

On Friday May 19, 6:00 PM there will be a meeting of the St. Edwards/St. Stephen youth ministry at the St. Stephen's social room. All young adults that have been confirmed are encouraged to attend. There will be fun activities and dinner will be provide. If you have any questions please contact Kevin Stinner, or Deb Duqaine.

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.



Easter is our greatest feast of the Liturgical year. Our redemption has been accomplished and Jesus has overcome death. This is what we commemorate through each celebration of the Eucharist which allows us to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. We must pray, encourage and work to promote more priestly vocations so that we can continue to have the opportunity of receiving Communion. Look this week to encourage a young man to consider entering the seminary to discern a priestly vocation.

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
Rectory – 662-6261

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 15, 8:00pm—Holy Saturday Vigil (at Stephen for both Parishes)
Sunday, April 16, 9:00am—Easter Sunday –Blessings Received
Thursday, April 20, 6:30pm—John Robison III+
Friday, April 21, 8:00am—Stacy Winkeler+
Saturday, April 22, 6:00pm—Jenna Mayfield+
Sunday, April 23, 8:30am—**Divine Mercy Sunday**—The Clark Family

Weekly Contribution 04/09/2017

Envelopes (38)...	\$1,824.00
Loose	122.00
Total	\$1,946.00
We need	\$1,887.00
Building Fund	\$170.00
Holy Land	35.00
Easter Flowers	30.00
Donations	45.00
Attendance: Sat.—31	
Sun—69	



PRAYER INTENTIONS: Garland Keck, Lanora Neavill, Ute Britton, Leon Chamness, Jack Ciesielczyk, Jalain Thompson, 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.

ALTAR SODALITY: MONDAY, APRIL 17: 6:00PM
PARISH COUNCIL: THURSDAY, APRIL 20: 7:00PM

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon:	Acts 2:14, 22-33	Mt 28:8-15
Tues:	Acts 2:36-41	Jn 20:11-18
Wed:	Acts 3:1-10	Lk 24:13-35
Thur:	Acts 3:11-26	Lk 24:35-48
Fri:	Acts 4:1-12	Jn 21:1-14
Sat:	Acts 4:13-21	Mk 16:9-15
Sun:	Acts 2:42-47 1 Pt 1:3-9	Jn 20:19-31

Saturday, April 22
Lector: Mike Oppenheimer
EM: Diana Zurliene, Sally Conley
Ushers: Tim & Jackie Schoenborn
Gifts: Jim & Margaret Thompson
Servers: volunteers

Sunday, April 23
Lector: Tom Konopasek
EM: Laura Titzer, Ginny Barrett
Ushers: Hank Eckleberry, Scott Merkle
Gifts: The Pickens Family
Servers: Will Wright, Jackson Mills

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Saturday, April 15, Easter Vigil, 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 16, Easter, 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 19, 6:30 p.m. – Sharon Pierce+ 6:00 p.m.— Rosary 7 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, April 20, 8:00 a.m. – Mary Talmant+
Friday, April 21, No mass Eucharistic Adoration – 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. 3p.m. – Divine Mercy Chaplet
Saturday, April 22, 4:00 p.m. – Lee Green+
Sunday, April 23, 10:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Sunday – For the living and 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, Gerty Grundy, Ginny Timm, Herman Rudolphi, Tracy Winka, Jay Burgner, Steve Dudzik, Danny Miller, Ruth Wilson, Connie Krutsinger, Mike Burge, Angie Borrelli, Roger Wells, Tom Kasper, Rita and Judy Porter

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 erinmp1968@aol.com or 662-2266

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. Lot prices increase in July.

The Rosary Campaign promoted by the Respect Life Committee is extended to 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.

Weekly Contributions 04/09/17

Envelopes.....\$1,299.00
Loose..... 161.00
Total\$1460.00
Church Liturgies - \$100
Mass Stipend - \$310

Thank you for your continued monetary support! We have budgeted for a weekly collection of \$1,731 to meet our expenses. Our 4-2-17 collections of \$1,532 were \$199 UNDER Projected Collections for the week. Fiscal Year to Date Collections are \$8,402 UNDER Projected/ Budgeted Collections for the Fiscal Year.

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

NEXT WEEKEND: St. Anne's Altar Society **Annual Church Rummage Sale will be held on April 21 and 22.** There will also be a **Plant Sale.** We need indoor and outdoor plants or starts. Please label name of plant and color, if possible. Drop off times for plants will be the same as below or call Beth Fancher, 618-676-4292 for other arrangements

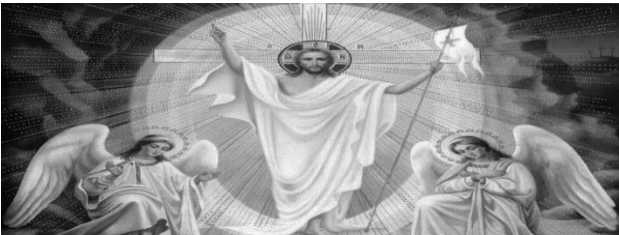
Drop of times for the rummage sale and plant sale will be Tuesday April 18th from noon until 5 pm and Friday April 21st 10am-noon. The rummage sale and plant sale will be Friday April 21st 3-6pm and Saturday April 22 new from 8-11 am. We would appreciate any workers for any of these times. Please contact Trudi Herdes 618-838-2720 or Alison Harvey 618-676-7750.



The **Mother Daughter Banquet** is scheduled for Thursday, May 11. The next Altar Society meeting will be held at the banquet.

There will be a new **Vocation Committee** formed. This committee will be formed for the expressed intention for praying and actively advocating for vocations in our parish. Anyone interested in being part of this ministry should contact Kevin Stinner.

The next Altar Society rotating chairman are: Deb Duquaine, Etchison/Whitehead/Winka, and Berenice Mary Brown.



Many Blessing This Easter Season

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

April 16 – No Class Easter
April 23- Class April 30- Class
May 7 - No Class First Communion
May 14 – No Class Mothers Day
May 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 projects. St. Ann’s purchases altar bread, altar cloths, flowers and votive candles; funeral dinners, supplies for the kitchen and contribute for purchasing gifts for First Communion, Confirmation and Graduation classes; new mothers and newly married.

ST. EDWARD NEWS

A THANK-YOU FROM FATHER MARTIN EDWARD: Father Martin wishes to thank everyone who helped with the Holy Week Liturgies. The Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Servers, Ushers, Musicians, Cantors, and Decorators. The week went very smooth.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: April 23rd is Divine Mercy Sunday. Following 8:30am Mass we will hold a short Divine Mercy Prayer Service. Everyone is encouraged to stay for the prayer. PSR kids will start their classes in the church.

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

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

EASTER EGG HUNT: St. Edward will be having an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday in the back courtyard area, following 9:00am Mass.

ST. EDWARD RUMMAGE SALE: We will be having a Rummage Sale at St. Edward for the Estate of Patty Brunell. **On Friday, April 28th, from 3-7pm will be for parishioners only.** Saturday, April 29th 7-11am it will be open to the public. If you did not make it Friday night or Saturday morning you can still shop on Saturday night after mass or Sunday morning after mass. Any questions please call the church office or Denise Zurliene.

THANK –YOU TO ALL THE PARISHIONERS WHO DONATED IN MEMORY OF THEIR LOVED ONES FOR THE EASTER FLOWERS. THE LIST IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE HALL.

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 \$3,553.00!!!! We have surpassed our goal.** You may still turn in pledges because all money received pass our goal, St. Edward will receive a portion of the pledges.

Parishioner’s Birthday: If some of you remember Bridget Arakkal, her birthday is April 30th. If you would like to send her a card her address is: 4755 E. Evergreen Ct., Apt.11, Decatur, IL 62521. I am sure she would be very appreciative.

MANY BLESSINGS THIS EASTER SEASON

