

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.

Sunday, August 12, **Michael James Mette** will be sharing his music at St. Joseph-Olney School Gym, 520 E. Chestnut, Olney. Michael is a Catholic performing artist who travels the country with his wife and their seven young children.

His music is a reflection of his faith blending alternative rock with faith-based lyrics. This will be a 90 minute concert and will include performances from the whole family. Please consider attending the concert and supporting the ministry. There is no admission fee, but a free will donation is accepted.

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?

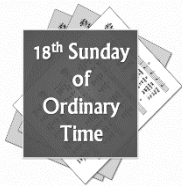
Respect Life Corner Taking Young Children to Mass - As leaders of the domestic church, parents accept the responsibility for forming children in the Catholic faith. There is no more important experience to Catholics than the Mass, so it is crucial to help children understand and participate in liturgy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

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, August 4 – NO MASS

Sunday, August 5, 8:30 a.m. mass - For the living and deceased of the parish

Tuesday, August 7, 6:30 p.m. – Marge Etchison+

Wednesday, August 8, 6:30 p.m. – Marilyn Mylius+

Thursday, August 9, 8:00 a.m. – Catholic Extension Donors

Saturday, August 11 – 5:00 p.m. – Maureen Maher+

Sunday, August 12, 8:30 a.m. mass – Stan & Ginny Timm+

Rosary will be said a half an hour before each mass

+designates deceased

Weekly Contributions 07-29-18

Envelopes. . \$1,830.00 (38)

Loose..... 127.00

Total \$1,957.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Attendance: Saturday– 59

Sunday – 62

Weekend Ministers Aug. 11 & 12

Saturday, August 11

Lector – Cheryl McCarty

Euch. Min – Jim Fehrenbacher,

Krista Weidner, Paul Birk

Servers – Pierce Family

Ushers – Jim McCarty, Jerry Price

Sunday, August 12

Lector – Deb Zimmerman

Commentator – Ted Zimmerman

Euch. Min. – Dorothy Uebinger,

Emily Milner, Randy Wells

Servers: Duquaine’s

Ushers: Ted Whitehead,



PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Griffy, Bill Marks, Nicole Wheaton, Velma Oliver, LaVonne rarer, Patience McKnight, Clara Wilson, Claire Fopay, Mildred Garrison, Ray Vaughn, Joe Falica, Clarice Schweighart, Ray & Irene Winka, Pat Venable, Chris Boyd, 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, August 4, NO mass at St. Stephen, Sacrament of Reconciliation, 1 p.m

Sunday, August 5, Mass 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 7, Mass 6:30 p.m., Bible Study following mass

Wednesday, August 8, Mass 6:30 pm. Adoration 7pm–12 midnight Knights of Columbus

Thursday, August 9, Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Friday, Aug 10, 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 11, Mass at St. Stephen, 5 p.m.

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 4, 5:00pm—Barbara Hering+

Sunday, August 5, 10:30am—Linda Murphy+

Thursday, August 9, 6:30pm—Blessings Received

Friday, August 10, 8:00am—St. Edward Parishioners

Saturday, August 11—NO MASS

Sunday, August 12, 10:30am—Larry McClure+

Rosary will be 30 minutes before each mass

Weekly Contributions 07-29-2018

Envelopes(23) \$1,017.00

Loose 110.00

Total \$1,127.00

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$ 110.00

Donation 20.00

Attendance: Sat. Sun. 59

Saturday, August 11-No Mass

Lector :

EM:

Ushers:

Gifts:

Servers:

Sunday, August 12

Lector: Nick Zurliene

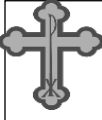
EM: Emily Milligan, Laura Titzer

Ushers: Kent Ochs, Richard R.

Gifts: The Wellen Family

Servers: Grace & Andrew

Milligan



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, Cody Burroughs, Terri Venturelli and all priests who are sick.

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: *The Transfiguration of The Lord*

Dn 7:9-10 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10

Tues: *St. Sixtus II, Pope and St. Cajetan, Priest*

Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22 Mt 14:22-36

Wed: *Saint Dominic, Priest*

Jer 31:1-7 Mt 15:21-28

Thur: *St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin Martyr*

Jer 31:31-34 Mt 16:13-23

Fri: *Saint Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr*

2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26

Sat: *Saint Clare, Virgin*

Hb 1:12—2:4 Mt 17:14-20

Sun: *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1 Kgs 19:4-8 Eph 4:30—5:2 Jn 6:41-51

ST. EDWARD NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, August 11th, there will be no mass at St. Edward. Mass will be at St. Stephen at 5:00pm with Rosary at 4:30pm

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. THIS WEEKEND THERE IS A LAY OUT OF THE CHURCH GROUNDS FOR PARISHIONERS TO CHOOSE FROM. LET’S ALL LEND A HELPING HAND.

Please keep Sarah Titzer in your prayers as she embarks on a new journey. Last Monday she left for Basic Training for The National Guard at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

We extend our sympathy to the family of Gertrud Grundy, who passed away July 14, in Rockford. Her funeral mass was at Holy Family Catholic Church, Rockford on July 20. Gerty and Ray lived north of Flora and attended St. Stephen’s for many years. Gerty stayed in Flora after Ray died until she moved to Rockford with her family. Gerty was a fun loving person. May her soul rest in peace. Online condolences can be sent to atwww.Fitzgeraldfh.com



Sympathy to the family of Reba Eileen Gummert, 96, Grundy Center, Iowa, mother of Darrell Gummert and mother in law of Debbie Myers Gummert. Mrs. Gummert passed away on July 28, at Arlington Place Assisted Living in Grundy Center. A funeral service was held on August 1, St. John Lutheran Church in Wellsburg, Iowa, with burial in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Dillon, Iowa. May her soul rest in peace.

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!!!

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

There are extra weekly church bulletins in the mailbox.



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. 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:

Today, the church celebrates the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today’s Gospel reading, John 6:24-35, Jesus says, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” Jesus declares to the people that He is the bread of life that will give us eternal life.

More so, the crowd went about looking for Jesus because He fed them with five loaves and two fish, and when they found Him, they said to Him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

However, many of us are looking for Jesus for different reasons. We should be looking for Him for things not temporal but eternal, things not physical only but spiritual. His bread which he gives for us enables us to have life eternal because it revives our souls to love God and our neighbors. In looking for Jesus for miracles, as the crowd did after the multiplication of the bread, we are invited to say with the people in the Gospel, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus is the Bread of God , in the Eucharist we receive spiritual nourishment which is contrary to the physical nourishment in the form of manna given to the Israelites in the desert who were complaining against Moses.

We are invited to partake in the Eucharistic bread daily in order to have spiritual nourishment. Through this partaking of the Eucharist, we have a spiritual renewal which revives our souls. The Eucharist strengthens us on our journey in this world. In the celebration of the Eucharist, Jesus gives us spiritual bread for our souls not only in Holy Communion but also in His teaching through the Liturgy of the Word.

Again, the Liturgy of the Word is that part of the Mass where Christ speaks to us as a church, as a parish, and as individuals. Through the Liturgy of the Word, the Lord calls us to be renewed in the “spirit of our minds” as St. Paul writes to the Ephesians in today’s second reading.

Happy New Month brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Peace be with you

St. Stephen News

Special Events!

Congratulations to Lou and Beth Sulsberger who will be celebrating their 30th Wedding Anniversary on August 13. We wish you many more years of happiness.

Congratulatio**n**s to Laura Whitehead who will graduate with a Master of Arts in Catholic Theology with a concentration in Moral Theology from Notre Dame Graduate School, Christendom College in Alexandria, Virginia. The Graduation Ceremony was held, August 4, in Christ the King Chapel at the Christendom Campus in Front Royal, Virginia. Way to go, quite an accomplishment! We’re proud of you!!!

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 a wedding anniversary list of all parishioners. Please give Trudi or Beth the date and year of your wedding anniversary. Thanks

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.

