

2019 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal....Blessed to Receive, Chosen to Give

A most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not done so as yet, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – in any amount are needed and can be made through your parish or at www.diobelle.org (Click on "Giving to the Diocese"). Your generosity supports 15 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year's appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.

Fridays during Lent, 6 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Stephen and St. Edward

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 9 – Lenten Penance Service – St. Stephen 6:00 p.m.

April 16 - Chrism Mass

April 18 – Holy Thursday - 6:30 p.m. St. Edwards **No mass at St. Stephen**

April 19 – Good Friday - **Stations of the Cross 3 p.m., Passion 7 p.m. - St. Stephen**
Stations of the Cross 4:30 p.m, Passion, 5:00 p.m.- St. Edward

April 20 – Holy Saturday - **Easter Vigil – 8:00 p.m. St. Stephen**
No Mass at St. Edward

April 21 – Easter Sunday - **8:30 a.m. St. Stephen** 10:30 a.m. St. Edward

First Communion is May 5

Confirmation is May 4 at Holy Cross, Wendelin

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.

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

March 24, 2019

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.

Confession, Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday – 8:30 a.m.

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

Bulletin Information to Peggy Garrison, Parish
Office. Please submit by noon on Thursday

New Parishioners Register - Parish Office
PSR Coordinator: Peggy Garrison
RCIA Coordinator: Ginny Barrett
Music Director: Denise Zurliene

Pastoral Council – 3rd Thursday
Altar Sodality – 3rd Monday
Men's Club - As announced
CYO Meeting - As announced
Food Pantry Distribution 2nd Saturday 8am

Baptism, Marriage, Vocations, Sacrament of Anointing & Care of the Sick,
contact Father Charles Anyaoku or call St. Edward or St. Stephen Parish Offices.

St. Stephen Mass Schedule:

2nd and 4th Saturday 5 p.m.,

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Confession, Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday after mass, Sunday 8 – 8:20 a.m. or
call for appointment

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 Beth Fancher, 665-3163
submit by Thursday, email bafancher@wabash.net
New Parishioner Register contact Father Charles,
Trudi Herdes or Dorothy Uebinger 662-3711

Music Director: Diane Briscoe
PSR Coordinator: Paul Duquaine
RCIA Coordinator: Cheryl McCarty
Sacristan: Sam Pierce

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

**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.**

Third Sunday of Lent March 24, 2019		Third Sunday in Lent March 24, 2019	
ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK Saturday, March 23, 5:00 p.m. MASS - Kenny & Evelyn Myers+ Sunday, March 24, 8:30 a.m. mass- For the living & deceased of the parish Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 p.m. mass – Regina Buckleh + Wednesday, March 27, 6:30 p.m. mass – Bill & Mary Handley+ Thursday, March 28, 8 a.m. mass– Catholic Extension Donors Saturday, March 30, NO MASS Sunday, March 31, 8:30 a.m. – Kathryn Fleener+ Stations of the Cross – Fridays at 6:00 p.m.		ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK Saturday, March 23—NO MASS Sunday, March 24, 10:30am—Kathleen Zurliene Ripperda+ Thursday, March 28, 6:30pm—St. Edward Parishioners Friday, March 29, 8:00am—Catholic Extension Donors Saturday, March 30, 5:00pm—John Robison III+ Sunday, March 31, 10:30am—Renata Pranger+	
Weekly Contribution 03/17/19 Envelopes.....\$1,292.00 (45) Loose..... \$ 248.00 Total\$1,540.00 We Need - \$1,731.00 Support Central & Eastern Europe -\$80 Black & Indian Mission Collection - \$20 Attendance: Saturday-no mass Sunday - 112		Stations of the Cross—Fridays at 6:00pm Weekly Contributions 03/17/2019 Envelopes(35) \$1,751.00 Loose 187.00 Total \$1,938.00 We need \$1,887.00 Building Fund \$197.00 St. Patrick Dinner 372.00 CSMA 755.00 Black & Indian 10.00 Attendance: Sat. 61 Sun. 41	
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 and Mary Bunnell, Paul Weidner, Marilyn Wheaton, J.R. Means, Lois Houlihan, Cory Britton, Debbie Jones, Ed Perk, Georgia Klingler, Gene Leonard, Celeste Replogle, Georgianna Weber, Steve Spitzner, Helen Powless, Nick Compton, Cindy Bloemer, Kennah Hiestand, Sister Kate Kuenstler,, Luke Miller, Betty Greenwood, Claire Karasch, Judie Powless, Jean Quinn, Marie Elwat		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, 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, Linda States, James Rawls, Glory Almon, all priests who are sick	
Next Weekend Ministers Saturday, March 30 – No MASS Sunday, March 31 Lector- Emily Milner Commentator- Beth Sulsberger EM – Phil & Beth Fancher, Cheryl McCarty Servers – Max and Nolan Duquaine, Kehlin Crawford Ushers – Dennis & Tony Holkenbrink		Our Daily Scripture Readings: Mon: The Annunciation of the Lord Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38 Tues: Lenten Weekday Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35 Wed: Lenten Weekday Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19 Thur: Lenten Weekday Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23 Fri: Lenten Weekday Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34 Sat: Lenten Weekday Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14 Sun: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) Jos 5:9a,10-12 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3,11-32	
St. Stephen Upcoming Activities Saturday, March 23, 5 p.m. MASS Sunday, March 24, 8:30 a.m. mass. Mission with Father Zwilling, 6:30 p.m. 5:30 meal Monday, March 25, Mission with Father Zwilling Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 mass, Bible study, Choir Practice 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, 6:30 -pm. mass, Parish Council, Adoration 7 p.m. -12midnight Thursday, March 28, 8 a.m. mass Friday, March 29, Stations of the Cross 6 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 pm. Servite Rosary noon, Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3p. Saturday, March 30, NO MASS Sunday, March 31, 8:30 a.m. Mass		Saturday, March 30: 5:00pm Lector: Jay Fyie E. Min: Diana Zurliene, Sally Conley Ushers: Don Zurliene, Kent Ochs Gifts:Mike Oppenheimer Servers:volunteer	
		Sunday, March 31: 10:30am Lector: Nick Zurliene E. Min: Peg Garrison, Emily Milligan Ushers: Scott Merkle, Rod Garrison Gifts: The Felowitz Family Servers : Andrew Milligan,Ailyn Zurliene	

ST. EDWARD NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, March 30th—There will be mass at St. Edward—5pm (5th weekend)

PSR NEWS

Mar 24th—PSR CLASS 9:00am No Confirmation

Mar 31st—PSR CLASS 9:00am Confirmation—5:00pm

Apr 7th—NO PSR OR CONFIRMATION (MEN’S SAUSAGE DINNER)

CYO NEWS

The CYO will be doing a fundraiser to raise money for NCYC this fall in Indianapolis. On the weekends of March 30th-31st and April 6th-7th, they will be selling religious jewelry.

LOOKING AHEAD

March 24th—Hosting East Vicariate Meeting 1:00pm

March 24th—Bible Study 6:00pm

March 31st—St. Edward Mission with Fr. Robert Zwilling 6:30pm

April 1st—St. Edward Mission with Fr. Robert Zwilling 6:30pm

April 7th—Men’s Club Sausage Dinner 11:00am

April 7th—Holy Week Meeting 6:00pm

April 11th—Lenten Penance Service (St. Edward) 6:00pm

MISSION

St. Edward will be having a Mission Retreat on Sunday, March 31st & April 01st.

Schedule is as follows:

Sunday, March 31st

5:30pm Light meal in the hall

6:30pm Topic—Reconciliation & the Eucharist

7:30pm Reconciliation

Monday, April 1st

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:30pm Topic—Interior Life/Sacred Scripture being read as the word of God

7:30pm Light Refreshments

CSMA

Congrats St. Edward Parishioners: We have surpassed our \$3,400 goal for The Catholic Service and Ministry appeal. To date we have collected \$3,581. Nice Job.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24—ST. EDWARD’S ALTAR SODALITY WILL BE HOSTING THE BDCCW EAST VICARIATE MEETING, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 1:00PM. WE WILL HAVE A LIGHT LUNCH FIRST. THE LADIES FROM ST. EDWARD’S SODALITY WILL BE PROVIDING THE LUNCH. IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A SHORT BUSINESS MEETING AND A GUEST SPEAKER. ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

HOLY WEEK: During Holy Week we are in need of volunteers for various ministries for the Liturgies to run smoothly. There are sign up sheets in the hall. Please take time to fill a position.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

From Fr. Charles Desk: Thanks to the 27 households that have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. So far \$4,737.90, has been pledged. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. Our goal is 37 households and \$4,850.00.

MINISTERS, LECTORS, SERVERS

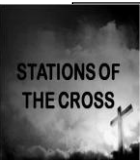
SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ARE ON THE TABLE by the south door Please sign up as soon as possible.



Envelopes for donating towards Easter flowers can be found at both entrances.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

St. Stenhens. APRIL 9. 6 P.M.



There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday, 6 p.m. during Lent at St. Stephen.



WE will hold our ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE/PLANT SALE on April 12 and 13. We will accept good clean items for sale. No CLOTHING. All plants, starts or seeds and garden supplies accepted.

Choir Practice for Holy Week has begun at 7 pm. Choir practice for next week will be on *Tuesday,” March 26th at 7pm. Please note the change. Otherwise practice will continue on Mondays unless announced otherwise.



St. Stephen PSR 2019 Calendar

March 24- Class April 28 Class
March 31- Class May 5 – No Class 1st Communion
April 7- Class May 12 – No Class Mothers Day
April 14- No Class May 19 - Last Class– Pizza Party
Palm Sunday
April 21 - No Class - Easter

March Birthdays

March 13 - Jean Quinn
March 17 – Pat Quinn

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 bafancher@wabash.net. We would like to pray for you, put it in the bulletin and complete our list.

WEEKEND MASSES 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. Saturdays masses 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.

Third Sunday in Lent Year C

In today’s Gospel reading, Luke 13: 1-9, the Lord gives us two very important warnings. The first is that every tragedy does not signify a sin. When Jesus was brought the news of two tragic events by some Galileans, he uses the two incidents, one humanly contrived and the other an accident, to disabuse the Jews of their long-held view that suffering was God’s direct punishment for sin, and that anyone who suffered must necessarily have sinned one way or another. The book of Job had tried to correct this erroneous notion, but many Jews still held to the belief that suffering was the direct result of sin.

We can, of course, apply that to our own time and the many tragedies about which we read and hear. These events remind us that life is precious and precarious. Tragedy and death are part of life. People who die because of the violence of a troubled individual or who die in accidents remind us that we cannot take our lives for granted. We cannot say that these people died because of their sinfulness. Every tragedy doesn’t signify a sin. These tragedies should serve as a wake-up calls to us that life is fragile and brief. These tragedies also show us that circumstances of our lives are not completely in our control. Every time we drive on an expressway, board a plane, or take a drug, we give up some control.

The second teaching shows us that we may not completely control the circumstances of our lives, but we can make decisions about the circumstances of our souls. Spiritual collapse comes not from things that happen to us but from things we do.

Lastly, the Lord speaks about a fig tree that doesn’t produce but is given more time, a second chance. We are all given time to enter into the life of the Church, the mass and sacraments, and all that these mysteries mean, to break apart the ice of sin into a new spiritual spring.

We are all being given more time, to respond to God’s grace of repentance.

In today’s second reading, St. Paul is writing to the spiritually complacent Corinthians to remind them that many of their ancestors walked through the baptism of the red sea and were fed with the manna, but they still proved unworthy. So, we can be baptized, receive communion, and still refuse to go into deep conversion. St Paul writes, “Let anyone who thinks he is standing upright watch out lest he fall.”

Therefore, the brevity of life should call us to take seriously the time we are given to know, love, and serve the Lord in this life and so be happy with him forever in heaven. Tragedies we read about in the newspaper or see on television should remind us that we don’t have control of all circumstances of our lives, but we can have control of circumstances of our soul. Again, in life we all have a second chance, the grace of God, and we are called to respond to his grace.

****LENTEN SEASON MISSION****

St. Stephen

Sunday, March 24

5:30 p.m. Light meal in Social Room.
6:30 p.m. Fr. Robert Zwilling will be talking about Reconciliation and the Eucharist.
7:30 p.m. Reconciliation

Monday March 25

5:30 p.m. Reconciliation
6:30 p.m. Fr. Robert Zwilling will be talking about Interior Life/Sacred Scripture being read as the Word of God.
7:30 p.m. Light refreshments

St. Ann’s Altar Society will be hosting a light supper before Fr. Zwilling’s mission talk this Sunday evening. The supper will be at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to come and enjoy food and fellowship!

St. Stephen News

Altar Society: The next three rotating chairmen are: Etchison/Whitehead/Winka, Berenice Mary Brown, and Donna Myers.

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.

From Father Charles' Desk:

Catholic Conference of Illinois Statement on Senate Committee Passage of SB 1594

It is truly tragic the Senate Public Health Committee approved Senate Bill 1594, which seeks to repeal the Illinois Parental Notice of Abortion Act. Since this law went into effect, the incidence of abortions among minors has dropped 57 percent in Illinois.

Why would anybody vote for legislation that effectively removes parents and guardians of minors from a major decision that is known to have significant physical and mental after effects?

Current law makes it illegal for minors in Illinois to use an indoor tanning bed; buy cigarettes, alcohol or lottery tickets; or vote in an election. Are we to believe abortion is somehow less consequential than getting a tan?

We urge the full Senate to use reason, support parents and their daughters, and strongly reject this appalling legislation.

The Catholic Conference of Illinois was created in 1969 to serve as the public policy voice of the Illinois bishops and the six dioceses of the State of Illinois.

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