

From the Pastor's Desk.... Next weekend, every parish in the diocese will be participating in The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. This annual collection supports the ministries and agencies in our diocese whose scope of service could not be duplicated by an individual parish. St. Stephen Parish participation goal for the appeal is 117 households and financial target is \$4,850. St. Edward participation goal for the appeal is 69 households and financial target is \$3,400. You will have an opportunity make your pledge at Mass next weekend. No gift is too great or too small. If you did not receive a pledge card there are envelopes on tables in the back of church.

Dispensation from the Law of Abstinence on the Memorial of Saint Patrick.
I am pleased to dispense the Christian Faithful who reside in the Diocese of Belleville, as well as all who are present in the Diocese, from the observance of the law of abstinence from meat on the Memorial of St. Patrick, Friday, March 17, 2017.
From the Diocesan Curia, on this 10th day of February in the Year of Our Lord 2017.
The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D., Bishop of Belleville

RESPECT LIFE Corner: Visiting the Sick is one of the corporal works of mercy. Those who are sick are often forgotten or avoided, in spite of their illness, these individuals have much to offer, those who take the time to visit and comfort them. **Learn, Act, Connect, Pray:** It is relatively easy to help someone for a few days but it is difficult to look after a person for months or even years. And yet, what a great path of sanctification this is. Time spent with the sick is holy time. It is a way of praising God who conforms us to the image of his Son.

Travel with Fr. Martin Ohajunwa, on an Italy Wide & Switzerland trip. **Where:** Sorrento, Capri, Amalfi Coast, Pompeii, Rome, Assisi, Tuscany, Florence, Venice, Milan, Lake Como, Switzerland. **Trip Dates: May 11 - 23, 2017** Cost: \$4,600.00 Airfare and ALL - included. To register, please contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370. You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com

Pre-Canva will be held at St. Joseph Church, Olney, March 4. There is a fee of \$50 for the day, which includes meals and materials. Website at www.stjosephchurcholney.com and look under the "Forms" tab to find the PreCanva Letter and Registration forms.

St. Mary of the Assumption Church, St. Marie annual Parish Brunch, March 5. Sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy and drinks. 8 a.m. until noon. See bulletin board.

Wine Tasting on Saturday March 25, Holy Cross Parish Center, Wendelin, 6 - 10:30 pm. more details will follow, or you can visit our parish website: www.holycrosswendelin.com

Euchre Tournament - Holy Cross Parish, Wendelin, Fri., Mar. 3, 7pm, Sun. Mar. 19 6:30 pm \$3.00 per person admission to play. Card playing will begin on time. Cash prizes.

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches



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St. Edward Mass Schedule:
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., and Saturday: 6:00 p.m.

Reconciliation: Friday after mass or by appt.

Parish Office: Peggy Garrison, Secretary
Office hours Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday,
8 a.m. to 12 noon Rectory/Office 847-7931
Fax – 847-7393 Parish Hall 847-7512

Bulletin Info: Peggy Garrison, Parish Office.
Please submit by noon on Thursday

New Parishioners register at the Parish Office

PSR Coordinator: Sarah Pickens
RCIA Coordinator: Ginny Barrett
Music Director: Denise Zurliene

PARISH MONTHLY MEETINGS
Pastoral Council – 3rd Thursday
Altar Sodality – 3rd Monday
Men’s Club - As announced
CYO Meeting - As announced
Food Pantry Distribution – 2nd Saturday 8am

St. Stephen Mass Schedule:
Sunday 10:30 a.m., and Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Reconciliation: Thursday, 7:30 a.m. or by appt.

Parish Office: Fern Ketzner, Secretary
Office hours Monday & Thursday mornings
Office, Fax and Social Room - 662-8121

Bulletin info: Beth Fancher, 665-3163 submit by
noon on Thursday email: bfancher1@hotmail.com

New Parishioner Register contact Dorothy
Uebinger 662-3711 email dot@wabash.net

Music Director: Diane Briscoe
PSR Coordinator: Becky Krutsinger

PARISH MONTHLY MEETINGS
Knights of Columbus – 1st Wednesday, 7 pm
Finance Committee – 2nd Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Altar Society - As announced
Pastoral Council - 4th Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Food Pantry Collection - First Weekend

Baptism, Marriage, RCIA, Vocations, Sacrament of Anointing & Care of the Sick, contact
Father Martin-Edward Ohajunwa 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.

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Saturday, February 25, 6:00 p.m. – Dennis Milligan+
Sunday, February 26, 8:30 a.m. – Patty Brunell+
ASH WEDNESDAY, March 1, 6:30pm – John Robison III+
Thurs. March 2, 6:30p.m.- For Blessings Received
Friday, March 3, 8:00am - For Special Intentions
Saturday, March 4, 6:00pm – Dean Holtkamp+
Sunday, March 5, 8:30am – Larry McClure+

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—EVERY FRIDAY AT 6:30PM

Weekly Contribution 02/19/2017

Envelopes (36)... \$1305.00
Loose 69.00
Total 1,374.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$117.00
First Offering 5.00
Attendance: Sat.—49
Sun—32

Saturday, March 4
Lector: Theresa Nordmann
EM: Dave & PJ Cavanaugh
Ushers: Sam Ochs, Don Zurliene
Gifts: Jay & Lisa Fyie
Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, March 5
Lector: David Mills
EM: Laura Titzer, Peg Garrison
Ushers: Drew Garrison, Clayton Titzer
Gifts: The Pickens Family
Servers: Will Wright, Jackson Mills



PRAYER INTENTIONS: Garland Keck, Lanora Neavill, Ute Britton, Leon Chamness, Jack Ciesielczyk, Sharon Reyling, Dan Kinsolving, , Jim & Jane Mowry, Phyllis Laird, Kurt Wiseman, Nanette Williams, Julie Griffith, Gina Williams, Emilee Stanley, Noreen Reeves, Paula Zdan, Maddox Oppenheimer, Sara Kerchner, Charles Drechsel, Shirley Byars, Dorothy Baylor, Eva Decker, Matthew Rorban, Kathy Bramlet, Virginia Weinkeler, Tom Colvin, Shelly Lawler, Justin McKnight, Ryan McGehee, Teresa Williams, Andrew Mayo, Zeth Frank, Robyn Meagher, Sheila Zurliene, Sandra Henson, Andrew Luna, Elaine Jeffers, and all priests who are sick.

Our Daily Scripture Readings:
Mon: Sir 17:20-24 Mk 10:17-27
Tues: Sir 35:1-12 Mk 10:28-31
Wed: Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thur: Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25
Fri: Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15
Sat: Is 58:9b-14 Lk:5:27-32
Sun: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 25:31-46

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Saturday, February 25, 4:00 p.m. – Agnes & Robert Feldhake+
Sunday, February 26, 10:30 a.m. - For the living & deceased of the parish
ASH WEDNESDAY, March 1, 7:00 a.m. – Clement & Ruth Ann Marley+
Thursday, March 2, 8:00 a.m. – Regina Buckleh+
Friday, March 3 – No mass Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration –
8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 4, 4:00 p.m. – Gerald A. & Pat Klein+
Sunday, March 5, 10:30 a.m., - For the living & deceased of the parish

Weekly Contributions 02/19/17

Envelopes..... \$ 1,025.00
Loose..... 177.00
Collections..... \$ 1,202.00

Thank you for your monetary support!
We have budgeted for a weekly collection of \$1,731 to meet our expenses. Our 2-12-17 collections of \$1,891 were \$160 OVER Projected Collections. Fiscal Year to Date Collections are \$7,793 UNDER Projected Budgeted Collections for the year.

CRY ROOM St. Stephen’s Cry Room is in the Library, on the south side of the hallway. The library is equipped with a TV which is set up with a live feed of the Mass in progress, on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.

Please consider giving SCRIP gift cards. We have a variety of cards from retailers and restaurants and can purchase from a list of hundreds of available SCRIP program participants. SCRIP is sold after weekend Masses and available anytime by contacting Erin Pierce at 676-4967. All proceeds benefit St Anne special projects fund.



PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Griffy, Nichole Wheaton, Bobbie Osborne, Bill Marks, Lisa Persinger, Verna Oliver, LaVonne Kemmerer, Patience McKnight, Clara Wilson, Claire Fopay, Mildred Garrison, Ray Vaughn, Anita Allen, Lucille Anderson, Maria Oswald, Joe Falica, Lois Houlihan, Pat and Jean Quinn, Fred Kincaid, Ray & Irene Winka, Pat Venable, Chris Boyd, Dr. Mark Wallace, Bob Bluhm, Gerty Grundy, Ginny Timm, Herman Rudolphi, Tracy Winka, Jay Burgner, Steve Dudzik, Carmen Frost, Danny Miller, Ruth Wilson, Connie Krutsinger, Mike Burge

Prayer Chain A prayer chain has been formed in our parish. When a parishioner has an intention and requests prayers, Erin Pierce will initiate the prayer chain. She will contact Fr. Martin 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. Contact Erin at erinmp1968@aol.com. or 662-2266

CEMETERY CORNER

Have you seen our cemetery in the glory of God’s winter wonderland? You should!

Don’t forget that lots of 5 burial sites are currently \$700 and individual sites are \$150.

Eucharistic Adoration, Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 12 midnight. Please continue to record your time until we reach our goal.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

The Rosary Campaign promoted by the Respect Life Committee is extended until the end of the year. Please join this effort by praying the rosary for the protection of the lives of Christians throughout the world and especially in the persecuted country of Nigeria. For more details see the display by the social room.

St. Stephen Parish School of Religion
2016- 2017 Calendar Sunday 9 to 10 a.m.

February 26-Class
March 5 -Class 12 - Class 19- Class 26 - Class
April 2- Class 9 - No Class- Palm Sunday
Sacred Triduum: 13-Holy Thursday, 14-Good Friday,
15-Holy Saturday
16 – No Class Easter 23- Class 30- Class

FUND RAISE WITH ALMOST
ZERO EFFORT!!
Goodsearch/Goodshop News: If you would like to help out, please visit Goodsearch.com and type "St Anns Altar Society" (no punctuation) as your charity. If you use Goodsearch it will cause one penny to be donated to St. Ann's for every search. Making Goodsearch your homepage. The money earned goes to the general fund which helps supply altar breads, altar cloths, and items for the church.

The next three rotating chairmen are Berenice Mary Brown, Gretchen Stinner, Beth Fancher .

ST. EDWARD NEWS

ASH WEDNESDAY: Mass at St. Edward will be 6:30pm, March 1.
The season of Lent extends this year from Ash Wednesday, March 1, to the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, April 14, inclusive.

- 1. Everyone 14years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.
- 2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is also bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- 3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. The other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one’s needs, but altogether they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the obligation of the law is modified. Because Lent is a special season for all Christians, we should not lightly excuse ourselves from these penitential practices.
- 4. To completely disregard the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

ZURLIENE BEEF STEW: Sunday, March 5, at 12:30pm, Don & Denise will be having their annual Beef Stew Social. All parishioners from St. Edward and St. Stephen are welcome to attend. Please bring covered dish or dessert. Everything else is provided.
Address is: 1713 Co. Rd. 800 N, Fairfield, IL.

ALTAR SODALITY SALAD LUNCHEON: Thursday, March 16th, 11am-1pm. , the Ladies Altar Sodality will be holding their Annual Salad Luncheon. The cost is \$9.00 per person. Please plan on attending. Thank-you.

ST. PATRICK’S DINNER: On March 18th, following 6pm mass, St. Edward will be having our St. Patrick’s Dinner. The meal will consist of corned beef, cabbage, beef brisket, butter potatoes, soda bread, vegetables & onions. We ask you please bring a dessert. **There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for attendance and workers.** Everyone from St. Edward & St. Stephen invited to attend. Good food & good fellowship. Cost is by Donation.

BIBLE STUDY: Coming in March, Bible Study will be holding a 2-part series called “Priest, Profit, and King”. It is a CD series by Bishop Robert Barron on “The Church Today”. The sessions will be held March 12th, 5pm and March 26th, 5pm in the parish hall. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Ken & Theresa Nordmann.