

January 6, 2019

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 for appointment

Parish Office: Peggy Garrison, Secretary
Office hours Tuesday, Wednesday
& Friday, 8 a.m. to 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 Information to Peggy Garrison, Parish
Office. Please submit by noon on Thursday

Bulletin information to Beth Fancher, 665-3163
submit by Thursday, email bafancher@wabash.net
New Parishioner Register contact Father Charles,
Trudi Herdes or Dorothy Uebinger 662-3711

New Parishioners Register - Parish Office
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, 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

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

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>



ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 5, NO MASS
 Sunday, Jan. 6, 8:30 a.m. mass – For the living & deceased of the parish
 Tuesday, January 8, 6:30 p.m. mass – Catholic Extension Donors
 Wednesday, January 9, 6:30 p.m. mass – Bill & Mary Handley +
 Thursday, January 10, 8:00 a.m. mass – Catholic Extension Donors
Saturday, January 12, 5:00 p.m. MASS, Stan & Ginny Timm+
 Sunday, January 13, 8:30 a.m. – Jim Stanford+
 Rosary begins 30 minutes before mass

Weekly Contributions December 30

Envelopes..... \$1,139.00 (40)
 Loose..... \$ 152.00
 Total\$1,291.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Attendance Saturday 61, Sunday 80

Christmas Offering \$200.00

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, January 12 Lector - Sam Pierce
 Euch. Min – Jim & Dorothy Croy, Krista Weidner
 Servers – Pierce Family
 Ushers - Don Talmant, Mike Winka

Sunday, January 13
Lector- Ted Zimmerman
Commentator- Deb Zimmerman
EM Randy Wells Dorothy Uebinger, Dennis Holkenbrink
Servers – Max and Nolan Duquaine, Kehlin Crawford
Ushers – Jerod Fleener, Alan Huff

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Saturday, January 5, NO MASS
Sunday, Jan. 6, 8:30 a.m. mass.
 Food Pantry Collection
Tuesday, January 8, 6:30 mass
Wed. January 9 , 6:30 p.m. mass
 Adoration 7 p.m. – 12 midnight
Thursday, January 10, 8 a.m. mass
Friday, January 11, 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 12, 5 p.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, Clarence & Clarice Schweighart Painter, Ray & Irene Winka, Chris Boyd, Steve Dudzik, Ruth Wilson, Roger Wells, Becky Payne, Bob Bluhm, Rhonda Ryker, Dr. Don Bunnell, Paul Weidner, Marilyn Wheaton, J.R. Means, Lois Houlihan, Cory Britton, Lucille Anderson, Debbie Jones, Gary Nelson, Ed Perk, Georgia Klingler, Gene Leonard, Celeste Replogle, Georgianna Weber, Steve Spitzner, Helen Powless, Nick Compton, Cindy Bloemer, Kennah Hiespand, Jim McCarty, Sister Kate Kuenstler, Luke Miller

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 5, 5:00pm—John Robison III+
 Sunday, January 6, 10:30am—Larry McClure+
 Thursday, January 10, 6:30pm—Catholic Extension Donors
 Friday, January 11, 8:00am—Blessings Received
Saturday, January 12—NO MASS
 Sunday, January 13, 10:30am—Rita Zurliene Horstmann+

Weekly Contr.—12/30

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Envelopes(21) \$1,393.00
 Loose 300.00
 Total \$1,693.00
 We need \$1,887.00

 Building Fund \$102.00
 First Offering 50.00
 For the Needy 20.00
 Christmas Off. 10.00
 Solemnity of Mary 181.00

Attendance: Sat. 0 Sun. 49

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, Jim Merritt, Linda States, all priests who are sick

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: *Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest*
 1 Jn 3:22—4:6 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tues: *Christmas Weekday*
 1 Jn 4:7-10 Mk 6:34-44
Wed: *Christmas Weekday*
 1 Jn 4:11-18 Mk 6:45-52
Thur: *Christmas Weekday*
 1 Jn 4:19—5:4 Lk 4:14-22a
Fri: *Christmas Weekday*
 1 Jn 5:5-13 Lk 5:12-16
Sat: *Christmas Weekday*
 1 Jn 5:14-21 Jn 3:22-30
Sun: *The Baptism of the Lord*
 Is 42:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Saturday, January 12: NO MASS

Lector:
E.Min:
Ushers:
Gifts:
Servers:

Sunday, January 13: 10:30am

Lector: Debra Simmers
E. Min: Sally Conley, Diana Zurliene
Ushers: Bob & Hank Simmers
Gifts: The Bunting Family
Servers: Gabby Zurliene, Ailyn Zurliene

ST. EDWARD NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, January 12—NO MASS AT ST. EDWARD.

PSR NEWS

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 No Confirmation

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 5th—Mass 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)
January 17th—Mass 6:30pm Pastoral Council—7:00pm

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.

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.

HOLY WATER TANK

ST. EDWARD HAS JUST RECENTLY PURCHASED A 5 GALLON HOLY WATER TANK. THANK-YOU TO RUSTI GROGAN FOR DONATING IT IN MEMORY OF HER HUSBAND, WILLIAM GROGAN. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE SOME TO YOUR HOME, PLEASE BRING A LITTLE CONTAINER AND THERE WILL BE CONTAINERS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

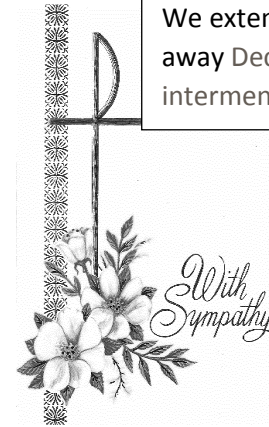
THERE WILL BE ANOINTING OF THE SICK AFTER MASS THIS WEEKEND.

Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint {him} with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven.

James 5:13-15

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Kathryn Fleener. Kathryn passed away December 29, at Flora Healthcare Center. Her funeral was January 2, with interment in Orchard Hill Cemetery, Louisville. May her soul rest in peace.



Sympathy is extended to the family of Eldon "Duck" Greenwood, Tom Greenwood's uncle. He passed away December 31, and was buried at Elmwood Cemetery, January 5. May his soul rest in peace.

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.

BULLETINS ARE NOW ON THE BOOKSHELVES BY THE TABLES AT THE ENTRANCE DOORS IN CHURCH. Pick one up, LOTS OF INFORMATION! There are extra bulletins in the mail box on the south door of the church.

St. Stephen PSR 2019 Calendar Sunday Class Time 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

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	

Special Events!

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 5- Jessica Vahling
January 9 – Jean Guerretaz
January 20 – George & Julie Harris
Anniversary

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

From Father Charles' Desk:

Christ, the Light of the World

Today the Church celebrates the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ – the celebration of his birth being made known to the whole world. Epiphany means manifestation of Christ, the Savior of the world, to all. In this Feast of Epiphany, the prophecy that the entire world would come to adore the Lord with what they have is fulfilled. The Epiphany shows that Jesus is Savior, not only for the Jewish people, but also for everybody, in every land and in every culture. The message of power and love of Christ are for everybody. Today in the Gospel, the Magi were guided by a star to the town of Bethlehem of Judea where Jesus was born, the new born King of the Jews. Jesus' star was very new to them, and they recognized it as the great and powerful star. They followed his star to Bethlehem of Judea because they believed that the new born king was a universal king. Their gifts to the new born infant king were gold, frankincense, and myrrh. All these were priceless in their day, and they are also of great significance for our salvation. Gold is the symbol of Kingship and royalty. Frankincense or incense is a symbol of divinity. Myrrh is used for embalment. It is a symbol of humanity.

More so, the story of the Magi tells us that salvation is for all. The fulfilment of God's plan is that gentiles who believe in Jesus are now in the same position as the Jewish people. Now, in Christ, everyone can be a son or daughter of God. God has no cultural or national favorites. For St. Paul, the key to union with God is faith in Jesus Christ. The message of the Epiphany, of the Magi traveling through the night guided only by a star, is that whatever our darkness, however deep the night, God's light is also there. Even if we are not fully aware of it, His light is there to guide us to that perfect light which is Jesus Christ.

Therefore, we are called to imitate these Magi from the east who followed a star to the Bethlehem in order to perform their homage to the new born king of the Jews. They were not demoralized by people of Jerusalem who had been given the privilege of having the knowledge of the coming Messiah through the scripture. But they confidently followed the star. They were focused and committed people. They were people of faith. The Jews believed in the prophecy yet did not later perform homage to Christ. Today, we too shall be guided by Christ's light to Bethlehem. It is hope for the eternal happiness in God's kingdom, but we must build faith in Christ for he is the light of the world. Again, we have signs of the Lord's presence among us – his action in people's lives, his teaching that is taught and lived today, the power of his death and Resurrection made present in all our sacraments, his enduring presence with his Church in good times and in bad, the power of God's spirit alive in the people of the Church.

Happy Feast of Epiphany, and Happy New Year.

St. Stephen News

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: Donna Myers, Beth Fancher, Jill Fehrenbacher

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.

