

# St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches

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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.

March 2-5, 2019 St. Stephen Catholic Church Caseyville, Mission Begins Saturday with opening Liturgy at 5pm with fellowship to follow. The Mission Preacher is Fr. Tom Donaldson, a Catholic priest and member of the Redemptorist Congregation.

**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

**February 21** -Joint Pastoral Council  
7pm at St. Edward Church

**March 6** - Ash Wednesday  
St. Stephen 7 a.m.  
St. Edward 6:30 p.m.

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.

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 Zuriene 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.**

**Rev. Father Charles Anyaoku, Pastoral Administrator**

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**St. Edward Mass Schedule:**  
**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 5 p.m.**  
**Sunday 10:30 a.m.**

**St. Stephen Mass Schedule:**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
Altar Sodality – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday  
Men’s Club - As announced  
CYO Meeting - As announced  
Food Pantry Distribution 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 8am

Knights of Columbus – 1st Wednesday, 7 pm  
Finance Committee – 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
Altar Society - As announced  
Pastoral Council - 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, February 9, 5:00 p.m. mass – Howard & Madonna Goellner+**  
 Sunday, February 10, 8:30 a.m. mass- St. Ann’s Altar Society  
 Tuesday, February 12, 6:30 p.m. mass – Regina Buckleh+  
 Wednesday, Feb. 13, 6:30 p.m. mass – Catholic Extension Donors  
 Thursday, Feb. 14, 8 a.m. mass– for the living & deceased of the parish  
**Saturday, February 16, NO MASS**  
 Sunday, February 17, 8:30 a.m. mass – Kathryn Fleener +

**Rosary begins 30 minutes before mass**

**Weekly Contribution 02/03/19**

Envelopes.....\$1,297.00  
 Loose..... \$ 169.00  
 Total .....\$1,436.00

**We Need - \$1,731.00**

Food Pantry - \$365.00  
 Fund for New Church Doors \$5  
 (anonymous donor)  
 Attendance: Sat –no mass Sunday- 115

***Weekend Ministers***

**Saturday, February 16 NO Mass**

**Sunday, February 17**

**Lector-** Mary Roy  
**Commentator-** Sam Pierce  
 EM – Cheryl McCarty, Paul Birk, Pat Ridgeway  
**Servers** – Max and Nolan Duquaine, Ethan Milner  
**Ushers** – Ted Zimmerman, Jim Klein

**St. Stephen Upcoming Activities**

**Saturday, February 9, 5 p.m. MASS**  
**Sunday, Feb, 10, 8:30 a.m. mass,** Altar Society  
**Tuesday, February 12,** 6:30 mass, Bible study  
**Wednesday, February 13,** 6:30 p.m. mass,  
 Adoration 7 p.m. -12midnight  
**Thursday, February 14,** 8 a.m. mass  
**Friday, February 15,** 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 16,** 5:00 p.m. mass  
**Sunday, February 17,** 8:30 a.m. mass  
**Wednesday, February 20 – Pastoral Council**  
**Wednesday, February 27 - Finance Committee**

**PRAYER INTENTIONS:** Linda Griffy, Bill Marks,  
 Nicole Wheaton, Velma Oliver, LaVonne Kemmerer,  
 Patience McKnight, Clara Wilson, Mildred Garrison,  
 Ray Vaughn, Joe Falica, Pat Venable, Chris Boyd,  
 Clarence & Clarice Schweighart Painter, Ray & Irene  
 Winka, 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 Replogle, Georgianna Weber, Steve  
 Spitzner, Helen Powless, Nick Compton, Cindy  
 Bloemer, Kennah Hiestand, Jim McCarty, Sister Kate  
 Kuenstler, Kathryn Erwin Dunnigan, Luke Miller,  
 Betty Greenwood, Claire Karasch, Judie Powless,  
 Mari Reichel

**ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, February 9—NO MASS**  
 Sunday, February 10, 10:30am—“Special Intentions”  
 Thursday, February 14, 6:30pm—Blessings Received  
 Friday, February 15, 8:00am—Catholic Extension Donors  
**Saturday, February 16, 5:00pm—John Robison III+**  
 Sunday, February 17, 10:30am—Larry McClure+

**Weekly Contr.—02/03/2019**

Envelopes(41) \$2,163.00  
 Loose 123.00  
 Total \$2,286.00  
 We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$293.55  
 First Offering 10.00  
 Donations 75.00

Attendance: Sat. 39 Sun. 62

**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:** *Our Lady of Lourdes*  
 Gn 1:1-19 Mk 6:53-56  
**Tues:** *Weekday*  
 Gn 1:20—2:4a Mk 7:1-13  
**Wed:** *Weekday*  
 Gn 2:4b-9,15-17 Mk 7:14-23  
**Thur:** *Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop*  
 Gn 2:18-25 Mk 7:24-30  
**Fri:** *Weekday*  
 Gn 3:1-8 Mk 7:31-37  
**Sat:** *Weekday*  
 Gn 3:9-24 Mk 8:1-10  
**Sun:** *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12,16-20 Lk 6:17,20-26

**Saturday, February 16: 5:00pm**

**Lector:** Don Zurliene  
**E.Min:** Tim & Jackie Schoenborn  
**Ushers:** Jim & Margaret Thompson  
**Gifts:** John & Leslie Robison  
**Server:** volunteer

**Sunday, February 17: 10:30am**

**Lector:** Jen Wellen  
**E. Min:** Laura Titzer, David Mills  
**Ushers:** Craig Zurliene, Nick Zurliene  
**Gifts:** The Felowitz Family  
**Servers:** Ailyn & Stella Zurliene

## ST. EDWARD NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, February 16<sup>th</sup>—There will be mass at St. Edward/5:00pm.

### PSR NEWS

Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>—PSR CLASS 9:00am No Confirmation

Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>—PSR CLASS 9:00am Confirmation—5:00pm

Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>—PSR CLASS 9:00am No Confirmation

### CYO NEWS

The CYO would like to thank St. Edward Parishioners for their participation in the "Souper Bowl of Caring" project. They collected 156 non-perishable items plus \$57.00 in monetary donations. All donations were given to St. Edward Food Pantry.

### LOOKING AHEAD

February 10<sup>th</sup>—Bible Study 6:00pm (Everyone invited)

February 16<sup>th</sup>—PSR Kids & CYO will be making cookies—1-4pm.

February 18<sup>th</sup>—Altar Sodality 6:00pm

February 21<sup>st</sup>—Joint Pastoral Council 7:00pm (at St. Edward Church)

February 24<sup>th</sup>—Father Charles Birthday party following 10:30am mass.

March 6<sup>th</sup>—Ash Wednesday (St. Stephen—7:00am) (St. Edward—6:30pm)

March 14<sup>th</sup>—Altar Sodality Salad Luncheon (11:00am—1:00pm)

March 16<sup>th</sup>—St. Patrick's Dinner 6pm (after mass)

### BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> is Father Charles' birthday. We will be having a potluck luncheon to help him celebrate. The parish will provide meat & drinks. Please bring covered dish or dessert. Everyone is invited.

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

### SCOUT SUNDAY

Today is Scout Sunday and we would like to recognize all current and former Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts.

On Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> two of St. Edward's Boy Scouts will be recognized by the Diocese of Belleville National Catholic Committee on Scouting. Aaron Kosmatka has earned The **Light of Christ** religious emblem and he's a Cub Scout in Pack 173—Fairfield. Jackson Mills has earned the **Pope Pius XII** religious emblem. Additionally, Jackson will be awarded the **Pillars of Faith**, for earning all four of the religious emblems in Catholic Scouting. He is an Eagle Scout in Troop 282—Flora.

**We are very proud of Aaron & Jackson. Congratulations!!!**

Our condolences to Jim Pranger and his family with the sudden passing of his daughter, Renata Pranger. May Renata and the souls of all faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen

## ST. STEPHEN NEWS

### *SPECIAL EVENTS!*

POT LUCK St. Stephen parishioners are invited to attend a pot luck dinner in honor of Father Charles' birthday on Saturday, Feb. 23, immediately following the 5 p.m. mass. Tableware and drinks will be provided. Please plan to attend for an evening food and good company!



### **February Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Feb. 17 Dorothy Uebinger's birthday

Feb. 24 Father Charles' birthday

### MARCH DELIVERY OF MEALS ON WHEELS We

are scheduled to deliver meals in March.

We deliver Monday through Friday starting around 10:30 a.m. It takes about an hour.

We have two routes. Questions call Beth Fancher 618-676-4292 or email

[bafancher@wabash.net](mailto:bafancher@wabash.net). All help appreciated!

Sign up sheet at south door table.



**There will be an Altar Society meeting this Sunday 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](mailto:bafancher@wabash.net). 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 entrances doors in church. Pick one up, lots of information. There are extra bulletins in the mail box on the south door of the church.

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 3 state championships, placed second twice and 3rd four times.

### Schedule for Election of Members of the Pastoral Council

Paul Duquaine, Pat Ridgeway, Alan Huff 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.

Thank you Krista and Deb!

### **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**

We are all called just like Isaiah, Paul and Peter by God.  
( Isaiah 6:2a.3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11)

Today, the fifth Sunday of the year 'C' is a vocation Sunday. All three readings for today refer to a call or vocation, and in all three cases we find a similar response. The all holy and powerful God is calling on man, the sinful creature created from the dust of the earth from nothing, to come and help to propagate the message of God to his fellow man.

The first reading tells of Almighty God appearing in splendor to Isaiah. Isaiah is overcome by his unworthiness and wonders how he, with unclean lips, could possibly serve the Lord. But an angel purifies his lips with an ember and Isaiah immediately declares his willingness to serve.

In the second reading Paul speaks of his vocation to preach the risen Christ and professes his unworthiness to be called an apostle because of his earlier persecution of the church. Nevertheless, having been called, he tries all the harder to make up for his past.

In the Gospel reading, when Jesus singles out Peter for special attention, Peter realizes his sinfulness and suggests to Jesus to leave him alone. But Jesus assures him that with God's grace he would be acceptable.

In each of these three vocation stories, the unworthiness of the individual candidate serves to highlight the graciousness and gratuity of God's call, while at the same time making it vividly clear that all subsequent success in the spiritual realm will come ultimately from God Himself.

God's way is not our way. To teach us his wisdom, God makes the weak his kings, priests and preachers. He engaged the greatest sinners to work for him. He called St. Paul, once credited as a persecutor of the Church, to work for him. He called a great sinner, Augustine, to be a bishop and saint and so many others.

God strengthens us by empowering us not to focus on our past life but on the future. Every vocation belongs to God and it is God who always chooses and sends and there is always grace attached to each called. One is called, not because he or she is holy. It is only God who makes holy.

The question remains: does Jesus still call today? Are we called today as Peter was called? or as prophet Isaiah was called? The answer is yes. Jesus calls in every age. He continues to call people until the end of time. He calls people as he meets them just as he met Peter, John and James. He calls each of us at baptism and empowers us to be another Christ in the world.

**Let us prayer: Lord God, send more workers into your vineyard and provide into your church a true and sincere and true vocation. 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](mailto: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](http://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.



