

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 To some, the Catholic Church's consistent teaching against birth control may seem outdated.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

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The Bishop's Annual Christmas Appreciation Reception will be held on Sunday, Dec. 16, 2 – 5 p.m. If you are planning on attending, please let Trudi or Peggy know by this weekend.

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

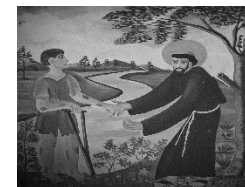
RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation If you want to know about our faith, or would like to join us, contact Father Charles at 618-662-6261, Cheryl McCarty at 815-343-1502, Ginny Barrett at 618-335-6926, or Mary Murphy at 618-599-5018

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 28, 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 27, 5:00 p.m. – Trent Briscoe+
Sunday, October 28, 8:30 a.m. mass - Jim Stanford+
Tuesday, October 30, 6:30 p.m. mass – Catholic Extension Donor
Wednesday, October 31, 6:30 p.m. – Margo Etchison+
Thursday, Nov. 1, All Saints Day, 7:00 a.m. –Thanksgiving for blessings received
Friday, November 2, All Souls Day, noon at Cemetery (weather permitting)
6:30 p.m. mass - For the deceased of the parish

Saturday, November 3, NO MASS
Sunday, November 4, 8:30 a.m. mass – St. Anne’s Altar Society

Weekly Contributions -October 21
Envelopes..... \$ 968.00 (37)
Loose..... 72.00
Total \$ 1,040.00
We Need - \$1,731.00

World Mission - \$130.00
Cemetery Fund - \$75
K of C Chicken Dinner - \$1,584.25

Attendance: Saturday- 0
Sunday-120

Weekend Ministers
Saturday, November 3
NO MASS.
Sunday, November 4
Lector – Beth Sulsberger
Commentator – Ted Whitehead
Euch Min. – Krista Weidner, Pat Ridgeway, Dennis Holkenbrink
Servers – Duquaine family
Ushers – Ted Zimmerman, Jerod Fleener



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

St. Stephen Activities for the Week
Saturday, October 27, 5 p.m. mass St. Stephen’s
Sunday, October 28, Mass 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, October 30, Mass, 6:30 p.m. Bible study after mass
Wed. Oct. 31, 6:30 p.m. mass, Adoration 7pm–12 midnight.
Thursday, November 1, All Saints Day, 7 a.m. mass
Friday, Nov. 2, All Souls Day, noon Cemetery, 6:30 p.m. mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3 p.m.
Saturday, November 3, NO MASS, St. Stephen
Sunday, November 4, Mass. 8:30 a.m. St. Ann’s work meeting

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 27—NO MASS
Sunday, October 28, 10:30am—Larry McClure+
Thursday, November 1,(All Saints Day) 6:30pm—“Catholic Extension Donors”
Friday, November 2,(All Souls’ Day) 8:00am—Deceased of the Parish+
Saturday, November 3, 5:00pm—Erwin Manns+
Sunday, November 4, 10:30am—Blessings Received
Rosary will be 30 minutes before each mass

Weekly Contributions 10-21-2018

Envelopes(24) \$1,203.00
Loose 108.00
Total \$1,311.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$132.00
World Mission 50.00

Attendance: Sat. 43 Sun. 39

Saturday, November 3

Lector : Don Zurliene
EM: Tim & Jackie Schoenborn
Ushers: Ken & Theresa Nordmann
Gifts: Jay & Lisa Fyie
Servers: volunteer

Sunday, November 4

Lector: Jen Wellen
EM: Peg Garrison, Emily Milligan
Ushers:Scott Merkle, Richard Rennier
Gifts: The David Mills Family
Servers: Andrew Milligan, Cali Bunting



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, Linda States, Terri Venturelli, Bill Spitz, Scott Merkle, Jeff Zurliene and all priests who are sick.

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Weekday
Eph 4:32—5:8 Lk 13:10-17
Tues: Weekday
Eph 5:21-33 Lk 13:18-21
Wed: Weekday
Eph 6:1-9 Lk 13:22-30
Thur: All Saints Day (holy day of obligation—USA)
Rv 7:2-4,9-14 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a
Fri: The Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day)
Wis 3:1-9 Rom 5:5-11 Jn 6:37-40
Sat: Saint Martin de Porres, Religious
Phil 1:18b-26 Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sun: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 6:2-6 Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28b-34

ST. EDWARD NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, November 3rd, there will be mass at St. Edward at 5:00pm.

FALL HARVEST HALLOWEEN PARTY:
Remember the festivities begin at 5:00pm

PSR NEWS

Oct. 28th—Class 9:00am Confirmation Class—will help with Fall Harvest Party
Nov. 4th—Class 9:00am
Nov. 11th—Class 9:00am Confirmation Class—5:00pm
Nov. 18th—Class 9:00am
Nov. 25th-NO CLASS OR CONFIRMATION (Thanksgiving weekend)
*Confirmation Class will meet every other Sunday at 5pm in the Hall.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Oct. 28th—St. Edward Fall Harvest Party (5pm – 7pm)
November 1st—Mass 6:30pm (All Saints Day)
November 2nd—Mass 8:00am (All Souls Day)
November 2nd—Food Pantry Set-up (8:30am)
November 3rd—Food Pantry Distribution (8:00am) A week earlier due to Veteran’s Breakfast
November 10th—Veteran’s Breakfast (7:00am)

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.

ALTAR SODALITY

Here is a list of upcoming events:

- 1. Will hand out cards for items to put in the Advent Gift Bags for our shut-ins on the weekend of Oct. 28th. Will put the Bags together on November 19th meeting.
- 2. Jesse Tree will begin on Dec. 1st-2nd. More information to follow.
- 3. Christmas Brunch: The Brunch will be held on Sunday, December 2nd following 10:30am Mass. Mark your calendars now.

“BOOK OF THE DEAD” WILL BE IN THE HALLWAY THIS WEEKEND AND FOR YOU TO PUT THE NAMES OF YOUR DEARLY DEPARTED SO WE CAN PRAY FOR THEM ON “ALL SOULS DAY” AND THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

JOINT PARISH COUNCIL WILL MEET TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH AT ST. STEPHEN PARISH. MASS AT 6:30PM WITH MEETING TO FOLLOW. ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES ARE INVITED.

If anyone has a child that is attending college please contact the office with Name and Address, because the PSR kids will be sending cards to them. Just to let them know we are thinking and praying for them.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

SPECIAL EVENTS!

Congratulations to Becky Krutsinger who will be holding a showing of her watercolor work at the Flora Library on November 3. Let’s support Becky by attending her exhibit. Great Job, Becky.

CHURCH WORK DAY HELPERS Thank you to all those who gave up their Saturday to spruce up/paint/clean and just make the church building and grounds look so much better. A lot of work was done by a group of dedicated people.

Bible Study is every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. after Mass. Everyone is welcome, in fact, everyone is encouraged to attend.

PLEASE mark your calendar for the Following Upcoming Event

Every Tuesday evening – Bible Study after mass
Nov. 4 - St. Ann’s Altar Society Work Meeting after Mass
Nov. 6 - Joint Pastoral Meeting with St. Edwards, after 6:30 p.m. mass at St. Stephen

ALL SOULS PICTURE DISPLAY

November is the month dedicated to all souls departed. We will again be calling to mind our deceased loved ones by placing their pictures in front of the altar. If you have pictures of your loved ones that you would like to have remembered in this way, please leave them on the table in the back of church—by next weekend. Also names of your deceased loved ones can be entered in the Memorial Book on the stand next to the baptistry in the front of church.

St. Anne's Altar Society met October 14, after Mass. There were 14 ladies in attendance. We have \$7,010.41 balance in our account, and have raised \$700 so far this year with our Annual Monetary Donation Fundraiser!

St. Anne's puts together a welcome basket for new members, and several have been given out so far.

Laura Whitehead offered to take over the Basket Raffle to fill the vacancy. She will be putting it together this year as a fundraiser for the Guadalupe Project, splitting the proceeds 50/50 with St. Anne's. The Cookie Walk will be Saturday, Dec. 1, this year. Letters will be sent out the women of the parish, please watch for your letter for more details!

We elected officers: Chairwoman: Donna Keyser. ViceChair/Reporter: Vivian Duquaine. Secretary: Deb Duquaine. Treasurer: Marilyn Stanford.

The next meeting is November 4, after Mass. It will be a working meeting to help with Cookie Walk preparations. All women of the parish are welcome! Please join us.

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 the thirtieth Sunday of ordinary time, the church invites us to manifest our faith and, place our hope in Christ . This is because, as our high priest and mediator, he is willing and able to open our eyes in order to see the marvels that God has worked for us.

In today’s gospel, Jesus cures the blind in fulfilment of Jeremiah’s prophesy that in the day of the Messiah the blind would once more see.

The blind Bartimaeus represents our collective human situation that is constantly yearning for healing and liberation from all sort of limitations. The blindness in questions might not necessarily be the physical loss of vision, but spiritual ignorance that limits our relationship with others , and with God. Hence, today’s gospel teaches us that to be free from this limitation, we must humbly accept it. Secondly, by constantly reminding ourselves that ‘ Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth” (Ps 95;8), we must humbly ask for help from Christ .So, like the blind man, in our gospel we must cry out to the Lord in faith:” Lord that I might see!” However, it is important to note that blind Bartimaeus did not believe because he was cured. Rather, he was cured because he had faith in Christ who said: “Your faith has cured you.” Faith is very important in our daily walk and encounter with Jesus Christ .

Faith gives us vision to see beyond the senses, beyond the world around us to deeper truth that it has come from God and is the place at our journey back to God.

Finally, there was a time I saw these words written on the plate of a car: “ if you are not tired of praying, God is not tired of listening to you.” So, the good news today is that our Christ our high priest is always ready to hear and help us. He wants us to see again and be liberated from all our limitations in this life.

If we sincerely call on Christ in, he will also hear us because: “ Whoever shall calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Rom 10,13)

Peace be with you ! and happy weekend

St. Stephen News

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

Oct. 28 Class	Dec. 2 Class
Nov. 4 Class	Dec. 9 Class - Christmas
Nov. 11 Class	Program/Dinner
Nov. 18 Class	Dec. 16 No Class
Nov 25 No Class	Dec. 23 No Class Christmas
Thanksgiving	Dec. 30 No Class New Year

St. Stephen's High School Religion Class
"MARY: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother," a bible study from Ascension Press which includes video, reading, and group discussion. *All young people ages 14 to 20 invited.

THANK YOU to all who supported the pizza fundraiser. Guadalupe Project raised over \$800. God bless you for your support!

There will be a **TRIVIA NIGHT** fundraiser on November 3 at Anthony's Wild West with all proceeds benefiting Guadalupe Project. The evening includes 9 rounds of trivia questions, fun games with cash prizes, and Anthony's full menu and bar available all evening. Tables cost \$100 for 4-6 people. Doors open at 6:00, trivia begins at 7:00, and the evening will conclude by 10:00pm. Trivia categories will include: American History, Pop Culture, Billboard Hits, Words that start with "L," Identify the Celebrity, etc! Text Laurat 618-599-6786 to register a team. If you can't make it, you could sponsor a ghost team for \$100! These evenings are great fun, hope to see you there!

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.

