

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.

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

“I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe, but rather, I believe in order that I may understand.”

St. Anselm of Canterbury

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM FR. CHARLES

Fr Charles expresses his gratitude to all parishioners(St Stephen and St Edward) for their good supports and love. May the Lord bless all .

Fr Charles thanks Jim Fehrenbacher and Beth Sulsberger for accepting to serve our parish in an absent of a priest ministry .(St Stephen)

Fr Charles thanks Donald Zurliene for accepting to serve our parish in “An absent of a priest ministry” (St Edward)

Fr Charles also thanks Deb Duquaine and Donna Keyser for accepting to serve our parish in finance council .

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 19, NO MASS

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

Tuesday, January 22, 6:30 p.m. mass – Legal protection of unborn children

Wednesday, January 23, 6:30 p.m. mass – Bill & Mary Handley+

Thursday, January 24, 8:00 a.m. mass – Catholic Extension Donors

Saturday, January 26, 5:00 p.m. MASS - Kathryn Fleener+

Sunday, January 27, 8:30 a.m. – For the living & deceased of the parish

Rosary begins 30 minutes before mass

Weekly Contribution 01/13/19

Envelopes..... \$1,759.00

Loose..... \$ 153.00

Total\$1,912.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Solemnity of Mary - \$10.00

Attendance: Saturday - 75

Sunday - 65

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, January 26 Lector - Joe Beauchamp

Commentator – Jim Fehrenbacher

EM – Pat Ridgeway, Cheryl McCarty, Paul Birk

Servers – Pierce Family

Ushers - Jim McCarty, Jerry Price

Sunday, January 27 Lector- Emily Milner

Commentator- Ted Whitehead

EM – Dorothy Uebinger, Beth & Phil Fancher

Servers – Max and Nolan Duquaine, Keline Crawford

Ushers – Jerod Fleener, Tony Holkenbrink

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Saturday, January 19, NO MASS

Sunday, January 20, 8:30 a.m. mass Altar Society

Tuesday, Jan. 22, 6:30 mass, Bible study

Wednesday, January 23, 6:30 p.m. mass,

Adoration 7 p.m. – 12 midnight

Thursday, January 24, 8 a.m. mass

Friday, January 25, 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 26, 5:00 p.m. MASS

Sunday, January 27 8:30 a.m. mass

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Gruffy, 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 19, 5:00pm—Jim Turner+

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

Thursday, January 24, 6:30pm—Catholic Extension Donors

Friday, January 25, 8:00am—Blessings Received

Saturday, January 26—NO MASS

Sunday, January 27, 10:30am—Patty Brunell+

Weekly Contr.—01/13/2019

Envelopes(32) \$1,838.00

Loose 74.00

Total \$1,912.00

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$152.00

First Offering 30.00

Donations 30.00

Solemnity of Mary 5.00

Attendance: Sat. 0 Sun. 87

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, Jeff Zurliene, Linda States, all priests who are sick

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: *Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr*

Heb 5:1-10 Mk 2:18-22

Tues: *Weekday*

Heb 6:10-20 Mk 2:23-28

Wed: *St. Vincent, Deacon; St. Marianne Cope*

Heb 7:1-3,15-17 Mk 3:1-6

Thur: *Saint Francis De Sales, Bishop*

Heb 7:25—8:6 Mk 3:7-12

Fri: *The Conversion of St. Paul, The Apostle*

Acts 22:3-16 Mk 16:15-18

Sat: *Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops*

2 Tmm 1:1-8 Mk 3:20-21

Sun: *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10 1 Cor 12-12-30

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Saturday, January 26—NO MASS

Lector:

E.Min:

Ushers:

Gifts:

Server:

Sunday, January 27: 10:30am

Lector: Nick Zurliene

E. Min: Peg Garrison, Laura Titzer

Ushers: Craig Zurliene, Don Zurliene

Gifts: The Garrison Family

Servers: Jackson Mills, Andrew Milligan

ST. EDWARD NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, January 26th—There will be no mass at St. Edward.

PSR NEWS

Jan. 20th—PSR CLASS 9:00am Confirmation—5:00pm
Jan. 27th—PSR CLASS 9:00am No Confirmation
Feb. 3rd—PSR CLASS 9:00am Confirmation—5:00pm
Feb. 10th—PSR CLASS 9:00am No Confirmation

CYO NEWS

The CYO had their first meeting. 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 27th, February 2nd & 3rd—“Souper Bowl of Caring” collections (CYO)
January 27th—Bible Study 6:00pm (The Gospel of Luke)
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.

Thank you for everyone who helped switch out the decorations in the church.

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Please look over the prayer intentions in the bulletin and let the office know if there is any additions or deletions. Thank-you.

We have Holy Water bottles if anyone is wanting to take some Holy Water home with them. Once again, want to thank Rusti Grogan for the donation of the Holy Water Tank in memory of Bill Grogan.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

Schedule and Procedures for Election of Members of the Pastoral Council

January 26 & 27
Nominations at mass.

February 9 & 10 - Names
of nominated will be
posted in the Church
bulletin.

February - 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.

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 this 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:

He has done everything good.

This Sunday the Church celebrates the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time of the year (year C).

Today's Gospel reading tells us about the miracle of the changing of water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. It was the first miracle Jesus did for the work of redemption in his public ministry. This miracle was performed in response to an indirect request of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Christ, to save a newly wedded couple from embarrassment at their wedding reception in Cana. In the reading, St. John presents Jesus as the Redeemer who has a great power in bringing good things out of nothing. Here, our Lord Jesus says to his disciples, "Take it to the steward of the feast," while the headwaiter exclaimed to the bridegroom, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." For him, it was the best wine! God gives us more and better than we deserve.

We can also see the power of God in today's first reading, in which the prophet Isaiah speaks to the people of Israel in exile when they were driven from their homeland. He speaks of God's power in their lives when they will be changed from being known as forsaken and abandoned to being known as chosen and blessed. He speaks of the power of God to change a life. So often, we think that if our life has been a failure in some way in the past, it has to be so in the future. With Jesus, we can move from failure to a new start, from the experience of sin to a new birth of grace, and from personal loss to a new chapter in our lives.

More so, in the second reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, St. Paul writes to the Corinthians that they can use their gifts for the good of the Church and others. As St. Paul says, we are all given talents to be used for the building of the Church and not for dividing the Church. In Christ, our talents can become gifts to the Church, instruments of grace and vehicles of the truth. In fact, he emphasizes unity in diversity. The same spirit but different kinds of spiritual gifts. Therefore, the power of God becomes effective when we work for the common good and the good of the Church.

So, brothers and sisters in the Lord, Jesus has done everything good and has power to change not only the water into wine but at same time change our situation into good if we believe in him. He came with joy that lasts forever. The headwaiter testified that his wine was better than the former. He was the one who came to fulfil the promise of the first reading, never again will they be referred to as forsaken or abandoned but they shall be called "My Delight" because the Lord will ever rejoice in them. And the talents given will be transformed for the common good and not for any personal or selfish interest.

Happy Sunday!

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.

