

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

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.

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

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		

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

Uebinger

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 8—NO MASS

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

Thursday, December 13, 6:30pm—“Catholic Extension Donors”

Friday, December 14, 8:00am—Blessings Received

Saturday, December 15, 5:00pm—John Robison III+

Sunday, December 16, 10:30am—For living & deceased of St. Edward

Rosary will be 30 minutes before each mass

Weekly Contributions—12/02

Envelopes(32) \$1,930.00

Loose 282.00

Total \$2,214.00

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$392.00

Christmas Flowers 265.00

Attendance: Sat. 22 Sun. 59

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, Linda States, all priests who are sick

Saturday, December 15

Lector: Don Zurliene

E. Mins: Sally Conley, Diana Z.

Ushers: Jim & Margaret

Thompson

Gifts: John & Leslie Robison

Servers: Volunteer

Sunday, December 16

Lector: Debra Simmers

E. Mins: Jeff & Mary Murphy

Ushers: Bob & Hank Simmers

Gifts: The Bunting Family

Servers: Ailyn & Gabby Zurliene

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: *Advent Weekday*

Is 35:1-10

Lk 5:17-26

Tues: *Advent Weekday; Saint Damasus I, Pope*

Is 40:1-11

Mt 18:12-14

Wed: *Our Lady of Guadalupe (USA)*

Zec 2:14-17

Lk 1:26-38

Thur: *Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr*

Is 41:13-20

Mt 11:11-15

Fri: *Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church*

Is 48:17-19

Mt 11:16-19

Sat: *Advent Weekday*

Sir 48:1-4,9-11

Mt 17:9a,10-13

Sun: *Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)*

Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18

ST. EDWARD NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, December 15—There will be mass at St. Edward: 5:00pm

PSR NEWS

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

Dec. 30th—NO PSR OR CONFIRMATION

Jan. 6th—PSR CLASS 9:00am Confirmation—5:00pm

LOOKING AHEAD:

December 13th—Finance Committee Meeting—7:00pm

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. 8-9, all parishioners are asked To Do, or Sincerely Say Something nice for/to a family member, a co-worker, a neighbor, or a friend, etc. Next weekend, (Dec. 15-16, Third Sunday of Advent) tie a ribbon on our Jesse Tree.

THANK-YOU TO THE LADIES ALTAR SODALITY FOR ANOTHER FANTASTIC CHRISTMAS PARTY. IT WAS ALSO NICE TO SEE SANTA. THANK-YOU TO EVERYONE THAT ATTENDED AND HELPED.

FOOD PANTRY

If you are not aware of it, but St. Edward Assistance Fund donated \$500 towards the Christmas Food Baskets provided by Mid-West Food Bank & The Clothesline. The goal was to make 275 baskets, but they ended up making 290 baskets. If anyone would like to donate to our Assistance Fund to help replenish the funds may put in your collection envelope with a note or even a separate envelope and drop into the collection basket. Thank-you.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, December 13th at 7:00pm. Envelopes are on the bulletin board in the hall. Also, trustees are cordially invited to join the meeting.

Congratulations to December 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God knows where we are – and comes.

This is divine revelation: God coming, God showing, God being with us. Always! Let us, therefore, wear the cloak of justice and the hat of God's glorious splendor.

That is, let us still dress like Christ – just as we were first clothed in him at Baptism—and radiate his presence—just as we were first illumined by him in that sacramental bath.

***John the Baptist calls us, today, to conversion. What will I do?**

***How can I wear mercy like a comfortable cloak, a well worn hat?**

***How can my daily life shine in more merciful ways?**

Let us pray for all unborn children: That their families will prepare to welcome them with joy and awareness of the many gifts children bring into the world.

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.

