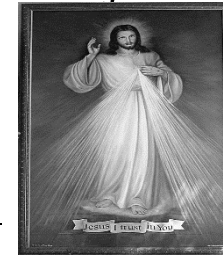


St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches

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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.**

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 prepare 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.

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2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy

April 28, 2019

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 27, 5:00 p.m. mass – Kathryn Dunnigan+

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28, 8:30 a.m. mass – Clarence Painter+
and 10:30 a.m. mass at St. Edwards, Rite of Declaration of St. Edward & St. Stephen Confirmation students

Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 p.m. mass – Bill & Mary Handley+

Wednesday, May 1, 6:30 p.m. mass –Catholic Extension Donors

Thurs, May 2, 8:00 a.m. mass – For the living & deceased of the parish

Friday, May 3, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Servite Rosary 12 noon, Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3 p.m.

Saturday, May 4, NO MASS, Confirmation, Holy Cross, Wendelin, 5 p.m.

Sunday, May 5, 8:30 a.m. mass, First Communion – Maureen Maher+

Weekly Contribution 04/21/19

Envelopes.....\$3,365.00
Loose..... \$ 361.00
Total\$3,726.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Good Friday – Holy Land - \$413

Attendance: Sat.- 81 Sunday - 170

Next Weekend Ministers

Saturday, May 4 – NO MASS

Sunday, May 5 – 8:30 a.m. Lector: Beth Sulsberger

Commentator: Phil Fancher EM: Jim Fehrenbacher,
Emily Milner, Beth Fancher Servers: Nolan & Max
Duquane, Ethan Milner Ushers: Jerry Price & Justin Fleener

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.

St. Stephen Upcoming Activities

Saturday, April 27, 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, April 28, 8:30 a.m. Mass, Rite of Declaration Confirmation kids at St Edward 10:30 a.m. mass and lunch following

Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 p.m. mass

Wednesday, May 1, 6:30 pm. mass, Adoration 7 p.m. -12midnight

Thursday, May 2, 8 a.m. mass

Friday, May 3, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Servite Rosary 12 noon, Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3p

Sat. May 4, NO MASS Confirmation Wendelin 5pm

Sunday, May 5, 8:30 a.m. Mass, First Communion

2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy

April 28, 2019

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 27—NO MASS

Sunday, April 28, 10:30am—Confirmandi of St. Edward & St. Stephen

Thursday, May 2, 6:30pm—Catholic Extension Donors

Friday, May 3, 8:00am—Blessings Received

Saturday, May 4, 5:00pm—NO MASS (CONFIRMATION AT WENDELIN)

Sunday, May 5, 10:30am—Kirk Kerchner+

Weekly Contributions 04/21

Envelopes(31) \$1,755.00
Loose 92.00
Total \$1,847.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$265.00
Cath. Home Miss. 10.00
Holy Land 100.00

Attendance: Holy Thurs:74
Good Friday:54
Easter:120

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, May 4—NO MASS

Lector:

E. Min:

Ushers:

Gifts:

Servers:

Sunday, May 5—10:30am

Lector: Jen Wellen

E. Min: Peg Garrison, Ginny Barrett

Ushers: Craig Zurliene, Kent Ochs

Gifts: Aaron Kosmatka Family

Servers: Jedd Wellen, Cali Bunting

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin

Acts 4:23-31 Jn 3:1-8

Tues: Saint Pius V, Pope

Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15

Wed: Saint Joseph the Worker

Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21

Thur: Saint Athanasius, Bishop

Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36

Fri: Saints Philip and James, Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14

Sat: Easter Weekday

Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21

Sun: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32,40b-41 Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19

ST. EDWARD NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, May 4th—THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT ST. EDWARD. FATHER CHARLES, DAVID MILLS AND PEG GARRISON WILL BE AT WENDELIN FOR CONFIRMATION.

PSR NEWS

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 FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone who donated towards the Easter Flowers in memory of their loved ones. The list is hanging on the bulletin board in the hall.

THE MESSENGER

THE CHURCH HAS PURCHASED SOME EXTRA "THE MESSENGER" NEWSPAPERS FOR THE PARISH. IF YOU WOULD LIKE ONE PLEASE PICK UP IN THE HALL ON THE TABLE. THEY ARE FREE FOR ANYONE.

"RITE OF DECLARATION"

This Sunday, the Confirmandi from St. Edward & St. Stephen will complete "Rite of Declaration". Please keep the following students in your prayers, as they will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next weekend: Jackson Mills, Ailyn Zurliene, Andrew Milligan, Allie Parker, Ellie Fleener, Nolan Duquaine, Maria Whitehead, Rachel Holkenbrink, Ellie Pierce, and Andrea Moody.

Thank-you

Thank you to Laura Zurliene for another successful "Easter Egg Hunt". I do believe all the kids had a great time. Also, thanks to the parishioners that donated eggs & candy for the festivities.

Please keep baby James Rawls in your prayers. He had his second surgery and recovery is not going as well as they would like it to be. Thank you to everyone that came for the prayer service on Wednesday for James & his family.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

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



Apr. 28th— Confirmation Class, Rite of Declaration" at St. Edward 10:30 a.m. mass.

May 1st—Confirmation Practice at Wendelin 6:30 p.m.

May 4th—Confirmation at Holy Cross, Wendelin, 5 p.m.

May 5th—First Communion—please pray for Aaron Kosmatka, St. Edward and John Paul Pierce, St. Stephen.

Please pray for these students as they prepare for Confirmation. Allie Parker, Ellie Fleener, Nolan Duquaine, Maria Whitehead, Rachel Holkenbrink, Ellie Pierce, Andrea Moody, Jackson Mills, Ailyn Zurliene and Andrew Milligan.

Thank you to all the choir members who were able to join us for Holy Week and for the extra practice time! I also thank our organists who juggled duties this year so that I could be in Ohio with Sam and Josh. God Bless all of you - Diane

We would like to congratulate our son-in-law Josh (Samantha's husband) who completed the RCIA program and celebrating his confirmation last weekend in Perrysburg, Ohio. Diane & Bobby Briscoe

If you receive an email supposedly from Fr. Charles, do not open it, first call Fr. Charles or the church office, to see if they are legitimate emails.

There are unknown writers ending emails in Fr. Charles names, they are not coming from him.

The 2018 St. Stephen Cemetery Financial Report has been posted at both entrances on the bulletin boards.

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).

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.



A special thanks to Frank and Bright Funeral Home, Ryan and Jessica Muskopf, for replacing the the American flag at St. Stephen's Cemetery.



Thank you to Fr. Charles for giving so much for Easter and Holy Week; the Choir, organists, lectors, commentators, readers, altar servers and everyone who helped make the church so beautiful and anyone else who helped make Holy Week and Easter so wonderful.

We will be celebrating Women of Faith on May 11 and 12. After Mass, every woman should take a flower and remember that she is a beloved daughter of God.

St. Stephen PSR 2019 Calendar
April 28 – Class
May 5- No Class 1st Communion
May 12 – No Class -- Mothers Day

Prayer of his Holiness, Pope John Paul II to The Divine Mercy

We bless you, O holy Father: in Your immense love towards humankind, You sent Your Son, made man in the womb of the Virgin most pure, into the world as our Saviour. In Christ, meek and humble of heart, You gave us the image of Your infinite Mercy.

By contemplating His face we come to know your goodness; by receiving the words of life from His mouth, we are filled with Your wisdom; by descending into the unfathomable depths of His heart, we learn kindness and gentleness; by rejoicing in His resurrection, we are given a foretaste of the joy of the eternal Paschal feast.

Grant, O Father, that by honoring this sacred image, Your faithful may make their own the mind of Christ Jesus, and become makers of unity and peace.

O Father, may Your Son be for all of us the truth which enlightens us, the life which nourishes and renews us, the light which illumines our path, the way which leads us to You, so that we may sing Your mercy in eternity.

He is God who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

St. Stephen News

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

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

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.

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.

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