

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches

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Fr. Charles will be implementing the 3 masses per weekend starting Saturday, July 14. The Saturday evening mass will be rotated between St Stephen and St Edward Churches. The first and third Saturdays will be at St Edwards and the second and fourth Saturdays will be at St Stephens. Since July 14 is the second Saturday of July it will be at St Stephens. The mass on Saturdays will be at 5 p.m. The Sunday morning mass times will remain the same at this time.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal... using your gifts to serve one another You have the opportunity to support the six young men who have answered "YES" to God's call to serve in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. The annual cost for each of our seminarians is approximately \$46,700. Funding from The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps support the expenses of our seminarians and Vocation Office; your pledge or one-time gift is truly an investment in our faith and the life of the Church here in southern Illinois. Please continue to pray for vocations and consider making your gift

Natural Family Planning Day: Join us on July 15 for Natural Family Planning Day 2018 to celebrate the anniversary of Humanae Vitae and NFP! Starts with 10 a.m. mass at St Mary's, Mt. Vernon followed by lunch, talks and fellowship! Come for all of the day 10 a.m. to 4 pm.) or part day. Please register now to assume your spot at <http://secure.acceptivea.com/?cst=500cbb>. Any questions call Emily & Matt Joost mejoost@gmail.com

Almost all couples who attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend say: "We should have done this a long time to go!" Why? Their whole relationship became more alive on the Weekend, and the Weekend reminded them of what it was like as newlyweds. The next WWME weekends away are Aug. 3-5 or Sep. 21-23, 2018 in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to www.stl-wwme.com or call 314.649.7317.

Respect Life Corner: Every Life is Worth Living - "Every human person-no matter how vulnerable, or helpless, no matter how healthy, handicapped or sick no matter how useful or productive for society is a being of inestimable worth created in the image and likeness of God." Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life.

Learn. Act. Connect. Pray. Persons with disabilities share their gifts and needs, they bring out the best in our mutual humanity. They need to feel our solidarity with them and to know true dignity and worth. Pray that we learn to be more fully human&compassionate, to recognize the presence of God in each human being.

St. Edward Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Confession, Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Friday – 8:30 a.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:
Saturday 1 p.m. or call for appointment

Parish Office: Trudi Herdes, Secretary,
Office hours: Monday & Wednesday, 8 a.m. to noon
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 Father Charles,
Trudi Herdes or Dorothy Uebinger 662-3711
email dot@wabash.net

Music Director: Diane Briscoe
PSR Coordinator: Paul Duquaine
RCIA Coordinator: Cheryl McCarty
Sacristan – Sam Pierce

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. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 30, 6 p.m. – Howard & Madonna Goellner+
Sunday, July 1, 8:30 a.m. mass - Stan & Ginny Timm+
Tuesday, July 3, 6:30 p.m. –Gerald & Pat Klein +
Wednesday, July 4, 6:30 p.m. – For the living and deceased of the parish
Saturday, July 7, 6:00 p.m. –Kenny, Evelyn & Connie Myers+
Sunday, July 8 , 8:30 a.m. mass – Wanda Whitehead+

Rosary will be said a half an hour before each mass +designates deceased

Weekly Contributions 06-24-18

Envelopes. . \$1,155.00 (42)
Loose..... 214.00
Total \$1,369.00
We Need - \$1,731.00

Attendance: Saturday– 67 Sunday- 63

Weekend Ministers July 7 & 8

Saturday,. July 7

Lector – Cheryl McCarty
Euch Min – Paul Birk, Gerald Klein,
Dennis Holkenbrink
Servers – Pierce’s
Ushers – Jim McCarty, Jerry Price

Sunday, July 8

Lector – Emily Milner
Commentator – Beth Sulsberger
Euch. Min. – Beth & Phil Fancher,
Pat Ridgeway
Servers: Duquaine’s
Ushers: Ted Zimmerman, Tom
Lancaster



PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Griffy, Bill Marks, Nicole Wheaton, Velma Oliver, LaVonne Kemmerer, Patience McKnight, Clara Wilson, Claire Fopay, Mildred Garrison, Ray Vaughn, Joe Falica, Clarice Schweighart, Ray & Irene Winka, Pat Venable, Chris Boyd, Gerty Grundy, Tracy Winka, Steve Dudzik, Ruth Wilson, Mike Burge, Roger Wells, Becky Payne, Bob Bluhm, Rhonda Ryker, Kelly Coan, Dr. Don Bunnell, Paul Weidner, Marilyn Wheaton, Diana Fleener, Robbie Porter, J.R. Means, Lois Houlihan, Cory Britton, Lucille Anderson, Debbie Jones, Gary Nelson, Jody West, Betty Greenwood, Ed Perk, Kathryn Fleener, Georgia Klingler, Mike Winka, Gene Leonard

St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Saturday, June 30, Sacrament of Reconciliation, 1 p.m
Mass 6 pm
Sunday, July 1, Mass 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, July 3, Mass 6:30 p.m., Bible Study following mass
Wednesday, July 4, Mass 6:30 pm.
Adoration 7pm–12
Thursday, July 5, Mass, 8:00 a.m.
Friday, July 7, Divine Mercy
Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Servite Rosary 12 noon, Chaplet to
Divine Mercy 3 p.m.



ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 30, 4:00pm—John Robison III+
Sunday, July 01, 10:30am—Larry McClure+
Thursday, July 05, 6:30pm—Blessings Received
Friday, July 06, 8:00am—St. Edward Parishioners
Saturday, July 07, 4:00pm—Chris Tennes+
Sunday, July 08, 10:30am—Beulah & Olaf Simpson+

Rosary—Every Saturday 3:30pm and 2nd Sunday 10:00am

Weekly Contributions 06-24-2018

Envelopes(27) \$1,456.00
Loose 165.00
Total \$1,621.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$ 67.00
Donation 10.00

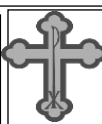
Attendance: Sat. 31 Sun. 45

Saturday, July 07

Lector : Diana Zurliene
EM: Jim & Margaret Thompson
Ushers: Ray & Sally Conley
Gifts: Dave & PJ Cavanaugh
Servers: volunteer

Sunday, July 08

Lector: David Mills
EM: Peg Garrison, Emily Milligan
Ushers: Scott Merkle, Paul Perez
Gifts: The Felowitz Family
Servers: Jack Mills, Drew Milligan



PRAYER INTENTIONS: Garland Keck, Kim Buchanan, Lanora Neavill, Leon Chamness, Jack Ciesielczyk, Jalain Thompson, Kurt Wiseman, Nanette Williams, Julie Griffith, Gina Williams, Emilee Stanley, Noreen Reeves, Paula Zdan, Maddox Oppenheimer, Sara Kerchner, Charles Drechsel, Eva Decker, Matthew Rorban, Kathy Bramlet, Tom Colvin, Andrew Mayo, Robyn Meagher, Sheila Zurliene, Sandra Henson, Andrew Luna, Elaine Jeffers, Homer and Shirley Clark, Alice Zurliene, Tim Dittmer, Megan Young, Ed Potts, Cody Burroughs and all priests who are sick.

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Weekday
Am 2:6-10,13-16 Mt 8:18-22
Tues: Saint Thomas, Apostle
Eph 2:19-22 Jn 20:24-29
Wed: Weekday
Am 5:14-15,21-24 Mt 8:28-34
Thur: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal (USA)
Am 7:10-17 Mt 9:1-8
Fri: Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr
Am 8:4-6,9-12 Mt 9:9-13
Sat: Weekday
Am 9:11-15 Mt 9:14-17
Sun: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 2:2-5 2 Cor 12:7-10 Mk 6:1-6a

ST. EDWARD NEWS

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED JULY 2ND THRU JULY 8TH. THE SECRETARY WILL BE OUT OF TOWN. ALSO, THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED JULY 12TH THRU JULY 15TH. IF AN EMERGENCY COMES UP PLEASE CALL MY CELL 618-599-2098 OR CONTACT FATHER CHARLES. THANKS.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS WILL BE HELD JULY 16TH THRU JULY 19TH. IN THE HALL OUR SHEETS TO SIGN UP AND ALSO LISTS OF SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. IF ANYONE HAS ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT LAURA ZURLIENE.

CHILD PROTECTION: Just a reminder to our Volunteers with the youth. If you received a letter concerning The annual Refresher Course, please make sure you have completed the course before VBS, to stay in compliance with the Diocese. The online class usually takes around 45 minutes to an hour. When you have completed the course please send an e-mail to the church at stedwardcatholicchurch01@frontier.com with your verification number, so I can mark your name off the list. If you have any questions or problems please do not hesitate to call Peg. Thanks.

Guadalupe Project: Thank you to everyone who participated in The Baby Bottle fundraiser for the Guadalupe Project. **Our total so far is over \$400.00. If you have not turned in your bottle, you still can.** Again, Thanks for the great participation.

MASS SCHEDULES:

Starting July 14th & 15th, St. Edward & St. Stephen will begin having only 3 masses on the weekends. **This is a trial period.** The mass will be at 5:00pm with rosary at 4:30pm. The first one will start at St. Stephen and then it will alternate each weekend. The Sunday masses will stay the same times: St. Stephen—8:30am; St. Edward—10:30am. I know this will be confusing at first, but we will try to keep everyone informed as we go through this experiment.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

Starting July 14 & 15, St. Edward & St. Stephen will start having only 3 masses on the weekends. **This is a trial period.** The mass will be at **5pm with rosary at 4:30pm**. The first weekend, July 14, Saturday evening mass will be at St. Stephen and then it will alternate each weekend.

1st and 3rd Saturday masses at St. Edwards. 2nd and 4th Saturday masses at St. Stephen.

The Sunday masses will stay the same times: St. Stephen, 8:30am; St. Edward, 10:30am. I know this will be confusing at first, but we will try to keep everyone informed as we attempt this experiment.

Special Events!

Donald & Trudi Herdes will be celebrating their 40th anniversary on July 1.

Please Support The 2018 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal!

Thank you to the 26 households who 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. So far \$4,164.80 has been pledged. NO gift is too great or too small. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, use one of the envelopes on the table in the back of church. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. Our parish participation goal for the appeal is 39 households and our financial target is \$4850. No gift is too great or too small.

If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, please use an envelope on the tables in the back of church. \$685.20 is needed to meet our financial target.

SUMMER CASH GIVEAWAY RAFFLE \$20/ticket

Every week from Memorial Day - Labor Day we are giving away two \$100 cash prizes. GRAND PRIZE awarded after Labor Day: \$500 and \$1,000! One ticket enters you in all of the drawings

Winners announced on WNOI Radio on Wednesdays through Sept. 5. All proceeds benefit Guadalupe Project. If you would like to help sell tickets or purchase one, see Laura Whitehead. Drawing this week will be on July 3.

Thank you from Guadalupe Project! Thank you to all the parishioners, community members, and businesses who have supported Guadalupe Project recently! The Baby Bottle Fundraiser has raised \$1,310.29 so far. Thank you to all who participated! Thank you to WNOI Radio for running the raffle. Winners are drawn and announced during the WNOI R&B Revue every Wednesday at 2 pm. Winners are contacted, announced on the air, and posted on Facebook weekly. Tickets are still available for \$20 each at the Flora, Louisville, and Clay City Banking Companies, WNOI Radio, and the Country Closet. Recent winners include: Sara Frutiger, Dennis Holkenbrink, Tim & Sarah Weidner, Jerod Fleener, Joann Stanford, Mark Feldhake, Tim Maher, Subrina Tarp, Robert Marley

A Reflection from the Desk of the Administration, Fr. Charles ...

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Topic: God's plan and desire for you is life and good health.

On this Thirteenth Sunday of the Church's Ordinary Time, we celebrate the Lord who gives life. God created us to live, and his desire and intention is that we prosper in health of body and mind. This truth is why Christ accepted death and poverty, that we ourselves might live and be rich.

Today, our first reading from the book of Wisdom reminds us of God's good desire for us. This plan has not diminished in any way. For this reason, he tells us "...I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give hope and a future..." (Jer. 29:11). Also, he tells us through John, "Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in good health, even as your soul prospers" (3 John 1,2). The plan of God for us remains supreme.

Today's Gospel presents us with two miracles of Jesus. These miracles are evidences of the wish and plan of God for us, his people. They also demonstrate that while Christ desires that we be freed from all forms of captivity, he equally wishes that we demonstrate a strong faith in order to step into our miracles. In both cases, we see faith in action. The woman demonstrated her living faith with her active action. She waited for twelve years, and when her chance came, she took it in faith. She was not afraid or ashamed of the crowd. Her action and the reaction of Jesus simply teach us that coming and touching Christ must be a very deliberate action motivated by a living faith. Also, Jairus demonstrated his faith on behalf of his daughter by persistently inviting Christ. Both Jairus and the woman never gave up; instead, they waited patiently until the plan of God was fulfilled for them.

However, we must learn that the plan of God for us is to prosper both in body and soul, but we must be patient and walk into this plan in faith. Secondly, we have a role to play in the plan of God towards others. For this reason, Paul tells us today, "You always have the most of everything... so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too." So, while Christ seeks our welfare every day, we too must constantly seek the welfare of others. Praise be to Jesus both now and forever. Amen.

St. Stephen News

If you are celebrating an occasion such as a special birthday, anniversary, new birth, wedding, etc., please contact Trudi Herdes at church or Beth Fancher at 618-676-4292 or bafancher@wabash.net. We would like to pray for you and put the information in the bulletin.

Cookbook Copies of "Family Favorites: Clay County's Favorite Recipes" are available for purchase, after Mass in the social room. Books are \$15. All proceeds benefit Guadalupe Project. Contact Laura.

Guadalupe Project: Anyone wishing to make a monetary contribution to the Guadalupe Project may place their donation in an envelope labeled "Guadalupe" and put it in the collection basket.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic Church, or is interested in joining or returning to the Church, contact Father Charles at 662-6261 or Cheryl McCarty at 815-343-1502.

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. Call Erin 662-2266 erinmp1968@aol.com

Goodsearch: 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 Ann's Altar Society" (no punctuation). Make it your homepage or just use it to search or make online purchases.

SCRIP: Please consider **purchasing SCRIP** cards after weekend Masses. 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, Contact Erin or shopwithscrip.com.

Altar Society: The next three rotating chairmen are Mary Beth Lancaster & Susan Schroeder; Etchison, Whitehead & Winka's; Bernie Brown.

CRY ROOM St. Stephen's Cry Room is in the Library, which is equipped with a TV set up with a live feed of both Masses

