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Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for alife-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at King’s House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL (20 min from downtown St. Louis, MO), on May 31-June 2. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$195 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call (314) 283-0044 for details.

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.

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches

300 NW 5th St. Fairfield IL 62837
Email stedwardcatholicchurch01@frontier.com
Website: stedwardfairfield.com

Rev. Father Charles Anyaoku,
Email: fronyekaanyaoku@yahoo.com

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.

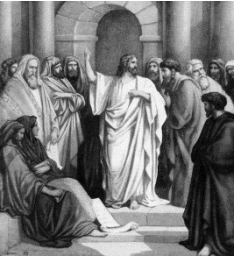
Parish Office: Peggy Garrison, Secretary
Office hours Tuesday, Wednesday
& Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
Rector/Office 847-7931 Fax 847-7393
Parish Hall 847-7512

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.



812 N. Main St., Flora IL 62839
Email ststephen_flora@yahoo.com
Website: ststephenflora.com

Pastoral Administrator
phone: 618-662-6261

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, Rector/Office 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.

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 4, NO MASS, Confirmation, Holy Cross, Wendelin, 5 p.m.
Sunday, May 5, 8:30 a.m. mass, First Communion – Maureen Maher+
Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 p.m. mass – Bill & Mary Handley+
Wednesday, May 8, 6:30 p.m. mass – For the living & deceased of the parish
Thursday, May 9, 8:00 a.m. mass – Catholic Extension Donors
Friday, May 10, 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 11, 5:00 p.m. – Howard & Madonna Goellner+
Sunday, May 12, St. Ann’s Altar Society

Weekly Contribution 04/28/19
Envelopes.....\$1,220.00 (38)
Loose..... \$ 144.00
Total\$1,364.00
We Need - \$1,731.00
Catholic Home Mission Appeal - \$95
Attendance: Sat.- 58 Sun. - 40

Next Weekend Ministers
Saturday, May 11 – Lector Cheryl McCarty, EM Krista Weidner, Dorothy & Jim Croy Servers: Pierce Family Ushers Jim Klein, Jim McCarty
Sunday, May 12 – 8:30 a.m. Lector Ted Zimmerman Commentator Deb Zimmerman EM: Randy Wells, Ted Whitehead, Dorothy Uebinger Servers: Nolan & Max Duquane, Kehlin Crawford Ushers: Jerod Fleener, Alan Huf

St. Stephen Upcoming Activities
Sat. May 4, NO Mass Confirmation Wendelin 5pm
Sunday, May 5, 8:30 a.m. Mass, First Communion
Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 p.m. mass
Wednesday, May 8, 6:30 pm. mass, Adoration 7 p.m. -12midnight
Thursday, May 9, 8 a.m. mass
Friday, May 10, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 pm Servite Rosary 12 noon, Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3pm
Saturday, May 11, MASS, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 12, 8:30 Mass

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, Claire Fopay.

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Saturday, May 4—NO MASS (CONFIRMATION AT WENDELIN)
Sunday, May 5, 10:30am—Kirk Kerchner+
Thursday, May 9, 6:30pm—Catholic Extension Donors
Friday, May 10, 8:00am—Blessings Received
Saturday, May 11, 5:00pm—NO MASS
Sunday, May 12, 10:30am—All mothers living & deceased

Weekly Contributions 04/28	
Envelopes(20)	\$ 852.00
Loose	163.00
Total	\$1,015.00
We need	\$1,887.00
Building Fund	\$ 85.00
Cath. Home Miss.	50.00
Rice Bowl	314.00
Attendance: Sat—0 Sun—93	

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Garland Keck, Kim Buchanan, Lanora Neavill, Leon Chamness, Jack Ciesielczyk, Jalain Thompson, Kurt Wiseman, Nanette Williams, Julie Griffith, Gina Williams, Emilee Stanley, 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 11—NO MASS
Lector:
E. Min:
Ushers:
Gifts:
Servers:

Sunday, May 12—10:30am
Lector: Tom Konopasek
E. Min: Ken & Theresa Nordmann
Ushers: Scott Merkle,Richard Rennie
Gifts: The Bunting Family
Servers: Gabby & Stella Zurliene

Our Daily Scripture Readings:
Mon: *Easter Weekday*
Acts 6:8-15 Jn 6:22-29
Tues: *Easter Weekday*
Acts 7:51—8:1a Jn 6:30-35
Wed: *Easter Weekday*
Acts 8:1b-8 Jn 6:35-40
Thur: *Easter Weekday*
Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51
Fri: *Saint Damian de Veuster, Priest*
Acts 9:1-20 Jn 6:52-59
Sat: *Easter Weekday*
Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69
Sun: *Fourth Sunday of Easter*
Acts 13:14,43-52 Rev 7:9,14b-17 Jn 10:27-30

ST. EDWARD NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, May 11TH—THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT ST. EDWARD.

PSR NEWS

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

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.

MESSAGE FROM CHURCH OFFICE

Starting June 1st, 2019, the church office will have new hours for the summer months. The office will be open Tues, Wed, & Thurs from 8am-12pm. If you have any information for the bulletin please have submitted by noon on Wednesday. The bulletin will be printed on Thursday.
Thank-you, Peg

CONGRATULATIONS

Congrats to the following students on receiving the sacrament of Confirmation Saturday: Jackson Mills, Ailyn Zurliene, Andrew Milligan, Allie Parker, Ellie Fleener, Nolan Duquaine, Maria Whitehead, Rachel Holkenbrink, Ellie Pierce, Andrea Moody. Also, congrats to Aaron Kosmatka (St. Edward) & John Paul Pierce (St. Stephen) on receiving Holy First Communion.

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.

ANOINTING

(THIS WEEKEND IS THE FIRST WEEKEND OF THE MONTH. THERE WILL BE ANOINTING AFTER EACH MASS FOR ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE IT.)
Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint [him] with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven.
James 5:13-15

CONGRATULATIONS TO DANA & MELISSA FELOWITZ CELEBRATING 20YRS OF BLISS (5-3-2019)

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

Congratulations Graduates

Next Sunday we will be recognizing and honoring our grade and high school graduates. Gifts for them will be presented at the Sunday Mass. We hope the graduates will attend Sunday Mass next weekend.



The Meals on Wheels Program needs help delivering meals. They also need those who are willing to deliver at a day or two notice. Please stop by the Senior Center or give them a call if you can help.

May 4, Confirmation at Holy Cross, Wendelin, 5 pm.
May 5—First Communion—please pray for Aaron Kosmatka, St. Edward Parish and John Paul Pierce, St. Stephen Parish.
Please pray for our 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 -

Thank you to Fr. Charles for giving so much during Easter and Holy Week. Also to 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 would like to congratulate our son-in-law Josh Tanner, (Samantha’s husband) who completed the RCIA program and celebrating his confirmation last weekend in Perrysburg, Ohio. Diane & Bobby Briscoe

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

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

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

From Fr Charles' desk

We joyfully congratulate our kids who received the sacrament of confirmation yesterday at Holy Cross parish in Wendelin , May Almighty God strengthen their faith and grant them grace to be soldiers of Christ both in deeds and words .

We also joyfully for John Paul Pierce and Aaron Kosmatka who received their first Holy Communion today , that through the reception of the body and blood of Christ , they may be sustained in their faith in Jesus Christ .

We thank and appreciate the PSR coordinators (Paul Duquaine, Deb Zimmerman, and Peggy Garrison) and PSR teachers, for their selfless services.

On behalf of St. Edward & St Stephen Parishes, Fr Charles joyfully congratulates our 2019 high school graduates, and their family members. We pray for God's protection and guidance in their endeavors.

Next Sunday, April 12, is Mother's Day. We shall remember all mothers in our prayers and mass in particular. We pray that God may increase their faith, and grant them grace and strength in order carry out their roles judiciously with fear of God and Divine wisdom especially in their family, and we also pray that they may inculcate those virtues in their children. Happy Mother's Day in advance.

welcome



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).

Altar Society: The next three rotating chairmen are: Berenice Mary Brown, Donna Myers, Beth Fancher.

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.

