

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches

300 NW 5th Street, Fairfield IL 62837
Email stedwardcatholicchurch01@frontier.com
Website: stedwardfairfield.com



812 N. Main Street, Flora IL 62839
Email: ststephen_flora@yahoo.com
Website: ststephenflora.com

Rev. Father Charles Anyaoku, Pastoral Administrator

Email: fronyekaanyaoku@yahoo.com, office phone: 618-662-6261

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 Peg 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.

Messenger Subscription Renewal Weekend is February 2-3, Please stay “connected” through a subscription to The Messenger. Payments can be made in The Messenger envelope or on-line at www.bellevillemessenger.org
SUBSCRIPTION COST: Print - \$25,
Electronic - \$25, Both - \$30

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. 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>

“The people were filled with expectation.... Luke 3:15

This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased.

Matthew 3:17



ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 12, 5:00 p.m. MASS, Stan & Ginny Timm+

Sunday, January 13, 8:30 a.m. mass- Jim Stanford+

Tuesday, January 15, 6:30 p.m. mass – Catholic Extension Donors

Wednesday, January 16, 6:30 p.m. mass – Dominic & Mary Talmant+

Thursday, January 17, 8:00 a.m. mass – Margo Etchison+

Saturday, January 19, NO MASS

Sunday, January 20, 8:30 a.m. – John & Bertha Rudolphi+

Rosary begins 30 minutes before mass

Weekly Contribution January 6, 2019

Envelopes..... \$1,468.00 (42)

Loose..... \$ 141.00

Total\$1,609.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Solemnity of Mary - \$394.00

Food Pantry - \$316.00

Attendance: Saturday 0 Sunday 112

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, January 19 NO MASS

Sunday, January 20

Lector- Mary Roy

Commentator- Sam Pierce

EM - Deb Zimmerman Ted Whitehead, Beth Sulsberger

Servers – Max and Nolan Duquaine, Ethan Milner

Ushers – Ted Zimmerman, Jim Klein

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Saturday, January 12, 5:00 p.m. MASS

Sunday, January 13, 8:30 a.m. mass.

Tuesday, Jan. 15, 6:30 mass, Bible study following

Wednesday, January 16, 6:30 p.m. mass,

NO Finance Comm. Adoration 7 p.m. – 12 midnight

Thursday, January 17, 8 a.m. mass

Friday, January 18, 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 19, NO MASS

Sunday, January 20, 8:30 a.m. mass, Altar Society following mass in Social Room

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 12—NO MASS

Sunday, January 13, 10:30am—Rita Zurliene Horstmann+

Thursday, January 17, 6:30pm—Catholic Extension Donors

Friday, January 18, 8:00am—Blessings Received

Saturday, January 19, 5:00pm—Jim Turner+

Sunday, January 20, 10:30am—For the living & deceased of St. Edward

Weekly Contr.—01/06/2019

Envelopes(34) \$1,933.00

Loose 121.00

Total \$2,054.00

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$147.00

First Offering 55.00

Donations 158.00

Solemnity of Mary 80.00

Attendance: Sat. 28 Sun. 65

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: Weekday

Heb 1:1-6

Mk 1:14-20

Tues: Weekday

Heb 2:5-12

Mk 1:21-28

Wed: Weekday

Heb 2:14-18

Mk 1:29-39

Thur: Saint Anthony, Abbot

Heb 3:7-14

Mk 1:40-45

Fri: Weekday

Heb 4:1-5, 11

Mk 2:1-12

Sat: Weekday

Heb 4:12-16

Mk 2:13-17

Sun: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5

1 Cor 12:4-11

Jn 2:1-11

Saturday, January 19: 5:00pm

Lector: Mike Oppenheimer

E.Min: Tim & Jackie Schoenborn

Ushers: Ray & Sally Conley

Gifts: Ken & Theresa Nordmann

Servers: volunteer

Sunday, January 20: 10:30am

Lector: Tom Konopasek

E. Min: Peg Garrison, Jeff Murphy

Ushers: Scott Merkle, Devon Butler

Gifts: The Kent Ochs Family

Servers: Jackson Mills, Jedd Wellen

ST. EDWARD NEWS

.REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, January 19—There will be mass at St. Edward at 5:00pm.

PSR NEWS

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

The CYO had their first meeting last weekend. The group decided to participate in the “Souper Bowl of Caring” this year. Members of the CYO will be collecting non perishable items or monetary donations for the St. Edward Food Pantry. The collection dates are Sunday, January 27th, Saturday, February 2nd and Sunday, February 3rd. Donations will be accepted before and after mass. Thank you in advance for your support.

LOOKING AHEAD:

January 13th—Bible Study 6:00pm (in the hall)
January 17th—Mass 6:30pm Pastoral Council—7:00pm
January 27th, February 2nd & 3rd—“Souper Bowl of Caring” collections (CYO)
February 16th—PSR Kids & CYO will be making cookies—1-4pm.

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.

BIBLE STUDY: ST. EDWARD BIBLE STUDY WILL BE SUNDAY, JANUARY 13TH AT 6:00PM. THE STUDY WILL BE LEAD BY KEN & THERESA NORDMANN. THE SUBJECT IS GOING TO BE “THE GOSPEL OF LUKE”. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Pastoral Council will meet Thursday, January 17th following 6:30pm mass. The minutes are on the bulletin board in the hall.



ST. STEPHEN NEWS

“St. Stephen’s Church: We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls, food and monetary donations at the passing of our mother, Kathryn Fleener.

*Thank you Father Charles and Randy Wells for the service. A special thank you to the parish ladies who served a wonderful meal.” May God Bless you!
The Kathryn Fleener Family”*

Schedule and Procedures for Election of Members of the Pastoral Council

January 12 & 13- Nominations at mass.

January 19 & 20- Names of nominated will be posted in the Church bulletin.

January 26 & 27- Vote on candidates at mass for Pastoral Council

Members with terms expiring this year: Krista Weidner & Deb Duquaine.

Members with unexpired terms: Cheryl McCarty, Susan Schroeder, Emily Milner & Justin Fleener.

There will not be a Finance Committee meeting in January. The next Finance Meeting will be February 20.

SPECIAL EVENTS!

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 5- Jessica Vahling’s birthday
January 9 – Jean Guerretaz’s birthday
January 14 –Ray & Irene Winka 58th Anniversary
January 16 – Tom Lancaster’s birthday
January 20 – George & Julie Harris Anniversary

St. Anne’s Altar Society will be meeting on Sunday, January 20, after mass, in the Social Room. All women of St. Stephen’s are encouraged to attend. Any new business please contact Donna Keyser.

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.

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

Jan. 6 Class	Feb. 3 Class	March 3 Class	April 7 Class
Jan. 13 Class	Feb. 10 Class	March 10 Class	April 14 No Class Palm Sunday
Jan. 20 Class	Feb. 17 Class	March 17 Class	April 21 No Class Easter
Jan. 27 Class	Feb. 24 Class	March 24 Class	April 28 Class
		March 31 Class	

From Father Charles' Desk:

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

John the Baptist answered them all saying, "I am baptizing you with water... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Baptism is a sacrament, given to us by Jesus Christ, that makes us children of God, makes us Christian and members of the Church, and through which we are forgiven from Original Sin and other sins we have committed.

The Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas celebration – the Christmas tide. Baptism begins the active life of Jesus and the spiritual life of every Christian. This Sunday too ushers in the beginning of Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical year. This year the Church will be using cycle C.

The Jesus we saw in the manger a few days ago has grown up. He is now thirty years of age, and today he is making a radical decision about his destiny. For him, a time of decision has arrived and he must take the bull by the horns to face the reason why he came. Each of us also has to make a decision about our destiny.

In today's Gospel reading, John talks about two types of baptism. John's Baptism and Jesus' Baptism. John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. Jesus' Baptism was of the Holy Spirit and fire.

Jesus' Baptism was the beginning of his public ministry as He identified himself with all human beings. Jesus' Baptism at the Jordan was a public commissioning to the work of redemption.

Unlike John's baptism, our Baptism was a baptism wherein we received the Holy Spirit. Through the sacrament of Baptism, we were freed from Original Sin, and we know that! We were made temples of the Holy Spirit, and we all know that! We were made children of God and heirs of heaven, and we all know that as well! What we can forget, though, is that in Baptism we were made part of the mission and the work of Jesus Christ – the work of salvation. We tend to forget that.

As Baptism did two things for Jesus, so it does to every baptized Christian. As Jesus was given a mission, so also a baptized person is given a mission. As God mandated and commissioned Jesus at his Baptism, so we are mandated and commissioned at our Baptism. Also, as Jesus was shown and introduced to the world, so we baptized Christians are called to show forth that the Beloved Son of the Father lives in our hearts, and the presence of Jesus is in the world. Also, our call to mission means that we are sent out, in the power of the Spirit, into the middle of the world to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom, and with Jesus, to do good.

May the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord revive and renew us in Christ, who had no sin but received Baptism to lead us to God.

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.

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.

**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.

