

Vocation Corner

“Each of you has a personal vocation which He has given you for your own joy and sanctity. When a person is conquered by the fire of His gaze, no sacrifice seems too great to follow Him and give Him the best of ourselves. This is what the saints have always done, spreading the light of the Lord ... and transforming the world into a welcoming home for everyone.” – Pope Benedict, April 3, 2012

The Mette Family, Holy Cross, Wendelin

Come and hear the Mette Family at Holy Cross, Wendelin, on Sunday, September 24, at 2:00 p.m. in the Church.

In the four years that the Mette Family have been on the road, many things have changed. They have upgraded from a vintage Airstream trailer to a tour bus. They have added two new members to their family, The music has changed as well, growing from a solo acoustic show into a full family band.

Michael’s unique style is most clear in the live events. The immersive concert experience combines, technology, testimony, lights and video to provide backdrop for an encounter. Join the fun.

We want to thank you for your support of the annual collection for Seminarian Education. This year, the collection totaled \$90,591. Through your help and assistance, we have raised \$184,994 the last two years to support the ongoing costs of preparing the six seminarians the Diocese has been blessed with.

Thank you for your continued support.

Michael D. Gibbons, Chief Financial Officer, Diocese of Belleville

The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a part time (20 hours per week) Coordinator of Lay Ministry and Catechist Certification. Qualifications include a Bachelor’s Degree; professional knowledge, training or certification plus 1-3 year’s experience. See church bulletin board for details.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal... join us as Partners in Hope

Holy Angels Shelter provides not only food, clothing and shelter for homeless women, children and intact families but also gives ongoing support so clients may become self-supporting, productive member of their community in a home of their own. You can partner with Holy Angels and make dreams come true through your gift to The 2017 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Thank you for your consideration.

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches



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Rev. Father Charles Anyaoku, Pastoral Administrator

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St. Edward Mass Schedule:

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

Confession, Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 3:30 p.m.

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

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

Confession, Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sunday 8 a.m.

Parish Office:

Trudi Herdes, Secretary,
Office hours Monday & Wednesday mornings.
Office, Fax and Social Room - 662-8121
Rectory – 662-6261

Bulletin info:

Beth Fancher, 665-3163 submit by
Thursday email: bafancher@wabash.net

New Parishioner Register contact Dorothy

Uebinger 662-3711 email dot@wabash.net

Music Director: Diane Briscoe

PSR Coordinator: Paul Duquaine

RCIA Coordinator: Cheryl McCarty

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, Vocations, Sacrament of Anointing & Care of the Sick, contact
Father Charles Anyaoku 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, September 23, 4:00pm—John Robison III+
Sunday, September 24, 10:30am—The Homer Clark Family
Thursday, September 28, 6:30pm—Joe & Kathryn Basinger+
Friday, September 29, 8:00am—Catholic Extension Donors
Saturday, September 30, 4:00pm—Jim Turner+
Sunday, October 1, 10:30am—Bill Grogan+
Rosary—Every Saturday 3:30pm and 2nd Sunday 10:00am

Weekly Contributions 09-17- 17

Envelopes(28) \$1,103.00
Loose 143.00
Total \$1,246.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$ 72.00
Ret. Belle. Priest 175.00

Attendance: Sat. 30 Sun. 50



Garland Keck, Kim Buchanan,
Lanora Neavill, Ute Britton, Leon
Chamness, Jack Ciesielczyk, Jalain
Thompson, Phyllis Laird, Kurt Wiseman, Nanette
Williams, Julie Griffith, Gina Williams, Emilee
Stanley, Noreen Reeves, Paula Zdan, Maddox
Oppenheimer, Sara Kerchner, Charles Drechsel,
Dorothy Baylor, Eva Decker, Matthew Rorban,
Kathy Bramlet, Tom Colvin, Andrew Mayo,
Robyn Meagher, Sheila Zurliene, Sandra Henson,
Andrew Luna, Elaine Jeffers, Jeff Zurliene, Jodi
Hunt, Mary Murphy, Claire Grosso, Sarah Frye and
all priests who are sick.

OCTOBER COUNTS: USHERS PLEASE COUNT
NUMBER ATTENDING MASS AND ALSO
NUMBER OF COMMUNICANTS---THANKS

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Ezr 1:1-6	Lk 8:16-18
Tues: Ezr 6:7-8,12b,14-20	Lk 8:19-21
Wed: Ezr 9:5-9	Lk 9:1-6
Thur: Hg 1:1-8	Lk 9:7-9
Fri: Dn 7:9-10,13-14	Jn 1:47-51
Sat: Zec 2:5-9,14-15a	Lk 9:43b-45
Sun: Ez 18:25-28 Phil 2:1-11	Mt 21:28-32

Saturday, September 30
Lector: Don Zurliene
EM: Jim & Margaret Thompson
Ushers: Tim & Jackie Schoenborn
Gifts: Ray & Sally Conley
Servers: volunteers

Sunday, October 1
Lector: Tom Konopasek
EM: Jeff & Mary Murphy
Ushers: Scott Merkle & Rick Rennie
Gifts: The Pickens Family
Servers: Callie Bunting, Will Wright

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 23, 5:30 p.m. – Rosary, 6:00 p.m. mass – Robert & Agnes Feldhake+
Sunday, September 24, 8:00 a.m. Rosary,
8:30 a.m. mass – For the living & deceased of the parish
Tuesday, September 26, 6 p.m. – Rosary, 6:30 p.m. mass – Lenore Wells+
Wednesday, September 27, 6 p.m. – Rosary, 6:30 p.m. mass – Tom Scanlan+
Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight
Thursday, September 28, 8 a.m. – Rosary, 8:30 a.m. mass – Regina Buckleh+
Friday, September 29, No mass, - Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Servite Rosary 12:00 noon, Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 30, 5:30 p.m. – Rosary, 6:00 p.m. mass - For the living & deceased
of the parish
Sunday, October 1, 8:00 a.m. Rosary, 8:30 a.m. mass– Catholic Extension donors

Weekly Contributions 09-17-17

Envelopes..... \$ 1315.00
Loose..... 154.00
Total \$ 1469.00

Retired Diocesan Priests \$499
Hurricane Relief \$50

Mass Attendance:
Saturday- 58 Sunday – 91

Thank you for your continued monetary support! We have budgeted
for a weekly collection of \$1,731 to meet our expenses.
*“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under
compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7*

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Sunday, Sept 23 – Sacrament of Reconciliation 8 a.m.,
PSR Class Meals on Wheels all month
Tuesday, Sept 26, Bible Study,
Wed., Sept.27 – Pastoral Council 7 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
7 pm - midnight
Friday, Sept. 29 - Divine Mercy Prayer – 3 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 1 - Sacrament of Reconciliation 8 a.m.
PSR Class.

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, September 23

Lector: Jim Fehrenbacher
Commentator: Volunteer
EM: Krista Weidner, Paul Birk, Sam Pierce
Altar Servers: Pierce Family,
Ushers: Jerry Price, Max Feldhake

Sunday, September 24

Lector: Deb Zimmerman
Commentator: Ted Zimmerman
EM: Beth & Phil Fancher, Pat Ridgeway
Altar Servers: Kevin & Evelyn Stiner
Ushers: Tom Lancaster, Jesse Harvey



PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Gruffy, Bill Marks, Nichole
Wheaton, Lisa Persinger, Verna Oliver, LaVonne Kemmerer,
Patience McKnight, Clara Wilson, Claire Fopay, Mildred
Garrison, Ray Vaughn, Anita Allen, Joe Falica, Lois Houlihan,
Ray & Irene Winka, Pat Venable, Chris Boyd, Dr. Mark Wallace,
Gerty Grundy, Ginny Timm, Herman Rudolphi, Tracy Winka, Jay
Burgner, Steve Dudzik, Ruth Wilson, Mike Burge, Angie
Borrelli, Roger Wells, Tom Kasper, Becky Payne, Rita & Judy
Porter, Bob Bluhm, Jim Coatney, Rhonda Ryker, Kelly Coan,
Rick Harvey, Dr. Don Bunnell, Mike Winka, Duck Greenwood,
Paul Weidner, Marilyn Wheaton, Jim Brown, Jakob Lane

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

PSR NEWS: PSR began last weekend but it is not too late to register for PSR! We are having Pre-K/Kindergarten class all the way up to High School. Contact Paul Duquaine. 618-843-8508, paulduquaine@icoud.com.

The St. Stephen Parish / Knights of Columbus Chicken BBQ will be held Sunday, October 8. Serving is from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Ladies of the parish are asked to bring two desserts. Help is needed on Saturday, October 7, and on the day of the barbecue. Sign up sheets are on the table by the social room. Please sign up to help. Thank you!



Thanks to everyone who helped with the great **Parish Picnic** last weekend. It was a wonderful picnic, delicious food and a great turnout!!!

St. Ann's Altar Society is accepting donations to fund the many activities and projects we support. Please pick up your envelope in the back of church. We can save money on postage by picking up the envelope instead of mailing them. Thank you

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): If you or know someone who would like to learn more about the Catholic Church or are interested in joining the church, we will be starting an RCIA program. For more information contact Father Charles at 662-6261 or Cheryl McCarty at 815-343-1502.

BIBLE STUDY: Fr. Charles has started a Bible Study on Tuesday evenings following mass, from 7 to 7:30 pm. Please come to mass and stay for the Bible Study. Everyone is welcome.

IF YOU EMAIL INFORMATION FOR THE BULLETIN PLEASE USE MY NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:
bafancher@wabash.net Thank you - Beth Fancher.

There are extra bulletins in the white mailbox on the door at the south entrance of the church.

Guadalupe Project is open for distribution on the second weekend of each month:
Saturday: 10:00-11:00, and Monday 10:00-12:00 and 4:30-5:30.

If you are interested in work times, please email laura@guadalupeproject.net to get on the newsletter list and to receive updates regarding work days, current needs, and other important information.

All parishioners are welcome to join in 30 minutes of Eucharistic Adoration to pray for all those who visit Guadalupe Project on the second Sunday of each month, immediately following PSR Class. (If PSR Class is not in session that week, Adoration will immediately follow Mass.) Thank you!



ST. EDWARD NEWS

PSR NEWS

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!! WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF PSR TEACHERS. IF ANY ONE IS INTERESTED IN THESE POSITIONS PLEASE CONTACT SARAH PICKENS, FR. CHARLES OR THE CHURCH OFFICE.

HURRICANE IRMA RELIEF ASSISTANCE

ONCE AGAIN WE ARE TAKING A COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR THE VICTIMS OF HURRICAN IRMA. THERE IS A BOX IN THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR ANYONE WANTING TO DONATE. THANK-YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. LET'S SEE IF WE CAN RAISE THE SAME AMOUNT WE DID FOR HURRICANE HARVEY.

One of our parishioners is turning "90 years young". Homer Clark is celebrating his Ninetieth Birthday on September 26th. Let's shower him with cards. We are trying to get him 90 cards!
Address: 1676 County Road 350N, Fairfield, IL 62837.

There is a new Vocation Committee being formed at St. Stephen Parish. Here at St. Edward we are needing someone to represent our church. Kevin Stinner from Flora will be chairperson, but you will need to meet with him and discuss ways to bring more vocations to our parishes. If anyone is interested please contact the church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDARS:

SUNDAY, October 8th: Parish Feast Day—Potluck to follow 10:30am Mass.
SATURDAY, October 22ND: Fall Harvest Party at Nick & Laura Zurliene's Home.--The new time is 5-8pm. Chili provided please bring a covered dish. Bring lawn chairs. There will be a hayride and games. Sign ups in the hall for volunteers.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Do not be resentful.
The Gospel story of the landowner hiring workers throughout the day tells us that it does not matter who is last and who is first. Though we may resent this behavior, though we may say "unfair"—it does not matter. Astonishing! In the kingdom of heaven – and we live in it already today – God is generous. Always. Each of us is given much more than we could ever earn. Always. We must be grateful. Always.
~What resentment(s) must I give up?
~How can I be even more generous?
~Who needs my generosity today?

FROM FATHER CHARLES’ DESK:
Sunday reflection on 25th Sunday of ordinary time

Salvation is for all ; you are invited.

The Gospel reading, Mathew 20:1-16, tells us that Salvation is all inclusive, it is for everyone. The lord gives us this parable to teach us about God’s call and response. It also tells us that both Jews and Gentiles would be experiencing the forgiveness and grace of God. The reading teaches us that God’s goodness and generosity invites all people to live in His presence. What is important in the parable is not how long they have worked ,but their responses to their calling.

Dear sisters and brothers in the lord, we can apply this parable to ourselves . Firstly, it shows that people are called to Christ at different times in their lives, and for God time does not matter. Some are baptized in the ‘morning ‘ as babies while others experience a call from the lord in their teenage years , in ‘mid-morning’ , in’ mid-afternoon’ as adults, or even in the ‘evening ‘ as senior citizens. God calls people at any hour of their life. For me it doesn’t matter when you are called but what matters to me is to be consistent and constant when we are keeping our faith.

Secondly, God has purpose for each and everyone of us and we have our missions to accomplish. We can do this when we approach God in prayer with our God’s giving talents. In the parable, the owner of vineyard did not compare one group of workers with another. they were all paid because they answered the call. The lord doesn’t compare us with each other. Each of us has a unique talent and challenges and opportunities in life. As St John Paul 11 wrote many years ago, “Each of us has a story of our life that is our own; and each of us has a story of our soul that is our own”

Finally, St Paul in his letter to Romans encourages us to endure the pain and sufferings we are passing through for the sake of the kingdom of God. That we should be willing to go with special strength into God’s vineyard because it is there we shall have our eternal happiness.

ST. EDWARD NEWS

Our condolences to Bernie Taylor and her family with the passing of her father, Erval Borgic. May Erval and all the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen

The Pastoral Council welcomed Mike Oppenheimer and Libby Pond to the council. Thank-you for taking on this very important and vital ministry to the parish of St. Edward.

Starting in October the ushers will have the TV on in the hall if anyone needs to step out during mass.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

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

CEMETERY CORNER

Efforts are ongoing to keep our cemetery a beautiful resting place for loved ones. Many thanks to those who do such a great job.

CRY ROOM

St. Stephen’s Cry Room is in the Library, which is equipped with a TV set up with a live feed of the Mass.

The next **Altar Society rotating chairman** are:
Berenice Mary Brown,
Gretchen Stinner, Beth Fancher.

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.

Please consider purchasing SCRIP cards after weekend Masses or contact Erin Pierce at 662-4967. There are several retailers & 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. Information contact Erin or visit shopwithscrip.com. Complete retailer list is available on website.

Prayer Chain: When a parishioner has an intention & requests prayers, Erin Pierce will initiate the prayer chain. She will contact Fr. Charles, 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 662-2266. erinmp1968@aol.com or call 662-2266.

