

PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND MASS TIME: St. Edward's mass times will be Saturday night 6:30 p.m. and Sunday morning 8:30 a.m. St. Stephen's mass times will be Saturday night 4:00 p.m. and Sunday morning 11:00 a.m. Thank you

"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

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... you won't regret it! Cost is \$195 for meals and a single room. Call (312) 532-8286, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or visit 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

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.

VOCATION CORNER "Leaving high school, I didn't know whether or not I was called to be a priest. But prayer and spiritual direction led me to a deeper discernment, and I entered seminary. I looked to stories of the saints and examples of my parents as reasons that led me to trust that God had a plan. I experienced falling in love with Christ and above all peace in my vocation. The most important lesson I've learned is to trust. The peace and direction I have in my life are a testament to that. Others trusted in me, which in turn allowed me to trust in Christ." Josh Bathon, CSC, Congregation of Holy Cross, Notre Dame, Ind. Columbia, March 2016.

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

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

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, April 1, 6:00 pm – John Robison III+
Sunday, April 2, 8:30 am – Larry McClure+
Thursday, April 6, 6:30pm – Blessings received
Friday, April 7, 8:00am – Special Intentions
Saturday, April 8, 6:30pm – Dennis Milligan+
Sunday, April 9, **Palm Sunday**, 8:30am – For the living & deceased of the parish

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

Weekly Contribution 03/26/2017

Envelopes (31)... \$1,134.00
Loose 104.00
Total \$1,238.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$108.00
Catholic Rel. Serv. \$126.00
CSMA \$165.00
Donations \$409.00
Attendance: Sat.—42
Sun—42

Saturday, April 8
Lector: Diana Zurliene
EM: Sally Conley, Theresa Nordmann
Ushers: Nick & Don Zurliene
Gifts: Sue Milligan, Alice Zurliene
Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, April 9
Lector: Mike Ferido
EM: Don & Ginny Barrett
Ushers: Rick Titzer, Scott Merkle
Gifts: The Felowitz Family
Servers: Andrew Milligan, 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.

FOOD PANTRY SET-UP: APRIL 8TH, 8:30AM
DISTRIBUTION: APRIL 9TH, 8:00AM

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, Jn 8:1-11
Tues: Nm 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30
Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92,95 Jn 8:31-42
Thur: Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59
Fri: Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42
Sat: Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56
Sun: Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14—27:66

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 1, 4:00 p.m. – Maureen Maher+
Sunday, April 2, 10:30 a.m. - For the living & deceased of the parish
Wednesday, April 5, 6:30 p.m. - Jim Etchison+ 6:00 p.m. Rosary 7 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, April 6, 8:00 a.m. – For intentions of the Anonymous Angel and Altar Society members
Friday, April 7 – No mass 7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross**
Eucharistic Adoration - 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 8, 4:00 p.m. – Evelyn Myers+
Sunday, April 9, **Palm Sunday**, 11:00 a.m. - For the living & deceased of the parish



PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Gruffy, 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, Tom Kasper

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.

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.

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 Anns Altar Society" (no punctuation). Make it your homepage or just use it to search or make online purchases.

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 on weekends.

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 3/26/17

Envelopes....\$1532.00
Loose..... \$164.00
Total..... \$1696.00
Liturgies Donation - \$50
Catholic Relief Services \$115

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 \$1,500 were \$231 UNDER Projected Collections for the week. Fiscal Year to Date Collections are \$8,168 UNDER Projected year budget.

Please consider purchasing SCRIP cards after weekend Masses or contact Erin Pierce at 676-4967. There are several retailers and 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, for example a \$100 Wal-Mart card is worth \$100. For more information contact Erin or visit shopwithscrip.com. Complete retailer list is available at the website.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

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

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.



St. Anne's Altar Society **Annual Church Rummage Sale will be held on April 21 and 22.** 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 need indoor and outdoor plants or starts. Please label name of plant and color, if possible.**



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DELIVERED MEALS ON WHEELS IN MARCH. Those who helped included: Jane Henson, Pat Ridgeway, Tom & Mary Beth Lancaster, Dorothy Uebinger, Susan Schroeder, Beth Fancher, Jill Fehrenbacher, Jacquie Lueking, Bernie Brown, Jean Guerrattez, Don & Mary Talmant, Dan & Sally Sulsberger, Jim & Cheryl McCarty. Also, thanks to anyone who helped but we missed their names!

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.



Holy Week and Easter Schedule at St. Stephen's will be as follows:

Holy Thursday 7pm, Stations of the Cross 3pm
Good Friday Service 7pm
Holy Saturday Vigil 8pm
Easter Sunday 9am



*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. **We have \$3,957.80 pledged. We need \$892.20 to meet our goal!***

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

EASTER FLOWERS: We will be purchasing Easter Flowers soon. Anyone wanting to donate in Memory of someone, please use envelope in your packets or you can just put in a regular envelope with Name/s with donation and drop in collection basket. Thank-you.

BIBLE STUDY: Next Bible Study will be held Sunday, April 9th at 5:00pm and Sunday, April 23rd at 5:00pm.

PSR NEWS: Sun. April 9th: Palm Sunday No PSR
Sun. April 16th: Easter Sunday No PSR
Sun. April 30th: Last Class of this School Year
Thurs. May 4th: Reconciliation for First Communion Class. Mass is 6:30pm.
Sun. May 7th: First Communion 8:30am Mass

MEN'S SAUSAGE DINNER: Sunday, April 2nd, 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 still 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 11th, 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 \$3,053.00!!! We are only \$347.00 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!

