: 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.

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, 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

Goodsearch: 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.

SCRIP: 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.

Altar Society: The next three rotating chairmen are Mary Beth Lancaster & Susan Schroeder; Etchison, Whitehead & Winka's; Bernie Brown.

CRY ROOM St. Stephen's Cry Room is in the Library, which is equipped with a TV set up with a live feed of both Masses.

