

INFORMATION FOR BOTH PARISHES

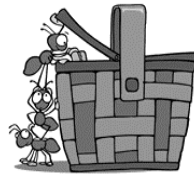
WEEKEND MASS CHANGES: The Saturday evening mass rotates between St. Stephen and St. Edward Churches. The first and third Saturdays will be at St. Edwards and the second and fourth Saturdays will be at St. Stephen. The mass on Saturdays will be at 5 p.m. The Sunday morning mass times will remain the same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

St. Mary of Assumption, Pre-Labor Day Picnic, September 2
181st Annual Picnic

Fried chicken and pork loin dinner in air conditioned parish center, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Raffles, country store/crafts, white Elephant Stand, Gift baskets, beer garden, food stands, kids games, fun for all. Live music 3 p.m. Everyone welcome.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation

If you want to know about our faith, or would like to join us, contact Father Charles at 618-662-6261, Cheryl McCarty at 815-343-1502, Ginny Barrett at 618-335-6926, or Mary Murphy at 618-599-5018



The Annual St. Stephen Parish Picnic will be held immediately after the 10:30 Mass on **Sunday, September 16**. On that Sunday, St. Stephen is switching Mass times with St. Edward.

There will be outside games and good company. Members of St. Stephen's, please plan to bring a side dish or dessert. Meat and drinks will be provided.

We hope all can attend, and with a special invite to of St. Edward Parish.

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.

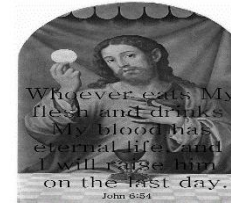
Almost all couples who attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend say: “We should have done this a long time to go!” Why? Their whole relationship became more alive on the Weekend, and the Weekend reminded them of what it was like as newlyweds. The next WWME weekend away is Sep. 21-23, 2018 in St. 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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Website: stedwardfairfield.com



812 N. Main Street, Flora IL 62839

Email: ststephen_flora@yahoo.com

Website: ststephenflora.com

Rev. Father Charles Anyaoku, Pastoral Administrator

Email: fronyekaanyaoku@yahoo.com, office phone: 618-662-6261

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: Peggy Garrison
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 25 – 5 p.m. mass – Howard & Madonna Goellner+

Sunday, August 26 8:30 a.m. mass - For the living & deceased of the parish

Tuesday, August 28, – NO MASS

Wednesday, August 29, – NO MASS

Thursday, August 30, - NO MASS

Saturday, September 1 – NO MASS

Sunday, September 2, 8:30 a.m. mass – Kenny, Evelyn & Connie Myers

Rosary will be said a half an hour before each mass

+designates deceased

Weekly Contributions August 19

Envelopes. . \$985.00 (32)

Loose..... 85.00

Total \$1070.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Assumption of Mary - \$15

Attendance: Sat. no mass Sun. 111

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, 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, Duck 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 25, 5 p.m. Mass at Stephen

Sunday, August 26, Mass 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 28, No mass

Wednesday, August 29, No Mass Adoration 7pm–12 midnight,

Thursday, August 30, No Mass

Friday, Aug. 31, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Servite Rosary 12 noon, Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 1, No Mass

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 25,--NO MASS

Sunday, August 26, 10:30am—“Special Intention”

Thursday, August 30,—NO MASS

Friday, August 31,—NO MASS

Saturday, September 1, 5:00pm—Angela Smith+

Sunday, September 2, 10:30am—Larry McClure+

Rosary will be 30 minutes before each mass

Weekly Contributions 08-19-2018

Envelopes(25) \$1,868.00

Loose 153.00

Total \$2,021.00

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$ 127.00

Assumpt. Of Mary 85.00

Attendance: Sat. 48 Sun. 45

Saturday, September 01

Lector : Diana Zurliene

EM: Tim & Jackie Schoenborn

Ushers:Jim & Margaret Thompson

Gifts:Sue Milligan, PJ Cavanaugh

Servers:volunteer

Sunday, September 02

Lector: David Mills

EM: Peg Garrison, Ginny Barrett

Ushers: Scott Merkle, Devon Butler

Gifts: The Simmers Family

Servers: Cali Bunting, Jackson Mills

PRAYER ININTENTIONS: 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: Saint Monica

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 Mt 23:13-22

Tues: Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 Mt 23:23-26

Wed: The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Mk 6:17-29

Thur: Weekday

1 Cor 1:1-9 Mt 24:42-51

Fri: Weekday

1 Cor 1:17-25 Mt 25:1-13

Sat: Weekday

1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 25:14-30

Sun: Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 4:1-2,6-8 Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27 Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

ST. EDWARD NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, September 01st, 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

Thank-you to everyone that has adopted a spot so far. We only have 2 spots left. Please consider taking one. Thanks!!!

On Sunday, August 26th, there will be PSR Registration before and after 10:30am Mass. Also, any volunteer who needs to sign paperwork to be in compliance will be able to that day. Any questions contact Peg Garrison.

OPEN HOUSE

ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, SAM & MARY JEAN WILL BE HAVING AN OPEN HOUSE TO CELEBRATE THEIR 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. THE OPEN HOUSE WILL BE FROM 2:00PM -- 5:00PM. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED.

We would like to Thank Father Sabastian Ukoh for coming to St. Edward & St. Stephen Parishes to celebrate the Liturgies with us. May God Bless you & watch over you!!!

Inserted in the bulletin this week are copies of the letters from His Holiness, Pope Francis and Bishop Braxton. Please take time to read them. With the troubled times with all the sexual abuse allegations, these letters will hopefully help.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

FOR ALL VISITORS ATTENDING MASS: Thank you and welcome to our church. Come visit us again – you are always welcome!!!

MEALS ON WHEELS

We are scheduled to deliver meals in September. You can sign up for one day or up to five days a week. We deliver Monday through Friday, starting at 10:30 a.m. It takes approximately an hour. Please sign up on table at south door. Questions or looking for someone to team up with you to deliver call Beth Fancher at 618-676-4292. PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING

Dear Father Anyaoku and members of St. Stephen Church:

I write today to express my personal gratitude to each of you for your outstanding support of the 2018 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. I also offer my warmest congratulations on exceeding your parish’s financial goal. You have, indeed, accepted the challenge put forth by Our Holy See Father Pope Francis to “share the blessings which God has provided us” and it is only through your Christian caring and generosity that our diocesan ministries and agencies are able to give hope to those in need throughout southern Illinois.

Thank you again so very much. God’s richest blessings to each of you and your families; know that you are remembered always in my prayers. Most sincerely yours in Christ.

The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D. Bishop of Belleville

Do you go to Effingham from time to time? Would you be willing to be a volunteer on a committee for taking and picking up altar cloths, vestments, etc. for dry cleaned? There would be no payments involved; only a quick stop at Weidman’s Cleaners to drop or pick up items. If you are interested in helping out occasionally, contact Linda Etchison at 662-9335 or jetch@wabash.net

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

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 Wednesdays5. 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: Deb Zimmerman, Sara Frutiger, Dorothy Winka Steve Fleener, David Eade, Shara Wilkins, Diana Fleener, Pat Marley, Kathy Smith

Fr. Charles Anyaoku has gone home for a vacation. In case of emergency you may call Trudi at St. Stephen and Peggy at St. Edward. If you need a priest you may call Fr. Vincent Obi, Carmi, at 618-384-1650 or Fr. Mark Stec, Olney at 618-841-7324.

St Stephen Parish will hold its annual picnic on September 16. Sunday Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. instead of 8:30 a.m. (mass time change for this weekend only). Please mark your calendar. Everyone is invited!

Fr. Sabastian Ikenna Ukoh will be celebrating masses on August 25 and 26. Fr. George Busieka will celebrate masses in September for both parishes. We thank them for their love and support for our parish.

There will be a joint meeting between St. Stephen and St. Edward on October 4, at St Edward parish at 7:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule for August and September

Saturday, August 25, 5 p.m. – St. Stephen Parish, Flora	
Sunday, August 26, 8:30 a.m. - St. Stephen Parish, Flora	Fr. Sabastian Ukoh
Sunday, August 26, 10:30 a.m. – St. Edward Parish, Fairfield	

Saturday, September 1, 5 p.m. – St. Edward Parish, Fairfield	
Sunday, September 2, 8:30 a.m. - St. Stephen Parish, Flora	Fr. George Busieka
Sunday, September 2, , 10:30 a.m. – St. Edward Parish, Fairfield	

Saturday, September 8, 5 p.m. – St. Stephen Parish, Flora	
Sunday, September 9, 8:30 a.m. - St. Stephen Parish, Flora	Fr. George Busieka
Sunday, September 9, 10:30 a.m. – St. Edward Parish, Fairfield	

Saturday, September 15, 5 p.m. – St. Edward Parish, Fairfield	
Sunday, September 16, 8:30 a.m. - St. Edward Parish, Fairfield	Fr. George Busieka
Sunday, September 16, , 10:30 a.m. – St. Stephen Parish, Flora (time change for parish picnic)	

Saturday, September 22, 5 p.m. – St. Stephen Parish, Flora	
Sunday, September 23, 8:30 a.m. - St. Stephen Parish, Flora	Fr. George Busieka
Sunday, September 23, 10:30 a.m. – St. Edward Parish, Fairfield	

St. Stephen News

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 it in the bulletin.

We want to compile a wedding anniversary list. Please contact Trudi or Beth. Thanks

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING EVENTS
September 6 – Flora Football Team Supper
September 9 – First Day of PSR
September 16 - St. Stephen Annual Parish Picnic
Mass at St. Stephen – 10:30 a.m.
October 4 – Joint Meeting - St Stephen & St. Edward
October 7 - K of C Chicken BBQ Dinner
October 20 - Church Work Day

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.

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.

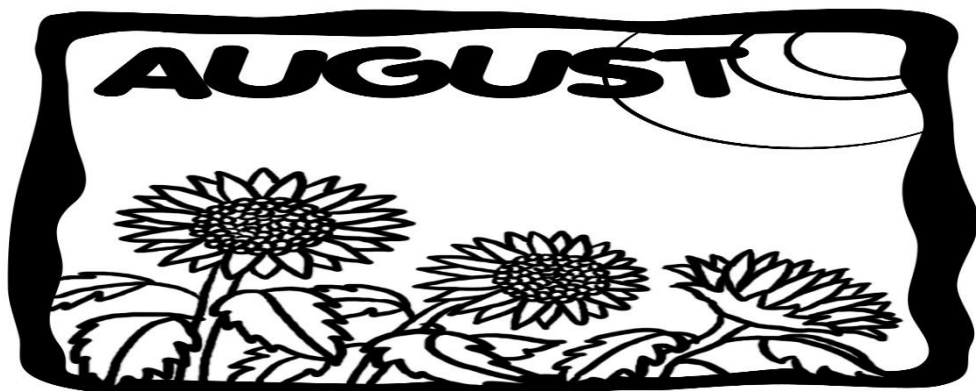
Prayer Chain: When a parishioner has an intention & requests prayers, Erin Pierce will initiate the prayer chain. She will contact Fr. Charles, who will determine the prayers. An email will be sent to all members, who will pray for the intentions. Each member should endeavor to assure the obligation 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.



**BACK TO
SCHOOL!**

God's Blessings to all Students as
they head back to school.

St. Stephen School of Religion, PSR 2018-2019

St. Stephen PSR 2018-2019 Calendar

Sunday Class Time 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 9 – Class	Oct. 7 – No Class	Nov. 4 – Class	Dec. 2 – Class
Sept. 16 Class before 10:30 mass	Chicken BBQ	Nov. 11 – Class	Dec. 9 - Class
Sept. 23 – Class	Oct. 14 – class	Nov. 18 – Class	Christmas Program & Dinner
Sept. 30 - Class	Oct. 21 – Class	Nov. 25 – No Class	Dec. 16 – No Class
	Oct 28 – Class	Thanksgiving	Dec. 23 – No Class - Christmas
			Dec. 30 - No Class - New Years

St. Stephen's High School Religion Class will begin the 2018-2019 School Year with "MARY: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother," a bible study from Ascension Press which includes video, reading, and group discussion. *All young people from ages 14 (after Confirmation) to 20 are invited to attend.*

This class will run according to the PSR Calendar. If you would like more information, please contact Laura Whitehead. Thanks!

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives*.*

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys...and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her Divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ.

In Mary You Will:

- See what life was like for Mary, and experience what she felt at each dramatic moment in Scripture.
- Visit the grotto of Mary's home in Nazareth, the cave where Christ was born in Bethlehem, the site of Our Lord's victory on the Cross, and other rarely seen places in the Holy Land.
- See the significance of Mary as you explore the Biblical roots of our beliefs about her.
- Deepen your devotion to Mary as you discover our Blessed Mother in a uniquely personal way.
- Be drawn closer to Christ as Mary leads you to a more profound and personal relationship with her Son.