

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: A Perfect Gift; Read the full version at usccb.org/perfect-gift.

Soon after the birth of my son Charlie,* who has Down syndrome, a visitor asked whether he was “mild, moderate, or severe”—referring to his level of cognitive impairment. I was shocked. In my arms I held my beautiful baby boy, who defied easy categorization.

It’s like looking at stained glass from the outside: the colors look dark, and you can’t see the figures. But inside, with the sun shining through, the effect can be brilliant.

From inside our family, love illuminates our life with Charlie. What may seem dreary to others, perhaps even unbearable, is actually filled with beauty and color. Our love has nothing to do with his abilities. We love him simply because of who he is, and understanding this teaches us a fundamental truth: every life is a good and perfect gift.

*Name changed for privacy. This is a summary of a USCCB Respect Life Program article

Charitable Gift Annuities Available

Charitable gift annuities are now easily available to our parish family members through a program offered by the Catholic Church Extension Society. By taking out a Catholic Gift Annuity you may be eligible for a charitable tax deduction, receive fixed income payments for life and leave a legacy to your parish or school. To obtain a brochure learn more about this program, please contact the parish office www.catholicgiftannuity.org

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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

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

The dual command. It is simple. It is straight forward. Love God. And Love neighbors as much as self. Today’s Gospel harkens back to the Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper when we sing “Where charity and love prevail, there is God.” We sing it while we gather gifts for the poor. The charge IS simple. This constant love behavior is harder.
.. Who is hard for me to love?
.. What will I do to love as myself?
.. And what gifts do I have for the poor?

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. Register for workshop, 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 jmarkfort@diobelle.org or 772-5040

November 4, 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.

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

Confession, Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Friday – 8:30 a.m.

Confession, Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday 1 p.m. or call for appt., Sunday 8 – 8:20 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

Parish Office: Trudi Herdes, Secretary, Office Hours
: Monday & Wednesday, 8 a.m. to noon Office, Fax &
Social Room 662-8121, Rectory 662-6261

Bulletin Info: Peggy Garrison, Parish Office.
Please submit by noon on Thursday

Bulletin information Beth Fancher, 665-3163
submit by Thursday, email: bafancher@wabash.net

New Parishioners Register at the Parish
Office

New Parishioner Register contact Father Charles,
Trudi Herdes or Dorothy Uebinger 662-3711
email dot@wabash.net

PSR Coordinator: Peggy Garrison
RCIA Coordinator: Ginny Barrett
Music Director: Denise Zurliene

Music Director: Diane Briscoe
PSR Coordinator: Paul Duquaine
RCIA Coordinator: Cheryl McCarty
Sacristan: Sam Pierce

Pastoral Council – 3rd Thursday
Altar Sodality – 3rd Monday
Men’s Club - As announced
CYO Meeting - As announced
Food Pantry Distribution 2nd Saturday 8am

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

Baptism, Marriage, Vocations, Sacrament of Anointing & Care of the Sick,
contact Father Charles Anyaoku or call St. Edward or St. Stephen Parish Offices.

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, November 3, NO MASS

Sunday, November 4, 8:30 a.m. mass -

St. Anne's Altar Society

Tues, Nov. 6, 6:30 p.m. mass For the living and deceased of our parish

Wednesday, November 7, 6:30 p.m. – Bill & Mary Handley+

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

Saturday, November 10, 5:30 p.m. mass – Howard & Madonna Goellner+

Sunday, November 11, Veterans Day, 8:30 a.m. mass –

Irene Winka, who celebrated her 80th birthday, November 9



Weekly Contributions -October 28

Envelopes..... \$ 1,441.00 (40)

Loose..... 164.00

Total\$ 1,605.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

World Mission - \$275.00

Attendance: Saturday-74
Sunday-64

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, November 10

Lector – Joe Beauchamp Commentator– Jim Fehrenbacher

Euch Min. - Cheryl McCarty, Dorothy & Jim Croy

Servers - Pierce Family, Allie Parker

Ushers – Jim McCarty, Jerry Price

Sunday, November 11

Lector –Susan Schroeder Commentator – Phil Fancher

Euch Min.Dorothy Uebinger Beth Sulsberger, Beth Fancher

Servers – Duquaine family

Ushers – Ted Whitehead, Alan Huff

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Saturday, Nov 3, NO mass St. Stephen's

Sunday, Nov 4, Mass 8:30 a.m.

St. Ann's Work meeting

Tuesday, Nov 6, Mass, 6:30 p.m. Bible

study after mass Joint Parish Council

Wed. Nov 7, 6:30 p.m. mass, Adoration
7pm–12 midnight.

Thursday, Nov 8, 7 a.m. mass

Friday, Nov. 9, Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

Sat., Nov 10, 5 p.m. Mass, St. Stephen

Sundav. Nov 11. Mass. 8:30 a.m.

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, Steve Dudzik, Ruth Wilson, 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, Gene Leonard, Celeste Replogle, Georgianna Weber, Mary Beth Lancaster, Denise Tadlock, Steve Spitzner, Helen Powless, Nick Compton, Cindy Bloemer, Kennah Hiespand

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 3, 5:00pm—Erwin Manns+

Sunday, November 4, 10:30am—Blessings Received

Thursday, November 8, 6:30pm—“Catholic Extension Donors”

Friday, November 9, 8:00am—Blessings Received

Saturday, November 10,--NO MASS

Sunday, November 11, 10:30am—All living & deceased Veteran's

Rosary will be 30 minutes before each mass

Weekly Contributions 10-28-2018

Envelopes(23) \$1,232.00

Loose 69.00

Total \$1,301.00

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$130.00

World Mission 152.00

All Saints Day 10.00

Attendance: Sat. 0 Sun. 60

Saturday, November 10—No Mass

Lector :

EM:

Ushers:

Gifts:

Servers:

Sunday, November 11

Lector: David Mills

EM: Peg Garrison, Ginny Barrett

Ushers:Nick Zurliene, Kent Ochs

Gifts: The Bunting Family

Servers: Jackson Mills, Gabby

Zurliene

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, Jeff Zurliene, and all priests who are sick

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Weekday

Phil 2:1-4

Lk 14:12-14

Tues: Weekday

Phil 2:5-11

Lk 14:15-24

Wed: Weekday

Phil 2:12-18

Lk 14:25-33

Thur: Weekday

Phil 3:3-8a

Lk 15:1-10

Fri: *The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17 Jn 2:13-22

Sat: *Saint Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church*

Phil 4:1-19

Lk 16:9-15

Sun: *Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1 Kgs 17:10-16 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44

ST. EDWARD NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, November 10th, there will be no mass at St. Edward.

VETERAN’S BREAKFAST: *On Saturday, November 10th at 7:00am is our Annual Veteran’s Breakfast. Anyone wishing to help please be here by 6:30am. Confirmation class will help serve. This a great opportunity to show appreciation for those that have given so much for our freedom in this country.*

FALL HARVEST HALLOWEEN PARTY:
Thank-you to Laura Zuliene and her crew for a great Fall Harvest Party.

PSR NEWS

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)

LOOKING AHEAD:
November 10th—Veteran’s Breakfast (7:00am)
November 15th—Pastoral Council (7:00pm)
November 19th—Altar Sodality (6:00pm) wrapping Advent Bags for shut-ins
December 2nd—St. Edward Christmas Party (following 10:30am Mass)

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.

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.

Please keep the Confirmation Class (Jackson Mills, Andrew Milligan, and Ailyn Zurliene) in your Prayers. On Sunday, November 18th they will be committing to being Confirmed with “The Rite of Enrollment”. This will be held at 8:30am Mass at St. Stephen.

Congratulations to Garland & Linda Keck who will celebrate 42yrs of marriage on November 20th.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

ALL SOULS PICTURE DISPLAY November is the month dedicated to all souls departed. We will 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. Also names of your deceased loved ones can be entered in the Memorial Book on the stand in the front of church.

November Birthdays

Irene Winka – November 9, **80th birthday**
Trudi Herdes – November 12
Jim Croy – November 16

November Anniversary

Jim & Dorothy Croy –
November 23



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
December 1, Cookie Walk and Basket Raffle

Please pick up a bulletin there’s lots of information for everyone. Bible Study is every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. after Mass. Everyone is welcome, in fact, everyone is encouraged to

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



AUTUMN HAS MANY FACES

AUTUMN, OF COURSE, HAS MANY FACES, THE LAST OF WHICH IS ADVENT. MUCH OF AUTUMN EVOKES NOSTALGIA, A LOVELY WORD THAT MEANS “HOMECOMING,” OUR YEARNING TO BE WHERE WE BELONG. CHRISTIAN NOSTALGIA HAS A DISTINCTIVE CHARACTER BECAUSE THE HOME WE YEARN FOR IS NOT IN OUR PAST BUT IN OUR FUTURE, WITHIN THE REIGN OF GOD. FOR US THE “GOOD OLD DAYS” ARE STILL TO COME.

NOSTALGIA HAS AN ADDED SPARK IN AUTUMN THAT COMES FROM THE LONGER NIGHTS AND THE INCREASING COLD. EARLIER NIGHTFALLS GET SOME OF US INDOORS EARLIER, AND THE CHILLY WEATHER CERTAINLY HAS US SCRAMBLING FOR SHELTER AND TOGETHERNESS. ADD TO THAT THE BOUNTY OF MARKETS AT THIS SEASON, AND WE HAVE THE FIXINGS FOR AN EXTENDED FEAST OF REMINISCING AND STORYTELLING.

NIGHTS OF REMEMBRANCE ARE AN ANTIDOTE FOR FEAR, WHICH HIDES IN AUTUMN’S SHADOWS. AUTUMN HAS MANY SUCH ANTIDOTES—FOR INSTANCE, OUR CHAMPION ST. MICHAEL (THE GUARDIAN OF THE DEAD), THE EVANGELISTS ST. MATTHEW AND ST. LUKE (WHOSE ANGELS KEEP TELLING US NOT TO FEAR), ST. TERESA OF AVILA (WHO TAUGHT US TO RELY ON OUR WITS), THE APOSTLES T. SIMON AND ST. JUDE (WHO IN FOLKLORE REMIND US THAT NO CAUSE IS LOST), ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, THE BISHOP WHO, LEGEND SAYS, SPLIT HIS CLOAK FOR THE SAKE OF CHRIST IN DISGUISE), ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND (THE QUEEN WHO, LIKE MICHAEL, IS SOMETIMES SHOWN BATTLING DEATH’S DRAGON) AND THE FIRST OF THE WINTER’S “FIVE WISE BRIDESMAIDS,” ST. CECILIA (WHO MIGHT HAVE US WHISTLING IN THE DARK RATHER THAN CURSING IT).

THAT BIT OF LORE HAS TOO MUCH POWER TO DISAPPEAR ENTIRELY JUST BECAUSE TH OLD RELIGIONS ARE GONE. IT OFFERS THE CONSOLATION THAT THE BRIDE, COME SPRING, WILL COME BACK INTO THE LIGHT; THAT TULIP BULBS PLANTED IN OCTOBER WILL RISE IN MAY; THAT WHEAT, SOWN IN AUTUMN, WILL EVENTUALLY RIPEN INTO OUR DAILY BREAD; AND THAT, IN CHRIST, HUMAN FLESH ALSO HAS IT PLANTING, ITS REST, ITS HARVESTING.

Marriage Encounter is a beautiful weekend experience designed for married couples of all ages. Give a special Thanksgiving “Thank You” to your spouse by applying for a WWME weekend and devoting that time to your marriage. You will learn a tremendously effective communication tool on your weekend, something you will be thankful for as well! ! The next weekends are Nov. 16-18, 2018 at the Chiara Center in Springfield, IL; Nov. 30-Dec 2 at the Courtyard Marriott in St. Peters, MO; and Jan. 19-20, 2019 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Lawrenceville, IL (no hotel provided). If you would like to apply or get more information, goto <https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php> or call 314.649.7317.

St. Stephen News

St. Stephen PSR 2018-2019 Calendar

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

Oct. 28 Class

Nov. 4 Class

Nov. 11 Class

Nov. 18 Class

Nov 25 No Class Thanksgiving

Dec. 2 Class

Dec. 9 Class – Christmas Program/Dinner

Dec. 16 – No Class

Dec. 23 No Class Christmas

Dec. 30 No Class New Years

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. Young people ages 14 to 20 invited.

There were three coats and umbrellas left on the coat rack. They are in the social room. Please claim them or they will be donated

WELCOME VISITORS ATTENDING MASS

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

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.

St. Theresa of Avila, Salem Thanksgiving Fixin's & Fall Bazaar Sunday, November 11

Turkey, dressing, mashed and sweet potatoes, grn beans, cranberry sauce, rolls, homemade
desserts, drinks. Adult - \$12, children 7 – 13 \$6 and under 7 free. Carry outs

Silent Auction and Country Store



2018-2019 St. Edward and St. Stephen Masses and Special Services

Wednesday, November 21 -	St. Edward – 5:30 p.m. mass St. Stephen – 7 p.m. mass
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Thursday, November 22 – Thanksgiving	St. Stephen – 8 a.m. mass St. Edward - 10 a.m. mass
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Friday, December 7 -	St. Edward – 8 a.m. mass
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Saturday, December 8 Immaculate Conception	St. Stephen – 8 a.m. mass
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Monday, December 17 Reconciliation Service	St. Stephen – 6:30 p.m.
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Friday, December 21 Reconciliation Service	St. Edward – 6:30 p.m.
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Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve	St. Edward – 8 p.m. mass St. Stephen – 11 p.m. mass
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Tuesday, December 25 Christmas	St. Stephen – 9 a.m. mass St. Edward – 11 a.m. mass
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Monday, December 31 Solemnity of Mary	St. Stephen – 6:30 p.m. mass
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Tuesday, January 1, 2019 Solemnity of Mary	St. Stephen – 8:30 a.m. mass St. Edward – 10:30 a.m. mass
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