

**Congratulations to the 2019 Confirmation class on their Rite of Enrollment – Allie Parker, Nolan Duquaine, Maria Whitehead, Rachel Holkenbrink, Ellie Pierce, Ellie Fleener, Andrea Moody, Jackson Mills, Andrew Milligan, and Ailyn Zurliene. Please pray for these students as they continue their preparation for Confirmation.**

**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

Almost all couples who attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend say: “We should have done this a long time ago!” Why? Their whole relationship became more alive on the Weekend, and the Weekend reminded them of what it was like as newlyweds. The next weekends are 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, go to <https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php> or call 314.649.7317.

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

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

November 25, 2018

*St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches*

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**St. Edward Mass Schedule:**  
**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 5 p.m.**  
**Sunday 10:30 a.m.**

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

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

**Confession, Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
Wednesday after mass, Sunday 8 – 8:20 a.m. or call appt

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
Altar Sodality – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday  
Men’s Club - As announced  
CYO Meeting - As announced  
Food Pantry Distribution 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 8am

Knights of Columbus – 1st Wednesday, 7 pm  
Finance Committee – 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
Altar Society - As announced  
Pastoral Council - 4<sup>th</sup> 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 24, 5 p.m. mass – David Sulsberger+**

Sunday, November 25, 8:30 a.m. mass - Deceased Priests and Religious

Tues, November 27, 6:30 p.m. mass – Catholic Extension Donor

Wednesday, November 28, 6:30 p.m. – Gerald P. Judd+

Thursday, November 29, 8:00 a.m. – For the living &  
deceased of the parish

**Saturday, December 1, NO MASS**

**Sunday, December 2, 8:30 a.m. mass – Connie Myers+**

Rosary begins 30 minutes before mass

**Weekly Contributions – November 18**

Envelopes..... \$ 981.00 (28)

Loose..... 234.00

Total .....\$1,215.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Catholic Campaign for Human Development. \$80

Orscheln Farm & Home Store Donation \$600.00

***Weekend Ministers***

**Saturday, December 1 NO MASS**

**Sunday, December 2**

**Lector** – Beth Sulsberger

**Commentator** – Phil Fancher

**Euch Min-** Krista Weidner, Emily Milner,

Jim Fehrenbacher

**Servers** – Max, Nolan, Sam Duquaine

**Ushers** – Jarod Fleener, Jim Klein

**St. Stephen Activities for the Week**

**Saturday, Nov 24, 5 p.m. mass**

**Sunday, Nov. 25,** 8:30 a.m. mass

**Tuesday, Nov 27,** 6:30 p.m. mass Bible  
study after mass

**Wed. Nov 28, 6:30** p.m. mass, Adoration  
7 p.m. – 12 midnight

Pastoral Council after mass.

**Thursday, Nov 29,** 8 a.m. mass

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

**Sat., Dec. 1,** 5 p.m. **NO Mass**

**Sunday, Dec. 2,** 8:30 a.m. mass

**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, Steve Spitzner, Helen Powless, Nick Compton,  
Cindy Bloemer, Kennah Hiespand, Jim McCarty

**ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, November 24—NO MASS**

Sunday, November 25, 10:30am—Don & Loretta Schoenborn+

Thursday, November 29, 6:30pm—“Catholic Extension Donors”

Friday, November 30, 8:00am—Blessings Received

**Saturday, December 1, 5:00pm—Jim Turner+**

Sunday, December 2, 10:30am—St. Edward Parishioners

Rosary will be 30 minutes before each mass

**Weekly Contributions—11/18**

Envelopes(29) \$1,433.00

Loose 176.00

Total \$1,609.00

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$162.00

Donations 75.00

Human Develop. 60.00

Attendance: Sat. 35 Sun. 59

**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, Bill Spitz, Linda States, all priests who are sick

**Saturday, December 01**

**Lector:** Jay Fyie

**E. Mins:** Tim & Jackie Schoenborn

**Ushers:** Ken & Theresa Nordmann

**Gifts:** Ray & Sally Conley

**Servers:** volunteer

**Sunday, December 02**

**Lector:** David Mills

**E. Mins:** Peg G., Ginny Barrett

**Ushers:** Scott Merkle, Rick Rennier

**Gifts:** PSR KIDS

**Servers:** Jackson Mills, Cali Bunting

**Our Daily Scripture Readings:**

**Mon:** *Weekday*

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Lk 21:1-4

**Tues:** *Weekday*

Rv 14: 14-19 Lk 21:5-11

**Wed:** *Weekday*

Rv 15:1-4 Lk 21:12-19

**Thur:** *Weekday*

Rv 18:1-2,21-23; 19:1-3,9a Lk:21:20-28

**Fri:** *Saint Andrew, Apostle*

Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22

**Sat:** *Weekday*

Rv 22:1-7 Lk 21:34-36

**Sun:** *First Sunday of Advent*  
Jer 33:14-16 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 Lk 21:25-28,34-36

ST. EDWARD NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, December 01—There will be mass at St. Edward—5:00p

PSR NEWS

Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> -NO CLASS OR CONFIRMATION (Thanksgiving weekend)  
Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>—PSR CLASS 9:00am NO CONFIRMATION  
Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>—PSR CLASS 9:00am CONFIRMATION—5:00PM  
Dec.16<sup>th</sup>—PSR CLASS 9:00am (PSR will perform a Christmas Pageant during Mass)

LOOKING AHEAD:

November 29<sup>th</sup>—Pastoral Council will meet at 7:00pm  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>—St. Edward Christmas Party (following 10:30am Mass)  
December 17<sup>th</sup>—Penance Service (St. Stephen—6:30pm)  
December 21<sup>st</sup>—Penance Service (St. Edward—6:30pm)

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

We the Ladies Sodality, are continuing the custom of a "Jesse Tree" during Advent this year. Jesse was the Father of David, one of the earliest Kings of Israel. Since the Messiah was to come from the line of Kings in Israel, this "Jesse Tree" commemorates the ancestry of Jesus and helps us to "Prepare the way of the Lord" through our thoughts and actions. In each bulletin until Christmas, information will be given for your journey through Advent by way of the Jesse Tree.

To "Prepare the way of the Lord" for your journey with the Jesse Tree, after Mass the weekend of Nov. 25, take a few parishioner/family names from the basket. Say some prayers for them this week. When you come to church next weekend, (Dec. 1-2, First Sunday of Advent" tie a ribbon on our Jesse Tree.

ST. EDWARD CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> (after 10:30am mass) we will be having our Annual Christmas Party. Please bring Brunch covered dish. I heard someone special is coming to also visit. There will be door prizes along with the Confirmation Class will be reading a story to the PSR KIDS. Hope to see everyone there.

THANK YOU TO THE LADIES WHO WRAPPED AND ASSEMBLED THE ADVENT BAGS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

Choir practice for Christmas has begun this month. The practice times for November will be Monday, November 26, 7 pm., and all Mondays in December. All parishioners are welcome to join us!



PLEASE mark your calendar for the following Upcoming Event

- Every Tuesday evening – Bible Study after mass
- November 28, Pastoral Council after mass
- December 1, Cookie Walk and Basket Raffle, please turn in baskets or raffle items as soon as possible.

Please pick up the Little Blue Book in the back of church at both entrances. It is a six minute reflection on the Sunday Gospels of Year C for Advent and Christmas Season. Also please pick up the Family Digest booklet.

WEEKEND MASS 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.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS!

Welcome Andrew and Jessica (Bowlin) Vahling to our church family. Andrew and Jessica were married at St. Francis Catholic Church, Teutopolis on November 3. Congratulations and welcome.

Congratulations to Vivian Duquaine who was recently named "Student of the Week" and Illinois State Scholar at Flora High School.

November Birthdays

Irene Winka – November 9  
Trudi Herdes – November 12  
Jim Croy – November 16

November Anniversary

Jim & Dorothy Croy – Nov. 23

WELCOME VISITORS  
ATTENDING MASS  
Welcome to our church. Come visit us again.



Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with Thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Phillippians 4:4-7

Almighty Father,  
You are lavish in bestowing all your gifts, and we give  
you thanks for the favors you have given us.  
In your goodness you have favored us and, kept us  
safe in the past.  
We ask that you continue to protect us and to shelter  
us in the shadow of your wings.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

St. Stephen News

St. Stephen PSR 2018-2019 Calendar

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

|                  |                                         |               |               |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Nov. 11 Class    | Dec. 2 Class                            | Jan. 6 Class  | Feb. 3 Class  |
| Nov. 18 Class    | Dec. 9 Class – Christmas Program/Dinner | Jan. 13 Class | Feb. 10 Class |
| Nov. 25 No Class | Dec. 16 – No Class                      | Jan. 20 Class | Feb. 17 Class |
| Thanksgiving     | Dec. 23 No Class Christmas              | Jan. 27 Class | Feb. 24 Class |
|                  | 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.

**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](mailto: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](http://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.



Would you like to help advertise the upcoming Cookie Walk? Well, you can very easily!

Just share the following information with your friends by e-mail or Facebook.

## **CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK**

**Basket Raffle/Craft Vendors**

**DECEMBER 1, 2018**

**9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

***ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH***

***812 N. MAIN ST. – FLORA***

**Homemade holiday cookies and candy! \$8 a pound. You'll have the opportunity to take the "walk" and pick up your own cookies and candy.**

**Cookies -- Christmas candies – Specialty Items – Basket Raffle – Craft Vendors**

**The perfect time to pick up that special holiday gift or treat for school, office, or party.**

**Come in and select your own cookies, choose from our pre-packaged assortments, or call 662-8121 to place an order Saturday, December 1, from 9:00 to 1:00. 1/3 of all proceeds from the sale of cookies/candies will go to the Clay County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry. Hope you can make it!**



**Ladies of the Parish:** We need all the cookies and candies you can make and your help. Please bring your cookies and candies to the church on

Friday, Nov. 30, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. or  
Saturday, Dec, 1, starting at 8 a.m.

Please sign up to help during the cookie walk, on the days listed above or on  
Thursday, Nov. 29, 6 – 7 p.m. to set up.