

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. St. Stephen 8:30 a.m. St. Edward – 10:30 a.m.

Respect Life Corner Another Look at Contraception; Read the full version at usccb.org/contraception. To some, the Catholic Church's consistent teaching against birth control may seem outdated. Yet with each passing year, evidence of contraception's negative consequences piling up. In the time since birth control first became widely used, science has shown that some contraceptives can cause early abortions; procured abortions and nonmarital births skyrocketed & women have been subjected to sometimes serious or fatal health issues as well as what economist George Akerlof calls "the feminization of poverty." As humans made in God's image, we are called to imitate His generous, sacrificial, life-giving, and eternal love. Through the Church's teaching, He invites us to a fuller, richer, deeper way of life and love.

An opportunity for those new to the **ministry of lector** and to rejuvenate the work of veterans, Sister Carolyn McWatters, RSM will share her passion for proclaiming the Word of God. The workshop is **for ALL lectors** those interested in becoming a lector, novice lectors or the well-seasoned reader. Please register now for this workshop, Saturday, Nov. 17, at St. Mary the Immaculate Conception Church, Mt. Vernon, 10 a.m.–12 p.m Refreshments provided. Register contact the Office of Worship at 772-5040 or jmarkfort@diobelle.org

"YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE AND RETREAT... The Society of St. Vincent De Paul is hosting its first-ever nationwide young adult pilgrimage and retreat in St. Louis, from the evening of Nov. 2 to the Nov. 4. The weekend will include:

Tours of the oldest continuous parish in the United States and the 83000 square feet of mosaics in the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. Reflections and talks at St. Vincent De Paul Parish on the history of the Vincentian saints and the work of the Society

Mass at the Old Cathedral, the first cathedral west of the Mississippi, Holy hour and confessions, Socials on Friday and Saturday night The event is open to young adults from ages 18 - 40. Except for Sunday brunch, the event is FREE to participants (other than travel costs to the region). To find out more or receive a registration, please write Bryan Kirchoff at brvankirchoff@att.net.

Growing Old Grace-Fully. Explore together what it means to age gracefully. Integrate spirituality into our human development. Utilize a spiritual approach to aging well. St Joseph Parish, Olney, Oct. 28, 2-4 p.m. and St. Clare Parish, O'Fallon, Oct. 29, 7-9 p.m. RSVP Carol Potter – phone 395-3081 or email office@stjoeolney.com

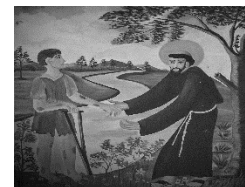
RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation If you want to know about our faith, or would like to join us, contact Father Charles at 618-662-6261, Cheryl McCarty at 815-343-1502, Ginny Barrett at 618-335-6926, or Mary Murphy at 618-599-5018

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Holy Cross Parish in Wendelin is having a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 28. Serving begins at 9am-Noon. The cost is by donation. Menu consists of Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee, Milk & OJ. Also, having Basket and Dessert Raffle. Sponsored by Holy Cross-St. Joseph CYM and the Holy Cross Family Life Committee. Flyer on bulletin board in hall.

October 14, 2018

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: 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 – 3rd 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, October 13, 5:00 p.m. – Stan and Ginny Timm+
Sunday, October 14, 8:30 a.m. mass - St. Ann’s Altar Society
Tuesday, October 16, 6:30 p.m. – Bill & Mary Handley+
Wednesday, October 17, 6:30 p.m. – Marilyn Mylius+
Thursday, October 18, 8:00 a.m. - Catholic Extension Donors (d)
Saturday, October 20, NO Mass
Sunday, Oct, 21, 8:30 a.m. mass – For the living & deceased of the parish

Rosary will be said 30 minutes before each mass +designates deceased

Weekly Contributions -October 7

Envelopes. ... \$790.00 (24)
Loose..... 62.00
Total \$852.00
We Need - \$1,731.00
Food Pantry - \$266.00
Attendance: Saturday – NO Mass
Sundav - 87



PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Griffy, Bill Marks, Nicole Wheaton, Velma Oliver, LaVonne Kemmerer, Patience McKnight, Clara Wilson, Mildred Garrison, Ray Vaughn, Joe Falica, Pat Venable, Clarice Schweighart, Ray & Irene Winka, 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, Steve Spitzner, Helen Powless, Nick Compton

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, October 20 –
NO MASS

Sunday, October 21
Lector – Ted Whitehead
Comm. – Phil Fancher
Euch Min. – Beth Fancher,
Beth Sulsberger, Dennis
Holkenbrink
Servers - Duquaine’s, Allie
Parker
Ushers – Jim Klein, Jerold
Fleener

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Saturday, October 13, Rosary Rally noon Mass, 5 p.m.
Sunday, October 14, Mass 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, October 16, Mass, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 17, 6:30 p.m. mass Adoration 7pm–12
midnight. Finance Meeting after mass.
Thursday, October 18, 8 a.m. mass
Friday, October 19, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Servite Rosary 12 noon, Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3 p.m.
Saturday, October 20, NO MASS, St. Stephen
Sunday, October 21, Mass. 8:30 a.m.

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

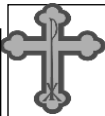
Saturday, October 13—NO MASS
Sunday, October 14, 10:30am—Larry McClure+
Thursday, October 18, 6:30pm—“Catholic Extension Donors”
Friday, October 19, 8:00am—Blessings Received
Saturday, October 20, 5:00pm—“Catholic Extension Donors”
Sunday, October 21, 10:30am—For the living & deceased of St. Edward
Rosary will be 30 minutes before each mass

Weekly Contributions 10-07-2018

Envelopes(28) \$1,941.00
Loose 310.00
Total \$2,251.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund 152.00
Donations 40.00

Attendance: Sat. 41 Sun. 53



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, Cody Burroughs, Terri Venturelli, Bill Spitz, and all priests who are sick

Saturday, October 20

Lector : Mike Oppenheimer
EM: Diana Zurliene, Sally Conley
Ushers: Ken & Theresa Nordmann
Gifts: Jay & Lisa Fyie
Servers: volunteers

Sunday, October 21

Lector: David Mills
EM: Peg Garrison, Ginny Barrett
Ushers:Scott Merkle, Tom Konopasek
Gifts: Kent Ochs Family
Servers: Jackson Mills, Cali Bunting

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: *Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church*
Gal 4:22-24,26-27,31—5:1 Lk 11:29-32
Tues: *Saint Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*
Gal 5:1-6 Lk 11:37-41
Wed: *Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr*
Gal 5:18-25 Lk 11:42-46
Thur: *Saint Luke, Evangelist*
2 Tm 4:10-17b Lk 10:1-9
Fri: *Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests*
Eph 1:11-14 Lk 12:1-7
Sat: *Saint Paul of the Cross (USA)*
Eph 1:15-23 Lk 12:8-12
Sun: *Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Is 53:10-11 Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10:35-45

ST. EDWARD NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, October 20th, there will be mass at St. Edward—5:00pm

ST. EDWARD PARISH FEAST DAY

On Sunday, October 14th, we will be celebrating our Parish Feast Day. There will be a potluck lunch following the 10:30am mass. Fried Chicken & Mostaccioli will be provided by the church. Please bring covered dish or dessert. All parishioners from St. Edward & St. Stephen are invited.

FALL HARVEST HALLOWEEN PARTY: THE FESTIVITIES WILL BE 5-7PM. THERE IS A SIGN UP BOARD IN THE HALL FOR PARISHIONERS TO HELP. THERE WILL BE A HAUNTED HOUSE AND COSTUME JUDGING. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED. THE CONFIRMATION CLASS WILL HELP WITH THE LITTLE KIDS AS PART OF THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE.

PSR NEWS

Oct. 14th—Class 9:00am Confirmation Class—5:00pm

Oct 21st—Class 9:00am

Oct. 28th—Class 9:00am Confirmation Class—5:00pm

**Confirmation Class will meet every other Sunday at 5pm in the Hall.*

LOOKING AHEAD:

Oct 14th—St. Edward Parish Feast Day (Potluck after 10:30am mass)

Oct. 18th—Pastoral Council (7:00pm)

Oct. 28th—St. Edward Fall Harvest Party (5pm – 7pm)

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING COUPLES CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Alexander & Joan Black	Oct. 9, 1971 (47yrs)	Robert & Debra Simmers	Oct. 25,1986 (32yrs)
Tim & Jackie Schoenborn	Oct. 10, 1975 (43yrs)	Richard & Beverly Rennier	Oct. 18,1996 (22yrs)
Don & Denise Zurliene	Oct. 27, 1979 (39yrs)	Darin & Jenalyn Wellen	Oct. 28,2007 (11yrs)

PASTORAL COUNCIL WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18TH AT 7:00PM. THE MINUTES ARE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

Special Events!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING EVENTS

October 14 – Altar Society Meeting, after mass.

October 17 – Finance Committee, after mass

October 20 - Church Work Day

We welcome through baptism Branham Ann Douglas, daughter of Andrew and Yvonne Durre Douglas. We wish all God’s blessings to Branham and her family.



October Anniversary

Congratulations to Jim and Sandy Sulsberger who will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary on October 21.

Congratulations to Jim and Sandy Sulsberger on the birth of their third great grandson, Arlen Graham. He was born July 27, to Adelia and Collin Sulsberger. Maternal grandparents are Leviza and Serven Salimova, Allen TX. Paternal grandfather is John Sulsberger, Dallas TX and Kathy and Dennis Tappen, Aledo, TX.

WELCOME VISITORS ATTENDING MASS

Thank you and welcome to our church. Come visit us again. welcome!!!

Guadalupe Project is holding its annual Pizza Fundraiser from October 1-19. We are looking for people willing to sell pizzas to family, friends, coworkers, etc. Pizzas will be made and can be picked up on Friday, October 19 from 5:00-6:00pm.

This year, we will be giving away an *Amazon Echo Dot *(The newest version, a smart speaker with "Alexa") as a prize to one of our sellers! For every 10 pizzas sold, your name will go in for the give away. We will be drawing the winner on Friday when we make the pizzas.

We would greatly appreciate your help with this fundraiser!



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 bafancher@wabash.net or 618-676-4292. We would like to pray for you, put it in the bulletin and compile a list.

From Father Charles Anyaoku ‘s desk

On this twenty -eight Sunday of ordinary time we celebrate Christ the word and wisdom of God which is both alive and active. Both our first and second readings this Sunday bear marks of personifications which refer directly to God. While first reading speaks of wisdom as God, the second refers to the word as His irresistible power that conquers and transforms our hearts.

Our first reading today personalizes wisdom, and attributed to her the highest qualities. Wisdom is God himself from whom all good things emanate and must return to. Hence, we must seek her more than any other thing; like Saint Augustine, our heart must not rest until it united with this precious wisdom.

The rich young man in our gospel today possibly came to Christ in order to parade his effort and get some praises in return. So, he started by flattering Jesus (Good master). Of course, Jesus appreciated his effort. However, Christ knew that something was really lacking in the man. So like a skilled doctor and the wisdom of God, Christ searched and diagnosed him of only one thing attachment of his wealth.

There are important lessons to learn from today’s readings which includes that: Each one of us might have a dark spot unknown to us, which only the wisdom of God could help us illuminate. At times we too do all things well yet something is might still be lacking. So the word of God must convict, convince and transform us. Also, we must not always assure ourselves or be confident that we are running a perfect race. Every day we must ask God to shed the light of his wisdom on our ignorance. His wisdom will help us understand who we really are. It also helps us to be who He really wants us to be.

Also we must not allow wealth become an obstacle between us and God. By using the example of the carmel and the needle, Christ intends to teach us that attachment of wealth is the easiest way of losing focus in God. So, we must not allow what we possess in this world to possess our soul. Instead, we must seek the wisdom and understanding that comes from God in other to be truly wise in dealing with the things of this world without losing our friendship with God,

THE ULTIMATE WISDOM

St. Stephen News

St. Stephen PSR 2018-2019 Calendar Sunday Class Time 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Oct. 7 No Class	Nov. 4 Class	Dec. 2 Class	Jan. 6 Class	Feb. 3 Class
Chix BBQ	Nov. 11 Class	Dec. 9 Class - Christmas	Jan. 13 Class	Feb. 10 Class
Oct. 14 Class	Nov. 18 Class	Program/Dinner	Jan. 20 Class	Feb. 17 Class
Oct. 21 Class	Nov. 25 No Class	Dec. 16 No Class	Jan. 27 Class	Feb. 24 Class
Oct. 28 Class	Thanksgiving	Dec. 23 No Class Christmas		
		Dec. 30 No Class New Years		

St. Stephen's High School Religion Class began 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.

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.

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.

