

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches



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St. Edward Mass Schedule:

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

Confession, Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Friday, 8:30 a.m. and 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:

Thursday, 8:30 a.m. and Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Parish Office: Fern Ketzner, 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
 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: 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. Mary of the Assumption Church, St. Marie, will be holding their annual
Pre-Labor Day Picnic, Sunday, September 3. Fried chicken, pork loin and all the fixings,
 served from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Quilt raffle, crafts, country store, white elephant stand,
 bingo, basket stand, raffles, food stands and various games.
 The band, A Band Called River will play from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Vocation Corner: Jesus asks His
 apostles today about what his
 vocation is, and they point to Him as
 Lord. His vocation isn't an
 occupation. It isn't what keeps him
 busy or what He does day-to-day but
 it's about who He is. In the same way
 we are called, not simply to have
 careers or to occupy our days, but to
 be saints in our vocation for others.

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 members 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.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER Forgive - Can We? Do We? Everyone experiences conflicts and
 hurts; that's a constant. It's what we do with those hurts that varies. Christ desires that
 we forgive those hurts and allow the Holy Spirit to heal and bring new life into our world.
 Forgiving somebody does not, in any way, excuse the hurt that we done. It is a decision
 to let go of retribution and to allow God to begin to heal. When we let go of the hurt,
 God can start to redeem it and bring good from it.

Learn, Act, Connect, Pray: Pray the "Our Father" slowly. Ask yourself; do I have mercy
 in my heart to forgive those who have "trespassed against me?" Catholics have the
 Sacrament of Reconciliation, if they're willing to use it. The grace of the Sacrament of
 Reconciliation is a powerful way to open up to the Holy Spirit's refreshing life.



ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 26, 4:00pm—Doris Meisner+
Sunday, August 27, 10:30am—Bill Grogan+
Thursday, August 31, 6:30pm—Catholic Extension Donors
Friday, September 01, 8:00am—Catholic Extension Donors
Saturday, September 02, 4:00pm—John Robison III+
Sunday, September 03, 10:30am—Joe & Kathryn Basinger+

Weekly Contributions 08-20-2017

Envelopes(32) \$1,431.00
Loose 55.00
Total \$1,486.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$141.00
Donation (furnace) 300.00
Assumption 30.00

Attendance: Sat.28
Sun. 42



PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Garland Keck, Kim Buchanan,
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,
Dorothy Baylor, Eva Decker, Matthew Rorban,
Kathy Bramlet, Virginia Weinkeler, Tom Colvin,
Teresa Williams, Andrew Mayo, Robyn Meagher,
Sheila Zurliene, Sandra Henson, Andrew Luna,
Elaine Jeffers, Jeff Zurliene, Jodi Hunt, Mary
Murphy and all priests who are sick.

ALTAR SODALITY WILL NOT MEET IN SEPTEMBER, BUT WILL
RESUME ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 16TH AT 6:00PM IN THE
PARISH HALL. ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO
ATTEND.

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Mt 23:13-22
Tues: 1 Thes 2:1-8 Mk 6:17-29
Wed: 1 Thes 2:9-13 Mt 23:27-32
Thur: 1 Thes 3:7-13 Mt 24:42-51
Fri: 1 Thes 4:1-8 Mt 25:1-13
Sat: 1 Thes 4:9-11 Mt 25:14-30
Sun: Jer 20:7-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27

Saturday, September 02

Lector: Diana Zurliene
EM: Tim & Jackie Schoenborn
Ushers: Jim & Margaret Thompson
Gifts: Sue Milligan, PJ Cavanaugh
Servers: volunteers

Sunday, September 03

Lector: David Mills
EM: Peg Garrison, Ginny Barrett
Ushers: Scott Merkle, Devon Butler
Gifts: The Pickens Family
Servers: Will Wright, Jackson Mills

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 26, 5:30 p.m. – Rosary, 6:00 p.m. mass – Jim Stanford+
Sunday, August 27, 8:00 a.m. Rosary, 8:30 a.m. mass – Catholic Extension Donors
Tuesday, August 29, 5:30 p.m. Rosary, 6:00 p.m. mass - Fallen away Catholics and
intentions of St. Monica Society
Wednesday, August 30, 6 p.m. Rosary, 6:30 p.m. mass – Margo Etchison+
Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight
Thursday, August 31, 7:30 a.m. - Rosary, 8:00 a.m. mass – Dominic & Mary Talmant+
Friday, Sept 1, No mass, - Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 a.m., Servite Rosary 12:00 noon,
Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00 p.m., - Eucharistic Adoration ends at 3:15 p.m.
Saturday, September 2, 5:30 p.m. – Rosary, 6:00 p.m. mass – Jim Stanford+
Sunday, Sept. 3 8:00 a.m. Rosary, 8:30 a.m. mass– For the living & deceased
of the parish

Weekly Contributions 08-20-17

Envelopes..... \$ 1,078.00
Loose..... 306.00
Total \$ 1,384.00

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - \$80
St. Stephen Cemetery Donation \$100 from
Dorothy & Jerry Blocker

Mass Attendance: Saturday- 60 Sunday – 87

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, September 2

Lector: Cheryl McCarty Commentator: Volunteer
EM: Paul Birk, Pat Ridgeway, Jim Fehrenbacher
Altar Servers: Pierce Family
Ushers: Jerry Price, Jim McCarty

Sunday, September 3

Lector: Randy Wells
Commentator: Ted Whitehead
EM: Dennis Holkenbrink, Beth Sulsberger,
Emily Milner
Altar Servers: Kevin & Evelyn Stinner
Ushers: Ted Zimmerman, Tony Holkenbrink



St. Stephen Activities for the Week

Tuesday, Aug. 29, Bible Study, 7 – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 30 – Eucharistic Adoration
7 pm to midnight. Parish Council 7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 31 - Sacrament of
Reconciliation through Confession - 8:30 a.m.
Friday, Sept. 1 - Divine Mercy Prayer – 3 p.m.

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

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

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

PSR Registration for the fall: PSR classes will start in September. Register your child or children - ages 4 to high school. Please text, call or email Paul Duquaine (or see Paul after Mass) paulduquaine@icloud.com, 618-843-8508



The **Parish Picnic** will be September 17. All parishes, family and friends are welcome. We are asking people to bring a covered dish or a desert. It will start around noon. We'll eat about 12:30p. There will be games, and fun things for the kids A great time to visit, so plan to attend.

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 815-1502.

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.

MEALS ON WHEELS In September we deliver Meals on Wheel in Flora. There is a sign-up sheet on the table by the south door. We deliver meals Monday through Friday, except on holidays. The routes take about 45 – 55 minutes, starting at 10:30 a.m. Questions or looking for someone to deliver meals with call Beth Fancher. There are still a few openings.



There was a key found in the church parking lot on Aug. 2. Contact Fern or Trudi if it is yours.

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.

The next **Altar Society rotating chairman** are: Etchison/Whitehead/Winka, Berenice Mary Brown, Gretchen Stinner.

If you would like to help earn money for St. Ann's general fund visit Goodsearch.com 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.

Please consider purchasing SCRIP cards after weekend Masses or contact Erin Pierce at 676-4967 There are several retailers & restaurants participating in the program. St. Ann's buys the cards discounted rate and sells them at full face value. When you buy a card you receive a card worth 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.



ST. EDWARD NEWS

On Sunday, August 27th we will have Patty Brunell's furniture for sale. The sale will be at Patty's house located at #15 Park Lane. The sale will run from 1-3pm. A list of the furniture is available on the flyer. Payment may be cash or check. All check's should be made out to "Patty Brunell Estate."

PSR CLASSES WILL START ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH AT 9:00AM. SARAH WILL BE IN THE HALL AFTER MASS THIS WEEKEND (SAT. & SUN.) FOR SIGN-UPS. PSR IS OPEN TO ANY CHILD STARTING IN PRE-SCHOOL THRU 8TH GRADE.

***THE CLOTHESLINE:** As most of you know "The Clothesline" in Fairfield is run by volunteers from various churches here in town. Each church has a member on the board. We are in need of someone to take that position. If we can not find someone we will have to bow out from this Ministry. If anyone is interested please call Mary Jean Ochs or contact the church office.*

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.

Please put Teresa Williams and Libby Pond on your daily prayer list as she is preparing to take a **"Haiti Mission Trip"** in January 2018. If anyone would like information on the Mission Trip please contact Teresa Williams.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time—Who is Jesus?
There is Gospel discussion today on who the Messiah is. Peter finally says: Jesus, it is you; "you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Jesus responds: You are right. Now, don't tell! Really? Keep it quiet? It was true then because Jesus was still on route to his destiny in Jerusalem. But today we post-death-and-resurrection people. We not only know who Jesus is. We can now tell others about him.
~Who do I say Jesus is?
~How is Jesus important for my life?
~Who will I tell? How will I do it?

Twenty -first Sunday in ordinary time

Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36 ; Mathew 16:13-20.

-What we need to know about the town, Caesarea Philippi.

Caesarea Philippi was a spectacular setting for these words of Jesus to Peter. It was a Gentile town and a forest of temples. At Jesus’s time, it was set as a center for the worship of Caesar by Herod’s son, Philip, and so was called “Caesarea Philippi.” I t was here that Jesus turns to His Apostles and asks, “Who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the son of the living God.”

Peter’s profession of his faith

Here, Peter expressed his faith, that Jesus is the savior, the son of the living God. This became the apostolic faith which was handed over to us, and it was their faith in God because they believed what they preached and said about Jesus. Therefore, the Apostles handed it on in various ways, by their preaching, their worships, their way of life, the institutions they established, just as we hand it on in various ways.

Making the faith our own

However, we should take the creed we recite every Sunday serious because two thirds of it relate to what we believe about Jesus. To believe, not simply because the church says so, but out of personal conviction. Each of must face the perennial question posed by Jesus: Who do you say I am?

As baptized Christians, we should always profess our faith. At baptism, we are asked: ‘Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only son our lord, who was born of the virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the father?’ We must live out the faith by allowing our lives be shaped on what we believed.

Prayer for our expression of faith

There is a little prayer that sums it all up: Lord, grant that the faith we have professed with our lips, we may believe with our hearts, and practice with our lives.

You can say this prayer when you feel weak and fragile in your faith.

St. Ann’s Altar Society

St. Anne’s Altar Society met on August 20, 2017 following mass. Seventeen women were in attendance. The previous meeting’s minutes were read and the treasurer’s report was passed around. There was no old business to discuss.

New business: it was passed that St. Anne’s would purchase the Easter candles in the future for the church. St. Anne’s will also be helping with the blood drive at the Church of the Nazarene on October 19, from 1:00 to 6:00pm. We discussed giving new parishioners a welcoming basket that contains information regarding the church. Cheryl McCarty agreed to be the person in charge of this task.

The church is having their upcoming picnic on September 17. St. Anne’s decided to help with the picnic by serving food and setting up as needed. Deb Duquaine will be the contact person from St. Anne’s for this task.

We also briefly discussed the Cookie Walk and Basket Raffle in December. We would like all parishioners to start collecting baskets for the raffle. The Cookie Walk/Basket Raffle will be December 2.

The next meeting will be in October with a date to be announced later. We also want to thank all women for taking time out of their day to attend Altar Society. If you have any questions or new business regarding St. Anne’s please contact the President, Trudi Herdes, at 618-723-2720.

