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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.

Congratulations to the students who were confirmed last Saturday. Allie Parker, Ellie Fleener, Nolan Duquaine, Maria Whitehead, Rachel Holkenbrink, Ellie Pierce, Andrea Moody, Jackson Mills, Ailyn Zurliene and Andrew Milligan.

Remember in your prayers John Paul Pierce and Aaron Kosmatka, who received their First Communion last Sunday.

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,
Pastoral Administrator

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.

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.



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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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 11, 5:00 p.m. mass – Howard & Madonna Goellner+
Sunday, May 12, 8:30 a.m. mass, St. Ann’s Altar Society
Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 p.m. mass – Ed Trittschuh +
Wednesday, May 15, 6:30 p.m. mass – Nancy, Jim & Marilyn Staples+
Thursday, May 16, 8:00 a.m. mass – Regina Buckleh+
Friday, May 17, 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 18, NO MASS
Sunday, May 19, 8:30 a.m. mass – Jim Stanford+

Weekly Contribution 05/11/19

Envelopes.....\$1,208.00 (31)
Loose..... \$ 91 00
Total\$1,299.00
We Need - \$1,731.00
Food Pantry - \$225
Attendance: Sat.- no mass Sun. - 101

Next Weekend Ministers
Saturday, May 18 – NO MASS
Sunday, May 19 – 8:30 a.m. Lector Emily Milner
Commentator Sam Pierce EM: Beth Sulsberger, Deb
Zimmerman, Dennis Holkenbrink Servers: Nolan &
Max Duquane, Ethan Milner Ushers: Ted Zimmerman,
Tony Holkenbrink

St. Stephen Upcoming Activities

Saturday, May 11, Mass, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 12, 8:30 Mass
Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 p.m. mass
Wednesday, May 15, 6:30 pm. mass, Finance
Committee 7 p.m. Adoration 7 p.m. -
12midnight
Thursday, May 16, 8 a.m. mass
Friday, May 17, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m.
to 3:15 pm Servite Rosary 12 noon, Chaplet to
Divine Mercy 3pm
Sat. May 18, , NO Mass
Sunday, May 19, 8:30 a.m. 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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 11—NO MASS
Sunday, May 12, 10:30am—All mothers living & deceased
Thursday, May 16, 6:30pm—Catholic Extension Donors
Friday, May 17, 8:00am—Blessings Received
Saturday, May 18, 5:00pm—John Robison III+
Sunday, May 19, 10:30am—Bill Grogan+

Weekly Contributions 5/5/19

Envelopes(28) \$1,757.00
Loose 128.00
Total \$1,885.00
We need \$1,887.00
Building Fund \$281.55
Cath. Home Miss. 5.00
Holy Land 30.00
Attendance: Sat—0 Sun—78

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 18—5:00pm

Lector: Mike Oppenheimer
E. Min: Ken & Theresa Nordmann
Ushers: Don Z., Tim Schoenborn
Gifts: John & Leslie Robison
Servers: volunteers
Sunday, May 19—10:30am
Lector: David Mills
E. Min: Peg Garrison, Emily Milligan
Ushers: Scott Merkle, Libby Pond
Gifts: Anthony & Elizabeth Zurliene
Servers: Jackson Mills, Hayden
Felowitz

Our Daily Scripture Readings:
Mon: Our Lady of Fatima
Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:1-10
Tues: Saint Matthias, Apostle
Acts 1:15-17,20-26 Jn 15:9-17
Wed: Saint Isidore
Acts 12:24—13:5a Jn 12:44-50
Thur: Easter Weekday
Acts 13:13-25 Jn 13:16-20
Fri: Easter Weekday
Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6
Sat: Saint John I, Pope
Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14
Sun: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 14:21-27 Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a,34-35

ST. EDWARD NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, May 18TH—THERE WILL BE MASS AT ST. EDWARD—5:00pm

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 GRADUATES

8 th Grade	High School	College
Jackson Mills	Jeffrey Zurliene	Alicia Garrison
Andrew Milligan	Noah Ochs	

We are very proud of all of you and wish you blessings in all your endeavors.

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.

Ladies Appreciation Dinner: The Men’s club will be holding their annual Ladies Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, May 15th at 6:00pm. There is a sign up sheet in the hall on the bulletin board. All women of the parish are welcome.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ST. EDWARD PARISH

On behalf of the agencies, ministries and departments that are supported through The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and those they serve, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for accepting the challenge put forth by Our Holy Father Pope Francis to “share the blessings which God has provided us” and so generously supporting this year’s Appeal. Also, congratulations on exceeding your parish’s CSMA financial goal!!! It is your Christian caring and generosity that gives help and hope to those in need.

Thank-you again so very much.

Bishop Edward K. Braxton and the 14 agencies funded by The CSMA

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

Congratulations to our grade and high school graduates who will be honored with a gift from the Altar Society and Knights of Columbus. Our best wishes to them in all their future endeavors. If you were unable to attend mass, please pick up your gift on the table near the north entrance.

Grade School Graduates

Ellie Fleener
Rachel Holkenbrink
Maria Whitehead

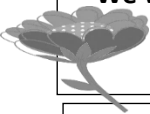
High School Graduate

Vivian Duquaine
Gracey Himelick



Special
Congratulations to
our high school
graduates, Vivian
and Gracey. Both of
these young ladies
were recipients of
many achievement
awards.

It has come to our attention that we are in need of additional mass servers, particularly for events such as funerals that occur on school days. We would like to invite any of the men and women of the parish who would like to participate in this ministry to contact Father Charles or a member of the Pastoral Council. We will joyfully accept you and arrange training. Thank you and God bless



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.

The Meals on Wheels Program needs help delivering meals, sometimes at a day’s notice. Please stop by the Senior Center or give them a call if you can help.

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Thank you again so very much. God’s richest blessings to each of you and your families.

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Our Church will be selling the partial lots 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.

Congratulations to Mike & Tina Winka who celebrated their 35th Wedding Anniversary on May 5.

St. Stephen PSR 2019 Calendar
May 12 – No Class -- Mothers Day
May 19 – Last Class - Pizza Party

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

From Fr. Charles’ desk

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

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.

The fulfilled stewardship of Mary, our Mother, guides us to give of ourselves in service to our Church and to respond generously to those in need.



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.

