

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:
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

Food Pantry Collection 1st Weekend
Knights of Columbus – 1st Wednesday, 7 pm
Finance Committee – 3rd Wednesday, 7 pm
Pastoral Council - 4th Wednesday, 7 pm
Altar Societv – As Announced

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, Ellie Fleener, Nolan Duquaine, Maria Whitehead, Rachel Holkenbrink, Ellie Pierce, Andrea Moody, Jackson Mills, Ailyn Zurliene and Andrew Milligan.

Merry Christmas from the Messenger!
Don't forget to Subscribe by calling **The Messenger at 618-233-8670**. To subscribe online go to www.bellevillemessenger.org

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 (no hotel provided); or Feb 8-10 at the Courtyard Marriott in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to get more info. call 314-694-7317, go to <https://stl-wme.org/schedule.php>

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 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 am mass



ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 29, 5:00 p.m. mass – Howard & Madonna Goellner+
 Sunday, December 30, 8:30 a.m. mass – Dominic & Mary Talmant+
Monday, Dec. 31, 6:30 p.m. Solemnity of Mary (Eve) – Kenny & Evelyn Myers+
Tuesday, Jan. 1, 8:30 a.m. Solemnity of Mary – St. Ann’s Altar Society
 Wednesday, January 2, 26, 6:30 p.m. mass – Margo Etchison +
 Thursday, January 3, 8:00 a.m. mass – Catholic Extension Donors
Saturday, January 5, NO MASS
 Sunday, January 6, 8:30 a.m. – For the living & deceased of the parish
 Rosary begins 30 minutes before mass

Weekly Contributions December 23

Envelopes..... \$2,356.00 (51)
 Loose..... \$204.00
 Total\$2,560.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Attendance Saturday 81, Sunday 78

Christmas Offering envelopes \$2,277.00
 (34) loose \$224.00, Total - \$2501.00
 Annual Christmas offering for those in need \$241.00

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Saturday, December 29, 5 p.m. MASS
Sunday, December 30, 8:30 a.m. mass.
Mon., Dec. 31, Solemnity of Mary, 6:30 p.m. mass
Tuesday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary 8:30 mass
Wed. January 2 , 6:30 p.m. mass Adoration
 7 p.m. – 12 midnight
Thursday, January 3, 8 a.m. mass
Friday, January 4, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m.
 to 3:15 p.m. Servite Rosary 12 noon,
 Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3 p.m
Saturday, January 5, NO MASS

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, January 5 NO MASS

Sunday, January 6

Lector- Beth Sulsberger

Commentator- Phil Fancher

Euch Min Emily Milner, Beth Fancher,
 Jim Fehrenbacher

Servers – Max and Nolan Duquaine, Ethan Milner

Ushers – Justin Fleener, Jacob Whitehead

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, 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 29—NO MASS

Sunday, December 30, 10:30am—Jim Zimmerman+

Monday, December 31, 6:30pm—Mass at St. Stephen (only)

Tuesday, January 1,(8:30am-St. Stephen) (10:30am-St. Edward)—For Blessings Received

Thursday, January 3—NO MASS

Friday, January 4—NO MASS

Saturday, January 5, 5:00pm—John Robison III+

Sunday, January 6, 10:30am—Larry McClure+

Weekly Contr.—Dec. 23,24,25

Envelopes(27) \$1,262.00
 Loose 47.00
 Total \$1,309.00
 We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$147.00
 Donation 500.00
 For the Needy 375.00
 Christmas Off. 1,235.00

Attendance: Sat. 0 Sun. 57
 Christmas Eve 109 Christmas 18

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, Jim Merritt all priests who are sick

Saturday, January 5: 5:00pm

Lector: Jay Fyie
E.Min: Ken & Theresa Nordmann
Ushers: Jim & Margaret Thompson
Gifts: John & Leslie Robison
Servers: volunteer

Sunday, January 6

Lector: Jen Wellen
E. Min: David Mills, Emily Milligan
Ushers: Scott Merkle, Paul Perez
Gifts: The Felowitz Family
Servers: Hayden Felowitz, Andrew Milligan

Tues, Jan. 1—New Year’s Day—10:30am

We will need volunteers for all positions. Thanks.

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: *Saint Sylvester I, Pope*

1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18

Tues: *Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God*

Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

Wed: *Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen*

1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28

Thur: *Christmas weekday; The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

1 Jn 2:29—3:6 Jn 1:29-34

Fri: *Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (USA)*

1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42

Sat: *Saint John Neumann, Bishop (USA)*

1 Jn 3:11-21 Jn 1:43-51

Sun: *The Epiphany of the Lord*

Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12

ST. EDWARD NEWS

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

PSR NEWS

Dec. 30th—NO PSR OR CONFIRMATION

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

Jan. 13th—PSR CLASS 9:00am No Confirmation

Jan. 20th—PSR CLASS 9:00am Confirmation—5:00pm

Jan. 27th—PSR CLASS 9:00am

CYO NEWS

We would like to thank Libby Pond for becoming the new leader of our CYO program. The first meeting will be held on Sunday, January 6th at 6:00pm. Will have discussions on upcoming events. There will also be pizza.

LOOKING AHEAD:

January 1st—Mass at 10:30am (New Year's Day)

January 3rd & 4th—No Mass (Weekdays)

January 5th—Mass at 5:00pm

January 6th—PSR RESUMES (9:00AM) Confirmation—5:00pm

January 11th—Food Pantry Set-up (8:30am)

January 12th—Food Pantry Distribution (8:00am)

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.

The Finance Committee met recently and our finances remain satisfactory; although, we are averaging 5% below our "Weekly we Need" desired goal of \$1,887.00. A report is available on the bulletin board in the hall for your review. Thank you for your continued support to St. Edward.

Collection Envelopes for 2019 are available on a table in the hall. Your number may have changed due to additions and departures of parishioners. If you do not have a box with your name please contact the church office if you want a set. Thank-you.

Thank you to everyone who donated toward our Christmas Flowers. The list is on the board. Thank you to the elves that decorated the church for Christmas. It looks beautiful!!!!

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

There will be mass at St. Stephen's on Saturday, December 29, 5 p.m. We need a volunteer lector, Eucharistic ministers, servers and ushers. Please check New Years and Solemnity of Mary mass times, listed.

BULLETINS ARE NOW ON THE BOOKSHELVES BY THE TABLES AT THE FRONT OF CHURCH. Pick one up, LOT OF INFORMATION!

Thanks to all the choir members and organist who contributed their time and talent for Christmas this year. God Bless you all!!
Diane Briscoe

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.

Sympathy is extended to Amelia Guzman and family on the death of her husband, Raul Guzman, in Xenia on December 6. Funeral services for Raul were held on December 10 at the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, Joliet with burial following in Woodlawn Memorial Park in Joliet.

May his soul rest in peace.

SPECIAL EVENTS!

December Birthdays

Dorothy Croy – Dec. 4

Bernie Brown – Dec. 6

Ray Winka – 89th - Dec. 17

Allison Cartright – Dec. 29

Jeanne Greuel – Dec. 30

Please pick up your 2019 contribution envelope boxes on the table in the back of church.



The feast of Holy Family Sunday , Year (C)

Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14 Colossians 3 : 12-21 Luke 2 :41-52

The Holy Family of Jesus , Mary and Joseph a model for Christian family

The Feast of the Holy Family has traveled around the Church calendar. Although devotion to the Holy Family goes back to the 1600's, Pope Leo X111 made it a liturgical feast for some dioceses and Pope Benedict XV later placed it in the universal Roman calendar in 1921 on the Sunday after Epiphany . Later, it was designated as the Sunday in the octave of Christmas.

This Sunday is a day when most homilies reflect on the various dimensions of family life. Family is the place where generations care for each other as described by the Old Testament book of Sirach. The family is the place where we grow and learn how to be an adult. It is the place where we learn the practice of our faith through all the virtues described by St. Paul in today's second reading . It is the place where we learn to forgive , to reconcile and deal with each other's differences. The family is the place where we can come in any crisis and know that we are in a loving , caring environment. The family is supposed to be a place of strength, support and affirmation.

Even though family structures are diverse today for many reasons, the family is still the place where we can come and be appreciated not simply for what we do but for who we are , a family member.

On this Holy Family Sunday, we can examine the family of Jesus Christ , which is the Church , and more specifically our parish church. Our parish is the place where the community Jesus founded comes to life.

Is our parish a place where we can learn our faith, come with our questions, share our insights and learn from others' life experiences with the Lord? Is our parish a place where we can learn to forgive, to reconcile and to deal with differences or do we accept those who think and pray only as we do? Is our parish a place where we can come in any crisis and know that whatever we may have done, we will find a place where we can recover and restore our dignity as Christians? Is our parish 's sacramental and extra-sacramental like a place of strength , support and renewal?

Today 's Gospel reading gives us a striking scene from the early life of Jesus that is a model for us. Mary , Joseph and Jesus demonstrated what a Christian family represents. Each person contributed to the holiness and progress of the family. Here at the parish , we all gather around the Lord , as did those teachers in Jerusalem, listening to the Lord, asking Him questions and responding to His questions to us. As in today's Gospel reading , we should be able to see the parish church as our father's house, the home of our God in which we are all welcome. Like Nazareth, our parish should be a place where we can advance in wisdom, age and favor before God and man.

St. Stephen News

St. Stephen PSR 2018-2019 Calendar

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

Dec. 30 NO Class	Jan. 6 Class	Feb. 3 Class	March 3 Class	March 31 Class
	Jan. 13 Class	Feb. 10 Class	March 10 Class	
	Jan. 20 Class	Feb. 17 Class	March 17 Class	
	Jan. 27 Class	Feb. 24 Class	March 24 Class	

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.

WELCOME VISITORS ATTENDING MASS 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 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.

