

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

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

April 16 - Chrism Mass

April 18 - Holy Thursday - 6:30 p.m. St. Edwards Adoration 5 to 8 p.m.

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

All are invited to the **Annual Diocesan Spring Blessing of the Farm**, April 30, 1P.M. at Frey Farms. Frey Farms is located at 22251 CR 700 E; Dahlgren. Frey Farms can be arrived at by traveling on Interstate 64, exit 100 south onto IL-242, 3 miles to turn right onto Belle Prairie Rd. Turning west onto Belle Prairie Rd. travel 1 mile, Grubb Memorial Drive, veer left turning onto CR 2200 N, turn right onto CR 700 E. Farm will be on your left "Farm Blessing" signs will also lead you to the farm. Those attending bring seed and soil in marked containers, animals, farm machinery to be blessed. Food collected for the needy of the area.

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... God bless you always.

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 Marv Murphv at 618-599-5018

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.

Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 13, 5:00 p.m. mass – Ginny Timm+

Palm Sunday, April 14, 8:30 a.m. mass – Kenny & Evelyn Myers+

Tuesday, April 16, NO MASS

Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 p.m. mass – Sharon Pierce +

Thursday, April 18, NO MASS

Friday, April 19, Stations of the Cross – 3:00 p.m. Passion – 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 20, 8:00 p.m. – David Sulsberger+

Easter, April 21, 8:30 a.m. mass– For the living & deceased of the parish

Weekly Contribution 04/07/19

Envelopes.....\$1225.00 (34)

Loose..... \$ 125.00

Total\$1,350.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Support Catholic Relief Services . - \$80

Food Pantry - \$229

Attendance: Sat.- no mass Sunday - 101

St. Stephen Upcoming Activities

Palm Sunday Vigil, Sat. April 13, 5 p.m. mass

Palm Sunday, April 14, 8:30 a.m. mass.

Monday, April 15, Choir Practice

Tuesday, April 16, NO MASS

Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 -pm. mass,

Adoration 7 p.m. -12midnight

Holy Thursday, April 18, NO MASS

Friday, April 19, Stations of the Cross 3 p.m.

Passion 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 20, 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 14, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Next Weekend Ministers

*Holy Week and Easter - See sign up sheets
at south entrance*

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Griffy, Bill Marks, Nicole Wheaton, Velma Oliver, Clara Wilson, LaVonne Kemmerer, Patience McKnight, Mildred Garrison, Ray Vaughn, Joe Falica, Pat Venable, Chris Boyd, Clarice Schweighart, Ray & Irene Winka, Steve Dudzik, Ruth Wilson, Roger Wells, Becky Payne, Bob Bluhm, Rhonda Ryker, Dr. Don & 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, Jean Quinn, Betty Greenwood, Claire Karasch, Judie Powless, Marie Elwat, Beth Reagan Snyder Michelle Huff Freezeland.

Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 13—NO MASS

Sunday, April 14, 10:30am (Palm Sunday)—Kirk & Elaine Kerchner+

Holy Thursday, April 18, 6:30pm—St. Edward & St. Stephen Parishioners

Good Friday, April 19, Stations 4:30pm—Passion 5:00pm

Saturday, April 20—Easter Vigil at St. Stephen 8:00pm

Sunday, April 21, 10:30am (Easter Sunday)—St. Edward Parishioners

Weekly Contributions 04/07

Envelopes(24) \$1,555.00

Loose 109.00

Total \$1,664.00

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$107.00

CSMA 20.00

Easter Flowers 140.00

Donations 20.00

Attendance: Sat. 34 Sun. 34

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, Cathy Newville, Diana Zurliene, Adam & Alan Reyling, all priests who are sick

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Holy Week

Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11

Tues: Holy Week

Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33,36-38

Wed: Holy Week

Is 50:409a Mt 26:14-25

Thur: Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Ex 12:1-8,11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15

Saturday, April 20: NO MASS

Sunday, April 21—10:30am (Easter)

Lector: Jen Wellen

E. Min: Peg G., Ginny B., David Mills

Ushers: Anthony & Elizabeth Zurliene

Gifts: PSR KIDS

Servers: Jackson Mills, Ailyn & Gabby

19 Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Is 52:13—53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1—19:42

20 The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

(Gn 1:1—2:2) (Gn 22:1-18) (Ex 14:15—15-1) (Is 54:5-14) (Is 55:1-11) (Bar 3:9-15,32—4:4) (Ez 36:16-17a) (Is 12:2-3) (Rom 6:3-11) (Lk 24:1-12)

21 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: Acts 10:34a,37-43 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9

ST. EDWARD NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, April 20th —There will be no mass at St. Edward.

PSR NEWS

Apr. 14th—PSR 9:00AM CONFIRMATION 5:00PM

Apr. 21st—NO PSR OR CONFIRMATION (EASTER SUNDAY)

Apr. 28th—PSR 9:00AM CONFIRMATION—“Rite of Declaration” at St. Edward 10:30am mass.

May 1st—CONFIRMATION PRACTICE AT WENDELIN 6:30pm

May 4th—CONFIRMATION AT HOLY CROSS OF WENDELIN 5:00pm

May 5th—PSR 9:00AM LAST CLASS (First Communion—please pray for Aaron Kosmatka)

CYO NEWS

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE OUR FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS.

EASTER EGG HUNT

St. Edward’s Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 21st at 9:30am. All kids are invited. If anyone would like to donate eggs/candy for the hunt, please leave in the hall kitchen. If you have any questions please contact Laura Zurliene.

CSMA

Congrats St. Edward Parishioners: We have surpassed our \$3,400 goal for The Catholic Service and Ministry appeal. To date we have collected \$3,716. If you have not donated yet there is still time.

CRS RICE BOWL

IF YOUR RICE BOWL IS FULL, YOU MAY START TURNING THEM BACK IN. THERE IS A BASKET IN THE HALL TO PUT THEM IN. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT PARTICIPATED.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

PASTORAL COUNCIL WILL NOT MEET ON APRIL 18TH DUE TO IT BEING HOLY THURSDAY. THE COUNCIL WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH AT 7:00PM.

HOLY THURSDAY: ST. EDWARD (ONLY) 6:30PM ADORATION UNTIL 9:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY: ST. STEPHEN—STATIONS 3:00PM ST. EDWARD—STATIONS 4:30PM
PASSION 7:00PM PASSION 5:00PM

EASTER VIGIL: ST. STEPHEN (ONLY) 8:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY: ST. STEPHEN 8:30AM ST. EDWARD 10:30AM

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

HOLY THURSDAY: ST. EDWARD (ONLY) 6:30PM ADORATION UNTIL 9:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY: ST. STEPHEN—STATIONS 3:00PM ST. EDWARD—STATIONS 4:30PM
PASSION 7:00PM PASSION 5:00PM

EASTER VIGIL: ST. STEPHEN (ONLY) 8:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY: ST. STEPHEN 8:30AM ST. EDWARD 10:30AM

Our Church will be selling the partial lots that we own on Holly Lane, Flora. If anyone is interested in purchasing this property or has any questions concerning this matter, please contact Trudi Herdes at church.

Thanks to the 31 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 \$4,948, has been pledged. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so.

Congratulations to St. Stephen’s parishioners. We have surpassed our \$4850 goal. IF you have not donated yet there is still time.

Knights of Columbus 2019 membership dues are currently due and may be given to Dennis Holkenbrink or Ted Whitehead. Member dues are \$20.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Choir Practice for Holy Week is at 7 pm. on Mondays unless announced otherwise.

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

Altar Society met Sunday, March 17 after Mass:

If you are a Rotating Chairman and you are in charge of an event, please try to call volunteers from lists A, B, or C depending on which list Linda tells you to use so that all volunteers on the lists will be called upon.

The next meeting will likely be the Mother-Daughter Banquet. We are undecided on what we are doing for the banquet and date it is, depending on who’s in charge of it.

The Palm Sunday of the Lord's passion

Today , the Palm Sunday is the beginning of the Holy Week and we are starting to focus intently on the heart of the mystery of our salvation. This week is unique and great because within it we will commemorate the events of our salvation. In the ceremony of today's liturgy , we celebrate the joyful entrance of our savior into Jerusalem to accomplish the great mystery of redemption through his suffering ,death and resurrection. It is a mystery of dying and rising from the dead. It is the mystery of humiliation and exaltation. It is the mystery of suffering and glorification. It is a mystery of death in order to live eternally, and the mystery of defeat which is crowned with victory .This week which begins with praise and glorification of Jesus as the Messiah-- King in the procession of palms , is the heart and soul of Christianity and without it there is no Christianity.

Gospel for the procession (Lk 19:28-40) The entry of Jesus into Jerusalem as messianic King is a sign that the peace and salvation decreed by God is at hand . He enters , not as a temporal ruler but as a humble King and gentle Messiah , and is greeted joyfully by his disciples.

The branches of olive and palm carried by the cheering crowd symbolize weapons of peace. Today , we need peace more than ever, peace within our souls, within our families , peace in the church and peace in our country and peace in the world at large. Let us resolve now to make peace. The crowds were chanting Hosanna . The word Hosanna means save us now! Or save us now we beg you ! The crowds were acknowledging the messianic status of Jesus . They recognized him as their Savior and Redeemer .

In today's passion of the Lord , St Luke 's passion narrative , portrays Jesus as the merciful and forgiving Savior of humankind. He shows how Jesus forgave his executioners , and brought salvation to a criminal. The passion narrative also presents women in a society coming to meet Jesus and to grieve for him as he goes to Calvary. It tells the dying words of Jesus on the cross , praying for his executioners : Father , forgive them they do not know what they are doing . And also it tells of Jesus dying with a prayer on his lips : Father , into your hands I commit my spirit. The passion tells , even in Jesus's hour of greatest insult and injury , Jesus heals , forgives and promises salvation to fragile and sinful people .

St. Stephen News

WEEKEND MASSES The Saturday evening mass rotates between St. Stephen and St. Edward Churches. The 1st and 3rd Saturdays will be at St. Edwards and the 2nd and 4th Saturdays will be at St. Stephen. Saturdays masses 5 p.m. The Sunday morning mass times will remain the same. St. Stephen 8:30am. St. Edward 10:30 a.m. When there is a 5th Sunday in a month, we switch back and forth. (i.e. like in April).

Happy April Birthdays:

Jim McCarty, April 1 Cheryl McCarty – April 13

St. Stephen PSR 2019 Calendar

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



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.

Read Information about this program on bulletins at both entrances:
PLEASE BUY A RAFFLE TICKET TO CHANGE INMATES LIVES FOREVER:
Grand Prize \$5,000 plus other cash prizes.
Just go to bit.ly/inmateshelpinginmates to buy tickets.

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.

WELCOME VISITORS ATTENDING MASS
Welcome to our church. Come visit us again.

