

The **Lenten Penance Service** will be Friday March 31, 7pm at St Edward, Fairfield. , Station of the Cross, 6:30 p.m.

“On Tuesday of **Holy Week, April 11**, I will celebrate the **Mass of Chrism** in our Cathedral of Saint Peter in Belleville. The Mass will begin at 11:30 AM, in order to make it easier for our school children to participate. The Chrism Mass is one of the principal expressions of the life of our Local Church. On this day, the Priests and the Christian Faithful of the Diocese gather around me as I consecrate the Sacred Chrism and bless the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick.” The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Bishop of Belleville.

Is the LORD in our midst or not? Let God enhance your marriage by participating in a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** the weekend of April 21 - 23. To register call 314-649-7317 or go online at [www.stl-wwme.org](http://www.stl-wwme.org).

**Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s):** register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL (20 min from downtown St. Louis, MO), on April 28-30, 2017. Take a chance and get involved... Cost is \$195 for meals and a single room. Call (312) 532-8286, e-mail [reflect.stlouis@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.stlouis@gmail.com), or visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com) for details.

**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. Register online at [www.proximotravel.com](http://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. \$15,000 cash raffle drawing. Tickets are \$100.00 each and only 375 tickets will be sold. Contact the parish office 752-5671, or website: [www.holycrosswendelin.com](http://www.holycrosswendelin.com)

**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.

## St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches



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**Rev. Father Dr. Martin Edward Ohajunwa, Pastoral Administrator**  
email: [esemcee68@yahoo.com](mailto:esemcee68@yahoo.com)

**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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
Altar Sodality – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday  
Men's Club - As announced  
CYO Meeting - As announced  
Food Pantry Distribution – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 8am

**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](mailto:bfancher1@hotmail.com)

**New Parishioner Register** contact Dorothy  
Uebinger 662-3711 email [dot@wabash.net](mailto:dot@wabash.net)

**Music Director:** Diane Briscoe  
**PSR Coordinator:** Becky Krutsinger

PARISH MONTHLY MEETINGS  
Knights of Columbus – 1st Wednesday, 7 pm  
Finance Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
Altar Society - As announced  
Pastoral Council - 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 26,

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 25, 6:00 pm – Kris Huffstodt+  
Sunday, March 26, 8:30 am – Bill Grogan+  
Thurs. March 30, 6:30pm – Blessings received  
Friday, March 31, 8:30am – Special Intentions  
Saturday, April 1, 6:00pm – John Robison III+  
Sunday, April 2, 8:30am – Larry McClure+

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

Weekly Contribution 03/19/2017

Envelopes (34)... \$1,520.00  
Loose .... 155.00  
Total \$1,675.00  
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$146.00  
Blk & Ind.Miss. 15.00

Attendance: Sat.—68  
Sun—31

Saturday, April 1  
Lector: Don Zurliene  
EM: Dave & PJ Cavanaugh  
Ushers: Jim & Margaret Thompson  
Gifts: Ray & Sally Conley  
Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, April 2  
Lector: David Mills  
EM: Emily Milligan, Mary Murphy  
Ushers: Libby Pond, Kent Ochs  
Gifts: The Bunting Family  
Servers: Jackson Mills, Will Wright



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.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE: FRIDAY, MARCH 31 AT 7PM WITH STATIONS STARTING AT 6:30PM FOR BOTH PARISHES.

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Is 65:17-21 Jn 4:43-54  
Tues: Ez 47:1-9, 12 Jn 5:1-16  
Wed: Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30  
Thur: Ex 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47  
Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Sat: Jer 11:18-20 Jn 7:40-53  
Sun: Ez 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2017

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 25, 4:00 p.m. – Evelyn Myers+  
Sunday, March 26, 10:30 a.m. - For the living & deceased of the parish  
Wednesday, March 29, No mass 7 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration  
Thursday, March 30, No mass  
Friday, March 31 – NO **Stations of the Cross, Penance Service – St. Edwards - 7 p.m.**  
Eucharistic Adoration – 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 1, 4:00 p.m. – Maureen Maher+  
Sunday, April 2, 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, Liam Durre

**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](mailto:erinmp1968@aol.com).

**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.

CEMETERY CORNER

Spring is a great time to visit our cemetery and tidy up the resting places of our loved ones. Remember, lot prices increase in July.

Weekly Contributions 3/19/17

Envelopes...\$1325.00  
Loose..... \$175.00 Total.....  
\$1500.00  
Liturgies Donation - \$50

Thank you for your continued monetary support! We have budgeted for a weekly collection of \$1,731 to meet our expenses. Our 3-19-17 collections of \$1,500 were \$231 UNDER Projected Collections for the week. Fiscal Year to Date Collections are \$8,168 UNDER Projected/ Budgeted Collections for the 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.

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 is 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 church.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

**THE 2017 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL:** Thank you to all the parishioners who have made their pledges to The 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 at both entrances.

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



St. Anne's Altar Society has set the dates of April 21 and 22, for the Annual **Rummage Sale.** Please start saving items that are clean and in good working condition for the sale. **No clothes.** We will have drop off dates listed soon. There will also be a **Plant Sale. We're looking for house plants and starts, as well outdoor plants and starts. Please name the plants and colors if possible**



**EASTER FLOWER FUND.** There are envelopes on the tables at both doors for anyone who would like to donate towards the Easter flower fund. Please put the envelopes in the collection baskets during mass or give to Fern Ketzner or Bernie Brown. Please turn in by Palm Sunday.

The **Mother Daughter Banquet** is scheduled for Thursday, May 11. The next Altar Society meeting will be held at the banquet. For questions or concerns please contact Trudi Herdes [618-723-2720](tel:618-723-2720).

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.

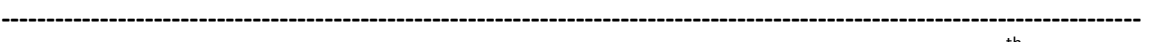
**CONGRATULATIONS TO JIM AND DIANA FLEENER** who will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, with an Open House on April 2, 2 – 4 p.m. at the Louisville Baptist Church.

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

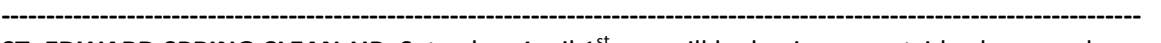
**ANONYMOUS ANGEL OF THE ALTAR**  
St. Ann's Altar Society is inviting members of the parish to join in caring for the needs of our parish by becoming an "Anonymous Angel of the Altar." A parish member can become an angel simply by making a yearly donation to St. Ann's to help with charitable projects. St. Ann's purchases altar bread, altar cloths, flowers and votive candles. Also 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

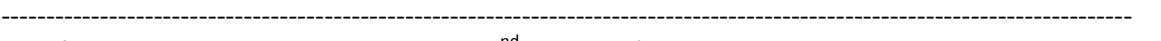
**A BIG THANK-YOU:** A big thank-you to Scott Merkle and all his helpers in making the St. Patrick's Day Dinner a huge success. Very, very good food and great socializing. A great time was had by all. Thanks again Scott for all you did!!!!



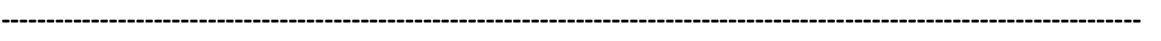
**BIBLE STUDY:** Part 2 of "Priest, Profit, and King", will be held this weekend March 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Ken & Theresa Nordmann. Please plan on attending!



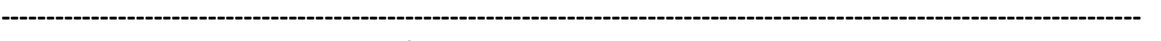
**ST. EDWARD SPRING CLEAN-UP:** Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be having an outside clean-up day at St. Edward. It will run from 9am-12noon. Lunch will be provided. We will be painting the parking lot, picking up limbs, and anything else to make the yard look good for the Men's Sausage Dinner on Sunday. All hands will be greatly appreciated and the more here the faster the work gets done. Thanks.



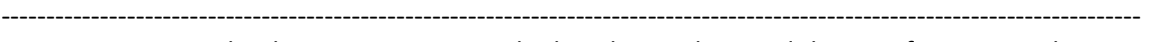
**MEN'S SAUSAGE DINNER:** Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Men's Club will be holding their Sausage Dinner from 11:00am – 1:30pm. Ladies we will once again need your delicious desserts and if anyone wants to help please contact Dennis Zurliene. Menu consists of Whole Hog Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Apple Sauce, Sauerkraut, Drink and Dessert. Carry-Outs Available. Cost is Adults--\$10, Ages 5 thru 12--\$5, Children 4yrs. & under FREE!



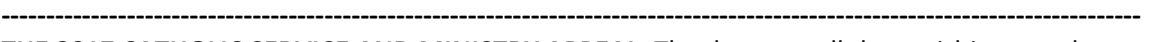
**MASS STIPENDS:** Once again our Mass Stipends are depleted. We need intentions for Saturday and Sunday masses. Please place names of who you would like intentions for. Cost is \$10 per mass. Thank-you.



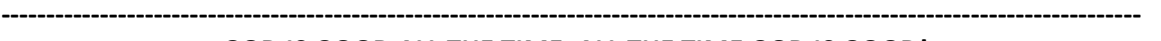
**CHRISM MASS:** We are in need of two volunteers to attend the Chrism Mass in Belleville to accept the Holy Oils for St. Edward Church. If anyone is interested please contact the church office. The Mass will be Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30am in our Cathedral of Saint Peter of Belleville.



**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 \$955.00. Thank-you very much.**



**THE 2017 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL:** Thank you to all the parishioners who have made their pledges to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. **Our Parish goal is \$3,400. To date we have received \$2,888.00!!! We are only \$512.00 away from our goal. If you have not turned in your pledge, please do so. Thanks.**



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