

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

Listed in the Messenger: We have received fish fry information from the following parishes: St. Henry, Belleville; St. Mary, Belleville; St. Teresa, Belleville; St. Mary, Centralia; Sacred Heart, Du Quoin; Holy Trinity, Fairview Heights; St. Joseph, Freeburg; St. Agatha, New Athens; St. Michael, Paderborn; Our Lady of Good Counsel, Renault and St. Paul, Vienna

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 our parish on St Stephen’s 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.

See bulletin board for more information.

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 2, NO MASS

Sunday, February 3, 8:30 a.m. mass- Connie Myers+

St. Blaise Blessing of the Throat at the end of mass

Tuesday, February 5, 6:30 p.m. mass – Regina Buckleh+

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m. mass – For the living & deceased of the parish

Thursday, February 7, 8:00 a.m. mass – Catholic Extension Donors

Saturday, February 9, 5:00 p.m. mass – Howard & Madonna Goellner+

Sunday, February 10, 8:30 a.m. mass – St. Anne’s Altar Society

Rosary begins 30 minutes before mass

Weekly Contribution 01/27/19

Envelopes.....\$3,123.00 (53)
Loose..... \$ 95.00
Total\$3,218.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Attendance: Saturday - 75
Sunday - 80

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, February 9 Lector - Cheryl McCarty

EM – Krista Weidner, Jim & Dorothy Croy

Servers – Pierce Family, Allie Parker

Ushers - Jim McCarty, Mike Winka

Sunday, February 10 Lector- Deb Zimmerman

Commentator- Ted Zimmerman

EM – Dorothy Uebinger, Randy Wells, Ted Whitehead

Servers – Max and Nolan Duquaine, Keline Crawford

Ushers – Jerod Fleener, Alan Huff

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Saturday, February 2 NO MASS

Sunday, February 3, 8:30 a.m. mass.

Blessing of St. Blaise at end of mass

Tuesday, February 5, 6:30 mass, Bible study

Wednesday, February 6 6:30 p.m. mass,

Adoration 7 p.m. -12midnight

Thursday, February 7, 8 a.m. mass

Friday, February 8, 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 9, 5:00 p.m. mass

Sunday, Feb. 10, 8:30 a.m. mass Altar Society

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, Ed Perk, Georgia Klingler, Gene Leonard, Celeste Repogle, Georgianna Weber, Steve Spitzner, Helen Powless, Nick Compton, Cindy Bloemer, Kennah Hiespand, Jim McCarty, Sister Kate Kuenstler, Kathryn Erwin Dunnigan, Luke Miller, Betty Greenwood

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 2, 5:00pm—RayAnn Toennies

Sunday, February 3, 10:30am—Larry McClure+

Thursday, February 7, 6:30pm—St. Edward Parishioners

Friday, February 8, 8:00am—Blessings Received

Saturday, February 9—NO MASS

Sunday, February 10, 10:30am—“Special Intentions”

Weekly Contr.—01/27/2019

Envelopes(32) \$4,074.60

Loose 79.00

Total \$4,153.60

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$192.00

First Offering 5.00

Donations 130.00

Solem. Of Mary 15.00

Attendance: Sat. 0 Sun. 86

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 Venturell, Linda States, Connie Cusick, James Rawls, all priests who are sick

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Weekday

Heb 11:32-40 Mk 5:1-20

Tues: Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

Heb 12:1-4 Mk 5:21-43

Wed: Saint Paul Miki and Companions

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Mk 6:1-6

Thur: Weekday

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Mk 6:7-13

Fri: St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita

Heb 13:1-8 Mk 6:14-29

Sat: Weekday

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Mk 6:30-34

Sun: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-2a,3-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 5:1-11

Saturday, February 9:NO MASS

Lector:

E.Min:

Ushers:

Gifts:

Server:

Sunday, February 10: 10:30am

Lector: Debra Simmers

E. Min: Emily Milligan, Jeff Murphy

Ushers: Bob & Hank Simmers

Gifts: Anthony & Elizabeth Zurliene

Servers: Andrew Milligan, Gabby Zurliene

ST. EDWARD NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, February 9th—NO MASS AT ST. EDWARD

PSR NEWS

Feb. 3rd—PSR CLASS 9:00am Confirmation—5:00pm

Feb. 10th—PSR CLASS 9:00am No Confirmation

Feb. 17th—PSR CLASS 9:00am Confirmation—5:00pm

Feb 23rd—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

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.

OLD PALMS

Please keep bringing in those old palms through the month of February. Thanks.

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.

“Blessing of the Throats” will take place after mass on Saturday & Sunday.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVE & PJ CAVANAUGH. THEY WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR 44TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON FEBRUARY 8TH.

Collection Envelope Tax Forms are in the parish hall on the table. Thank-you to everyone for supporting St. Edward Catholic Church.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

Congratulations to Justin Fleener who was recently selected to the Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

He has coached in Teutopolis for 18 years, with a record of 489-111-3. His teams have won three state championships, placed second twice and third four times. They have won a regional in 16 of his 18 years, 13 sectionals & 8 super sectionals.

Schedule and Procedures for Election of Members of the Pastoral Council

Paul Duquaine, Alan Huff, Pat Ridgeway and Larry Timm have been selected to run for the two Pastoral Council board member openings.

February 9 & 10 - Vote for two candidates after mass for Pastoral Council

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

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

SPECIAL EVENTS!

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 17 Dorothy Uebinger's birthday
February 24 Father Charles' birthday

There will be an Altar Society meeting on Sunday, February 10, after Mass. All women of the parish are welcome.

If you are celebrating an occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, new birth, or wedding, please contact Trudi Herdes at church or Beth Fancher 618-676-4292 or bafancher@wabash.net We would like to pray for you, put it in the bulletin and continue to 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.

Feb. 3 Class	March 3 Class	April 7 Class
Feb. 10 Class	March 10 Class	April 14 No Class Palm Sunday
Feb. 17 Class	March 17 Class	April 21 No Class Easter
Feb. 24 Class	March 24 Class	April 28 Class
	March 31 Class	

From Father Charles' Desk

Today the church celebrates the Fourth Sunday in ordinary time (Year C). In today's second reading from first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, St. Paul writes to the Corinthians on the essence of love. This particular passage has been our favorite reading for weddings. Brides and grooms love this passage. It sounds like a beautiful piece of poetry, a hymn to the glories of human love. This passage, 1 Corinthians 13:13 is specifically written in order to help them creating a good and lasting relationship with one another in the Church of the Corinth. It is about love among Church members, struggling and stumbling through the painful process of trying to be together the Body of Christ.

These Corinthian Christians had been fighting with each other over everything: power, prestige, supernatural experiences, places in church or position, orthodoxy. Then, St Paul writes to correct them with this passage, and also reminds them that they are members of one Body, that they have been called not to exalt themselves but to glorify God together. We cannot really understand 1 Corinthians 13 without reading the passage that precedes it, where St. Paul compares the Church to a body with many parts. It is only when we come together as a Church and pool our gifts as the Body of Christ that we can be that wall of brass, that pillar of iron.

St. Paul says we need each other's gifts to effectively proclaim the Gospel. He then tells the Corinthians that he will show them a way of building up the Body of Christ that is open not to a few but to all of them and that is the way of love. The love of which he speaks here is not romantic love or self-absorbed love but sacrificial love that forgives, heals, speaks truth doesn't envy.

Sacrificial love can be consisted in the love of parents for children, love of spouses for each other, love of patriots for their country, love of Christians for the good of the Church. This is the kind of love that gives life because it is Christ's kind of love. We are called to show sacrificial love and build up the people and the Church around us.

Jesus' love for us is sacrificial. The love of Jesus is unconditional, forgiving, understanding and selfless. He loves us to the extent of going to the cross for us. He made it clear by his teaching and by his example the importance of forgiveness.

What we experience daily is emotional love, counterfeit love and exploitative encounters in the name of love.

Our happiness depends on our response to love as Christ loves us, hence love is what gives Christian existence its ultimate significance; it is "the more excellent way"; says St Paul (cf. 1 Cor 12:31). This Love abides because it has its origin in God. John tells us: "God is Love." All of us have to find out how to follow the concrete way of love in our lives.

PRAYER: Lord God, teach us how to love and be loved. Amen.

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.

