

Check out the February 23, issue of **The Messenger**. Father Martin-Edward has written about his experiences with the Catholic Service and Ministry help when he was a child or see a copy on the bulletin board at St. Stephen's south door.

One day PreCana will be held at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, St. Marie on March 18. The fee is \$50 for the day. See our website www.stemariechurch.org or call the parish office at 618-455-3155

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, observance of the law of abstinence from meat on the Memorial of St. Patrick, Fri. March 17.

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

Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke to speak at Cristiada Conference at Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Cross, WI, July 21 and 22

The Queen of Americas Guild and Our Lady of Guadalupe, is please to announce a 2-day conference. The theme of the conference will be The Victory of Christ the King Through the Intercession of His Virgin Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

More information of bulletin board.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Then the eyes of both of them were opened." Let us appreciate the totality of our spouses by taking part in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on April 21 - 23. To register or for more info call 314-649-7317 or go online at www.stl-wwme.org.

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

Wine Tasting on Saturday March 25, Holy Cross Parish Center, Wendelin, 6 - 10:30 pm. Admission is \$10.00 person, and you will receive complimentary wine glass, tasting and appetizers. Domestic beer available for purchase. We will have 5 local wineries. Live music will be provided. At 8pm, we will have the \$15,000 cash raffle drawing (need not be present to win). Tickets are \$100.00 each and only 375 tickets will be sold. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, contact the parish office 752-5671, or you can visit our parish website: www.holycrosswendelin.com

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches



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St. Edward Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.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

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.

St. Stephen Mass Schedule:

Saturday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:30 a.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

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.

Second Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2017

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 11, 6:00 p.m. – John Robison III+
Sunday, March 12, 8:30 a.m. – Kelly Clark+
Thurs. March 16, **NO MASS**
Friday, March 17, **NO MASS**
Saturday, March 18, 6:00pm – Dennis Milligan+
Sunday, March 19, 8:30am – The Garrison Family+

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

Weekly Contribution 03/05/2017

Envelopes (35)... \$1,738.00
Loose 92.00
Total \$1,830.00

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$123.00
Furnace Don. 200.00
Donation 10.00
Attendance: Sat.—54 Ash Wed.—82
Sun—31

Saturday, March 18
Lector: Mike Oppenheimer
EM: Jim & Margaret Thompson
Ushers: Diana Zurliene, Nick Zurliene
Gifts: Ray & Sally Conley
Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, March 19
Lector: Tom Konopasek
EM: Mary Murphy, David Mills
Ushers: Richard & Regina Gomez
Gifts: The Felowitz Family
Servers: Will Wright, Jackson Mills



PRAYER INTENTIONS: Garland Keck, Lanora Neavill, Ute Britton, Leon Chamness, Jack Ciesielczyk, 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, Jeff Zurliene, and all priests who are sick.

**PARISH COUNCIL WILL MEET
THURSDAY, MARCH 16 AT 7:00PM**

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Dn (:4b-10	Lk 6:36-38
Tues: Is 1:10, 16-20	Mt 23:1-12
Wed: Jer 18:18-20	Mt 20:17-28
Thur: Jer 17:5-10	Lk 16:19-31
Fri: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a	Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20	Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun: Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8	Jn 4:5-42

Second Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2017

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 11, 4:00 p.m. – Dawn Hentrich+
Sunday, March 12, 10:30 a.m. - For the living & deceased of the parish
Wednesday, March 8, no mass
Thursday, March 9, no mass
Friday, March 17 – 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 18, 4:00 p.m. – Marge Seelman+
Sunday, March 19, 10:30 a.m., - For the living & deceased of the parish



PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Griffy, Nichole Wheaton, 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, Angie Borrelli, Roger Wells, Rhett Greenwood

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 662-2266 or erinmp1968@aol.com.

CEMETERY CORNER

Have you seen our cemetery in the glory of God's winter wonderland? You should!
Don't forget that lots of five burial sites are currently \$700 and individual sites are \$150.



CRY ROOM St. Stephen's Cry Room is in the Library, which is equipped with a TV which is set up with a live feed of the Mass in progress, during weekend masses.

Weekly Contributions 03-01-17

Envelopes..... \$1715.00
Loose..... \$ 98.00
Total..... \$1813.00

Central & Eastern Europe - \$55
Food Pantry - \$463.35

Thank you for your continued monetary support! We have budgeted for a weekly collection of \$1,731 to meet our expenses. Our March 5, collections of \$1,813 were \$82 OVER Projected Collections for the week. Fiscal Year to Date Collections are \$7,966 UNDER Projected/ Budgeted Collections for the Fiscal Year.

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

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

,From the Pastor's Desk.... Thank you to the _____ 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 \$_____ has been pledged. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so.

Sympathy is extended to Jonah and Rod Carpenter on the death of Rod's brother, Chris Carpenter who passed away March 4. A funeral service was held this past Wednesday at Frank and Bright Funeral Home. May his soul rest in peace.

Choir practice for Holy Week has begun on Monday evenings, 7 pm. Practices will continue on Monday evenings unless announced otherwise. All parishioners are welcome to join.



"Rise, and do not be afraid." Let us comfort our spouses and ourselves by celebrating the love of God in our marriages by experiencing a **WorldWide Marriage Encounter**, weekend of April 21-23. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online at www.stl-wwme.org.

EASTER FLOWER FUND. There are envelopes on the tables at both doors for anyone who would like to donate towards the Easter flower fund. The money can be donated in memory of a loved one. Please put the envelopes in the collection baskets during mass or give to Fern Ketzner or Bernie Brown. Please turn in by Palm Sunday.



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 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 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.

St. Stephen Parish School of Religion 2017 Calendar Sunday 9 to 10 am

March 12 - Class 19- Class 26 - Class
April 2- Class 9 - No Class- Palm Sunday 16 - No Class Easter 23- Class 30- Class

May 7 - No Class First Communion 14 - No Class Mothers Day 21 - Last Class Pizza Party

ANONYMOUS ANGEL OF THE ALTAR

St. Ann's Altar Society is inviting members of the parish to join in caring for the needs of our parish by becoming an "Anonymous Angel of the Altar." A parish member can become an angel simply by making a yearly donation to St. Ann's to help with charitable projects.

St. Ann's purchases altar bread, altar cloths, flowers and votive candles. They provide funeral dinners, supplies for the kitchen and contribute for purchasing gifts for First Communion, Confirmation and Graduation classes; and for new mothers and newly married.

ST. EDWARD NEWS

THANK-YOU: A big thanks to the Zurlienes for hosting their Annual Beef Stew Lunch last weekend. It was all delicious, and everyone enjoyed the great fellowship. We appreciate all the hard work you put into it.

ALTAR SODALITY SALAD LUNCHEON: Thursday, March 16th, 11am-1pm. , the Ladies Altar Sodality will be holding their Annual Salad Luncheon. Parishioners will be called to bring their delicious salads for this fundraiser. We will be setting up and decorating on Wed. March 15, from 6 - 7pm. All help is needed. Anyone may bring their salads during this time or Thursday morning from 7-10am. Thanks for being so generous with your time and salads. We greatly appreciate your donations to help make our Luncheon a big success.

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 is invited to attend. Good food & good fellowship. Cost is by Donation.

BIBLE STUDY: Starting this Sunday, 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. Please plan on attending!

NEW FURNACES: Thank-you to everyone who has donated toward the new furnaces in the church. If anyone would still like to donate to help offset the cost of the furnaces, please put in envelope marked "Furnace Donation" and drop into the collection basket. **To date we have received \$930. Thank-you very much.**

THE 2017 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND: This weekend our parish, along with all other parishes in the diocese, is taking part in The 2017 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. The CSMA provides a convenient way for all of us to take an active role in the mission of our diocesan Church. Please consider making a gift or pledge; **no amount is too large or too small.** If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or forgot to bring it, please use one of the envelopes in the pew at the back of church. **Our Parish goal is \$3,400. To date we have received \$1,657.00.**

GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME. ALL THE TIME GOD IS GOOD!

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE: FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST, AT 7:00PM FOR BOTH PARISHES WHICH WILL BE HELD AT ST. EDWARD.