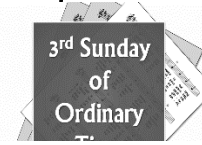


St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches

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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

Announcements

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

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

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

Fr. Charles also thanks Deb Duquaine and Donna Keyser for accepting to serve St. Stephen on the finance council.

EMBRACING AUTHENTIC LOVE

Three Day Speaker Event - St. Anthony’s Parish Center, Effingham

****February 17, 7 p.m.** Humane Vitae: Understanding Love and Marriage in the Image of God - Joe Gehert.

****February 18, 7 p.m.** The Struggle is Real. Embracing the Truth Behind the Churches Teachings - Patty Scheider

****February 19, 7 p.m.** A Medical Perspective on the Effectiveness of Natural Family Planning and NaPro Technology – Dr. Gavin Puthoff, MD.

What’s God’s plan for love and family life?

Why is the Church against contraception?

What exactly is natural family planning?

See bulletin board for more information.

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 26, 5:00 p.m. MASS - Kathryn Fleener+
Sunday, January 27, 8:30 a.m. mass- For the living & deceased of the parish
Tuesday, January 29, 6:30 p.m. mass - Catholic Extension Donors
Wednesday, January 30, 6:30 p.m. mass - Dominic & Mary Talmant+
Thursday, January 31, 8:00 a.m. mass - Regina Buckleh+
Saturday, February 2, NO MASS
Sunday, February 3, 8:30 a.m. mass - Connie Myers+
Rosary begins 30 minutes before mass

Weekly Contribution 01/20/19

Envelopes..... \$869.00 (24)
Loose..... \$149.00
Total\$1,018.00
We Need - \$1,731.00

Attendance: Saturday - 0
Sunday - 74

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, February 2 - NO MASS

Sunday, January 27 Lector- Beth Sulsberger
Commentator- Phil Fancher
EM - Jim Fehrenbacher, Beth Fancher, Emily Milner
Servers - Max and Nolan Duquaine, Ethan Milner
Ushers - Jerry Price, Justin Fleener

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, Betty Greenwood

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Saturday, January 26, 5 p.m. MASS
Sunday, January 27, 8:30 a.m. mass
Tuesday, January 29, 6:30 mass, Bible study
Wednesday, January 30, 6:30 p.m. mass, Pastoral Council Adoration 7 p.m. - 12 midnight
Thursday, January 31, 8 a.m. mass
Friday, February 1, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Servite Rosary 12 noon, Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3 p.m
Saturday, February 2, NO MASS
Sunday, February 3, 8:30 a.m. mass

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 26-NO MASS
Sunday, January 27, 10:30am-Patty Brunell+
Thursday, January 31, 6:30pm-St. Edward Parishioners
Friday, February 1, 8:00am-Blessings Received
Saturday, February 2, 5:00pm-RayAnn Toennies
Sunday, February 3, 10:30am-Larry McClure+

Weekly Contr.-01/20/2019

Envelopes(17) \$ 706.00
Loose 83.00
Total \$ 789.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$102.00
First Offering 5.00
Donations 20.00

Attendance: Sat. 17 Sun. 18
Snow Storm

Saturday, February 2: 5:00pm

Lector: Mike Oppenheimer
E.Min: Jim & Margaret Thompson
Ushers: Ken & Theresa Nordmann
Gifts: Jay & Lisa Fye
Server: volunteer

Sunday, February 3: 10:30am

Lector: David Mills
E. Min: Peg Garrison, Ginny Barrett
Ushers: Scott Merkle, Richard Rennier
Gifts: The Kosmatka Family
Servers: Jackson Mills, Hayden Felowitz

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Garland Keck, Kim Buchanan, Lanora Neavill, Leon Chamness, Jack Ciesielczyk, Jalain Thompson, Kurt Wiseman, Nanette Williams, Julie Griffith, Gina Williams, Emilee Stanley, 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, Connie Cusick, James Rawls, all priests who are sick

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest
Heb 9:15,24-28 Mk 3:22-30
Tues: Weekday
Heb 10:1-10 Mk 3:31-35
Wed: Weekday
Heb 10:11-18 Mk 4:1-20
Thur: Saint John Bosco, Priest
Heb 10:19-25 Mk 4:21-25
Fri: Weekday
Heb 10:32-39 Mk 4:26-34
Sat: The Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40
Sun: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 1:4-5,17-19 1 Cor 12:31-13:13

ST. EDWARD NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, February 2nd—There will be mass at St. Edward at 5pm.

PSR NEWS

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.
February 18th—Altar Sodality 6:00pm
February 21st—Joint Pastoral Council 7:00pm (at St. Edward Church)
March 6th—Ash Wednesday (St. Stephen—7:00am) (St. Edward—6:30pm)
March 16th—St. Patrick’s Dinner 6pm (after mass)

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 TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH THE FOOD PANTRY. WE SERVED 78 PEOPLE.

OLD PALMS

Starting next weekend, please bring your old palms for us to burn for Ash Wednesday.

PRAYERS ARE NEEDED FOR KATIE & BRIAN RAWLS. THEIR NEW SON, JAMES ELIJAH, WAS BORN ON JANUARY 21ST. JAMES WAS BORN WITH SOME HEART DEFECTS AND WILL UNDERGO HIS FIRST MAJOR SURGERY THIS WEEK.

Next weekend (Feb. 2nd & 3rd) will be “Blessing of Throats”. This will be held after mass on Saturday & Sunday.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

SPECIAL EVENTS!

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 5- Jessica Vahling’s birthday
January 9 – Jean Guerretaz’s birthday
January 12 – Deb Zimmerman’s birthday
January 14 –Ray & Irene Winka 58th Anniversary
January 16 – Tom Lancaster’s birthday
January 17 - Joann Stanford’s birthday
January 20 – George & Julie Harris Anniversary

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.

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.

Schedule and Procedures for Election of Members of the Pastoral Council

January 26 & 27
Nominations at mass.

February 2 & 3 - Names of nominated will be posted in the Church bulletin.

February 9 & 10 - 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.

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The importance of doctrinal formation

(Nehemiah 8:2-4a.5-6.8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21)

The first reading of today's mass narrates emotionally the return of the chosen people to Israel after so many years of exile in Babylon. The moment they had reached the Jewish soil, the priest, Ezra, explained to the people the content of the law (the scripture) that they had forgotten during the years spent in an exile(foreign land). The Jewish remnants that came home met everything in shambles. There was no temple. There was no functioning government. Nothing was left .

Today in our first reading, Ezra read from the sacred book from early morning until midday . His audience stood and followed the teaching attentively and all the people wept. Their response is a lament compounded with joy as they hear God's law once more, and with grief also because their previous neglect of the law had brought about their exile.

When we gather together to take part in the Holy Mass, we stand in an attitude of watchfulness, to hear the Good News that the Gospel brings us. We ought to listen to it with a disposition which is at once attentive, humble and grateful because we know that God is speaking to each one of us in particular. We should not allow anything to distract our attention during the mass more especially during scriptural readings and the homily. This is because at this age people do not have time to sit down for an hour to learn and listen . Sundays are the only days some of us have to visit the church.

It would be very difficult to love Jesus Christ , to get to know him really well, if we did not frequently hear the word of God.

At the end of each reading of the sacred scripture during the mass, the lector says : This is the word of God and in response we say : ' this is the Gospel of the Lord ; and in response we say, praise to you , Lord Jesus Christ'.

Our faith is supposed to grow along with us. One of the greatest dangers to Christian faith today is the lack of doctrinal formation.

In today's mass , we read the beginning of the Gospel according to St. Luke , who tells us he has resolved to write down the life of Christ so that we may know the truth of the teaching we have received. Each of us , according to the unique circumstances of his life , has the obligation to know Christ 's doctrine in depth. This obligation lasts for us long as our path here on earth shall continue. We must never allow ourselves to think we have had sufficient formation. We must never be satisfied with the amount of knowledge about Jesus Christ and his teaching that we have so far acquired. We must go on learning about Jesus and his church.

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.

