

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.

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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

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

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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.

Please pray for these students as they continue their preparation for Confirmation. Allie Parker, Nolan Duquaine, Ellie Fleener, Maria Whitehead, Rachel Holkenbrink, Ellie Pierce, Andrea Moody, Jackson Mills, Andrew Milligan. and Ailvn Zurliene.

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St. Vincent de Paul Needs Blankets and Coats! Cold winter weather has arrived earlier than usual and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council needs blankets and coats to distribute to those need Gently-used or new coats of all types for all ages – toddlers, children, teens and adults (men and women) and blankets of all types/sizes – are being requested. Items can be dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul office #13 Vieux Carre Drive, Suite 2, East St. Louis or call Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126 for additional information

Want to give your spouse a gift that says you truly love them and want to make the most of your marriage? Give your spouse a gift certificate for a Marriage Encounter weekend as a Christmas present! You will BOTH appreciate this special gift to one another. If that sounds good to you, just pick up the phone to find out more about a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on Jan. 19-20, 2019 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Lawrenceville, IL (no hotel provided); or Feb 8-10 at the Courtyard Marriott in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to <https://stl-wwwme.org/schedule.php> or call 314.64.7317

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

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

Friday, December 7 -	St. Edward – 8 a.m. mass	
Saturday, December 8 Immaculate Conception	St. Stephen – 8 a.m. mass	
Monday, December 17 Reconciliation Service	St. Stephen – 6:30 p.m.	
Friday, December 21 Reconciliation Service	St. Edward – 6:30 p.m.	
Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve	St. Edward – 8 p.m. mass	St. Stephen – 11 p.m. mass
Tuesday, December 25 Christmas	St. Stephen – 9 a.m. mass	St. Edward – 11 a.m. mass
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	

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 1, NO MASS

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

Tues, December 4, 6:30 p.m. mass – Dominic & Mary Talmant+

Wednesday, December 5, 6:30 p.m. – For the living & deceased of the parish

Thursday, December 6, 8 a.m. – Catholic Extension Donors

Saturday, December 8, 8 a.m. – Immaculate Conception – Al Winka+

Saturday, December 8, 5:00 p.m. – Harold Fitzgerald Jr.+

Sunday, December 9, 8:30 a.m. mass – Tom Scanlan+

Rosary begins 30 minutes before mass

Weekly Contributions – November 25

Envelopes..... \$2,016.00 (46)

Loose..... 315.00

Total\$2,331.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Thanksgiving Day - \$78.00

Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.

\$10

Cemetery Fund Donation - \$100

Attendance: Saturday- 70 Sunday-105

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Saturday, December 1 , NO MASS

Sunday, December 2, 8:30 a.m. mass

Tuesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m. mass

Bible study after mass

Wed. December 5, 6:30 p.m. mass,

Adoration 7 p.m. – 12 midnight

Thursday, December 6, 8 a.m. mass

Friday, December 7, Divine Mercy Chaplet

8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Servite Rosary 12

noon, Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3 p.m

Sat., December 8, 8 a.m. MASS

Immaculate Conception 5 p.m. **MASS**

Sunday, December 9, 8:30 a.m. mass

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, December 8

Lector – Cheryl McCarty

Euch Min Pat Ridgeway, Jim & Dorothy Croy

Servers: Pierce’s, Allie Parker

Ushers: Jim McCarty, Jerry Price

Sunday, December 9

Lector Ted Whitehead

Comment. Deb Zimmerman

Euch Min- Randy Wells, Dennis Holkenbrink, Dorothy

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Servers – Max and Nolan Duquaine, Ethan Milner

Ushers – Justin Fleener, Ted Zimmerman

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, December 1, 5:00pm—Jim Turner+

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

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

Friday, December 7, 8:00am—Blessings Received

Saturday, December 8—NO MASS

Sunday, December 9, 10:30am—Larry McClure+

Rosary will be 30 minutes before each mass

Weekly Contributions—11/25

Envelopes(23) \$1,001.00

Loose 153.00

Total \$1,154.00

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$112.00

Christmas Flowers 30.00

Human Develop. 20.00

Attendance: Sat. 0 Sun. 72

PRAYER INTENTIONS: 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 08—NO MASS

Sunday, December 09

Lector: Jen Wellen

E. Mins: David Mills, Emily

Milligan

Ushers: Scott Merkle, Paul

Perez

Gifts: The Felowitz Family

Servers: Hayden Felowitz,

Andrew Milligan

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: *Saint Francis Xavier, Priest*

Is 2:1-5

Mt 8:5-11

Tues: *Advent Weekday; Saint John Damascene*

Is 11:1-10

Lk 10:21-24

Wed: *Advent Weekday*

Is 25:6-10a

Mt 15:29-37

Thur: *Advent Weekday, Saint Nicholas, Bishop*

Is 26:1-6

Mt 7:21,24-27

Fri: *Saint Ambrose, Bishop*

Is 29:17-24

Mt 9:27-31

Sat: *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary,*

Patronal Feast Day of the USA

Gen:3:9-15,20 Eph 1:3-6,11-12

Lk 1:26-38

Sun: *Second Sunday of Advent*

Bar 5:1-9

Phil 1:4-6,8-11

Lk 3:1-6

ST. EDWARD NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, December 08—There is no mass at St. Edward.

PSR NEWS

Dec. 2nd—PSR CLASS 9:00am NO CONFIRMATION

Dec. 9th—PSR CLASS 9:00am CONFIRMATION—5:00PM

Dec. 16th—PSR CLASS 9:00am (PSR will perform a Christmas Pageant during Mass)

Dec. 23rd—NO PSR OR CONFIRMATION

LOOKING AHEAD:

December 2nd—St. Edward Christmas Party (following 10:30am Mass)

December 7th—Food Pantry Set-up (8:30am)

December 8th—Food Pantry Distribution (8:00am)

December 17th—Penance Service (St. Stephen—6:30pm)

December 21st—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

To “Prepare the way of the Lord” for your journey with the Jesse Tree, after Mass the weekend of Dec. 1-2, take a few parishioners/family names (that are on labels) from the basket. Send these parishioners/families a Christmas Card. Use the label on the envelopes for your convenience. You may sign your name or simply put from a parishioner of St. Edward Church. When you come to church next weekend, (Dec. 8-9, Second Sunday of Advent) tie a ribbon on our Jesse Tree.

ST. EDWARD CHRISTMAS PARTY

St. Edward Christmas Party—Sunday, Dec. 2nd following 10:30am mass. Hope to see everyone there.

FOOD PANTRY

Friday, December 7th is Food Pantry Set-up at 8:30am. On Saturday, December 8th is Food Pantry Distribution at 8:00pm. What an awesome way to help someone that is in need this Advent Season.

Congratulations to November Anniversaries:

Jeff & Mary Murphy----12-18-1987 (31 yrs.)

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!



SPECIAL EVENTS!

It was nice to see so many of you share the memory of your loved ones by displaying their pictures at the altar during November. The pictures are now on the table in the back of church, Please pick up.

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.

PLEASE mark your calendar for the following Upcoming Event

-Every Tuesday evening – Bible Study after mass
Saturday, December 8, Immaculate Conception
8 a.m. mass

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

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

St. Mary’s Church in Mt. Carmel is presenting the beloved scripture readings of the Nativity with anthems and carols to herald the Advent of our Lord’s birth. This will be held on Sunday December 9th at 6:00pm. There is a flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

ADVENT

MARK THE SEASON OF ADVENT BY LOVING AND SERVING
OTHERS WITH GOD'S OWN LOVE AND CONCERN.

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

JUST AS THE VIRGIN MOTHER PONDERED IN HER HEART ON
THE WORD MADE FLESH, SO EVERY INDIVIDUAL SOUL AND
THE ENTIRE CHURCH ARE CALLED DURING THEIR EARTHLY
PILGRIMAGE TO WAIT FOR CHRIST WHO COMES—AND TO
WELCOME HIM WITH FAITH AND LOVE EVER NEW.

Pope Benedict XVI

“YOU HAVE BEEN ENLIGHTENED BY CHRIST. WALK ALWAYS
AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT AND KEEP THE FLAME OF FAITH
ALIVE IN YOUR HEARTS.”

Roman Rite

“LIFT UP THE EYES OF YOUR HEART TO THE SACRED LIGHT,
WATCH CLOSELY TO SEE THE GLORY AND MAJESTY OF THE
LORD.”

St. Elizabeth of Schonau

St. Stephen News

St. Stephen PSR 2018-2019 Calendar

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

Dec. 2 Class	Jan. 6 Class	Feb. 3 Class
Dec. 9 Class – Christmas Program/Dinner	Jan. 13 Class	Feb. 10 Class
Dec. 16 – No Class	Jan. 20 Class	Feb. 17 Class
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

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.

