



Easter Blessings

We pray that God may bless you and your loved ones with the peace, the hope and the love that the Lord gave to us all through the Resurrection of Jesus. Ministries and Agencies Funded by

**The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Catholic Diocese of Belleville**

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. "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.

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

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.

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
Rector/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, Rector/Office 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

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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.

Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 20, 8:00 p.m. mass – David Sulsberger+
Easter Sunday, April 21, 8:30 a.m. mass – For the living & deceased of the parish
Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 p.m. mass – Regina Buckleh+
Wednesday, April 24, 6:30 p.m. mass – Maureen Maher +
Thursday, April 25, 8:00 a.m. mass – Catholic Extension Donors
Friday, April 26, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Servite Rosary 12 noon, Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 27, 5:00 p.m. mass – Kathryn Dunnigan+
Sunday, April 28, 8:30 a.m. mass– Clarence Painter+

Weekly Contribution 04/14/19

Envelopes.....\$1,526.00 (50)
Loose..... \$ 318.00
Total\$1,844.00
We Need - \$1,731.00

Support Catholic Relief Services -\$5

Attendance: Sat.- 74 Sunday - 89

St. Stephen Upcoming Activities

Easter Vigil, Sat. April 20, 8 p.m. mass
Easter Sunday, April 21, 8:30 a.m. mass.
Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 p.m. mass
Wednesday, April 24, 6:30 pm. mass, Pastorial
Council Adoration 7 p.m. -12midnight
Thursday, April 25, 8 a.m. mass
Friday, April 26 Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Servite Rosary 12 noon, Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 27, 5 p.m. Mass
Sunday, April 28, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Next Weekend Ministers

Sat. April 27 – Lector Sam Pierce,
EM – Krista Weidner, Paul Burk, Dennis Holkenbrink
Servers- Pierce Family **Ushers** - Jim Klein Jerry Price
Sun, April 28 – Lector Emily Milner **Commentator-** Beth Sulsberger **EM** - Cheryl McCarty, Phil & Beth Fancher
Servers- Nolan and Sam Duquaine
Ushers – Tony Holkenbrink, Alan Huff

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 Kuentler, Luke Miller, Jean Quinn, Betty Greenwood, Claire Karasch, Judie Powless, Marie Elwat, Beth Reagan Snyder Michelle Huff Freezeland.

Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 20—Easter Vigil at St. Stephen 8:00pm
Sunday, April 21, 10:30am (**Easter Sunday**)—St. Edward Parishioners
Thursday, April 25, 6:30pm—Catholic Extension Donors
Friday, April 26, 8:00am—Blessings Received
Saturday, April 27—NO MASS
Sunday, April 28, 10:30am—Confirmandi of St. Edward & St. Stephen

Weekly Contributions 04/14

Envelopes(33) \$1,732.00
Loose 58.00
Total \$1,790.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$340.00
Easter Flowers 20.00
Cath. Rel. Serv. 100.00

Attendance: Sat. 0 Sun. 81

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, Luke Dewees, Adam & Alan Reyling, all priests who are sick

Saturday, April 27: NO MASS

Sunday, April 28—10:30am
(Divine Mercy)

Lector: Mike Oppenheimer
E. Min: David Mills, Jeff Murphy
Ushers: Scott Merkle, Rich Rennier
Gifts: The Kosmatka Family
Servers: Jackson Mills, Cali Bunting

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: *Within the Octave of Easter*
Acts 2:14, 22-33 Jn 20:11-18
Tues: *Within the Octave of Easter*
Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18
Wed: *Within the Octave of Easter*
Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35
Thur: *Within the Octave of Easter*
Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48
Fri: *Within the Octave of Easter*
Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14
Sat: *Within the Octave of Easter*
Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15
Sun: *Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)*
Acts 5:12-16 Rv 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19
Jn 20:19-31

ST. EDWARD NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, April 27th —There will be no mass at St. Edward.

PSR NEWS

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.

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 meet on Thursday, April 25th, at 7:00pm. The minutes are on the bulletin board in the hall.

A Heartfelt Thank-you

Thank-you to everyone who helped with The Holy Week Liturgies. Everything went very smoothly. Nice job from Lectors, Servers, Ushers, etc. It made my job a lot easier. Thanks, Peg

RITE OF DECLARATION

The Confirmation Classes from St. Edward & St. Stephen will be receiving “Rite of Declaration” on Sunday, April 28th at St. Edward 10:30am mass. This is their final step before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Braxton on May 4th. There will be a light lunch following mass. Everyone is invited to stay and support our Confirmation kids.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

A BIG Thank you to all those who helped and donated towards the Rummage and Plant Sale last Friday and Saturday. We made over \$700.

Note the ongoing cleanup of the church grounds. Thanks to those who have been working to make the grounds look so nice.



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.

Please let Beth Fancher or Trudi Herdes know when you are celebrating a birthday, anniversary or any special event (i.e. college graduations, births, marriage, etc.). We would like to pass this information on to our parishioners, so that we can pray and celebrate with you.

St. Stephen PSR 2019 Calendar

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



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).

From Father Charles' Desk

The Lord is risen

Today is Easter Sunday , the day our Lord Jesus rose from the dead. On Easter Sunday we celebrate the feast of the resurrection of Jesus .

In rising from the dead three days after his crucifixion , as he foretold he would . Jesus proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that he was truly the Son of God. In fact, if God had not raised him up glorious and immortal to sit at his right hand forever, we would have no reason to believe in him and no hope of God's raising us up to everlasting life either. Our faith would have been a sham : our life would be without meaning or purpose.

The resurrection of Christ calls us into the community of Jesus ' disciples , witnesses to his life. Without this victory over death , says St. Paul, all our preaching would be useless and our faith would be in vain (cf.1 cor. 15: 14-17). Furthermore , the guarantee of our future resurrection is secured upon the resurrection of Christ , because although we were dead through sin, God, full of mercy , moved by the infinite compassion with which he loved, gave us Christ...and He raised us with him(cf. Eph. 2 : 4-6).Easter celebration is the celebration of our redemption , and therefore , the celebration of thanksgiving and joy. We thank God for raising His Son from the dead.

For us to share in the abundance grace of Easter we must possess love because Jesus appeared to anyone except those who loved him. If you want to experience the power of the resurrection you must love your neighbor as Jesus loved us . it is only those who love that he showed himself to .He always appeared to those who were thinking about him and speaking about him.(cf. Luke 24)

To participate fully and to partake in the grace of Easter , we must love as Jesus loved. He loved forgivingly understandingly , selflessly , unconditionally . if you do not love God and your neighbor , Easter event will remain an illusion and a myth to you. It will remain an ordinary story or a fairy tale. This is to say that we shall never see the risen Lord or experience the power of the resurrection unless there is love for the risen Lord inside us .

The celebration of Easter is a celebration of hope and victory feast over death and sin . in Easter light the shadows and darkness of life receive new meaning. They become part of breakthrough to new life. Easter light foreshadows the unspeakable joy and happiness still to come.

Therefore, Easter celebration tells there is hope , and for us to live to reap the fruit of this hope , we need to translate this love of Jesus into concrete reality. May the risen Christ always be with us .

Happy Easter !

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.

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



