

St. Edward and St. Stephen News

Stringtown Picnic, St. Joseph Church, Olney. Sunday, July 21, All-you-can-eat Smorgasbord 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Beef, ham, homemade noodles, etc. Fun and Games, Entertainment all day.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal... Blessed to receive, chosen to give....
As we approach July 4, let us celebrate the hope, peace and freedom of our great nation and pray for those who make our freedom possible. We wish you and your family a blessed and happy Independence Day.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation If you want to know about our faith, or would like to join us, contact Father Charles at 618-662-6261, Cheryl McCarty at 815-343-1502, Ginny Barrett at 618-335-6926, or Mary Murphy at 618-599-5018

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Bishop of Belleville is pleased to announce that he called the following men to the Order of Deacon:
Mr. Nicholas Thomas Fleming, Mr. Carl Eugene Schrage, Mr. Joel Lawrence Seipp
Please pray for our new Deacons on their journey to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. Also, please pray for more vocations to the Diocese of Belleville.



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 and St. Stephen Catholic Churches

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ST. EDWARD MISSION STATEMENT
We, of St. Edward Catholic Church, Fairfield, united as a family of God’s people strive to live out the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ through a community spirit of love and service to one another. We endeavor to touch the lives of all with God’s living presence and love.
We hope to achieve these through:
Participating in the sacraments and providing for the spiritual needs of all; the young and the elderly, those with special needs and those who are no longer very active in the parish.
Providing a welcoming environment to all including new members who might like to join our parish and those who visit to worship with us.
Using our gifts and talents for the life and growth of our parish and for the greater glory of God.
Providing a comprehensive system of support services that will assist the poor and the needy as far as our scope can reach.

MISSION STATEMENT
St Stephen Church aspires:
To be untied in the love of God and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
To proclaim the word of God by a life of witness in our community and beyond.
To give the glory through assisting the weak and the less privileged.
Putting things back together, binding, healing, affirming, serving, restoring and educating the people of God.
To serve together in reconciling with one another and with God, sharing our gifts and ourselves for the sake of the Gospel.

St. Edward Weekend and Daily Mass Schedule
Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Friday, 8:00 a.m.
1st and 3rd Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) Friday, 8:30 a.m.
1st and 3rd Saturday, 4:20 – 4:40 p.m.

Parish Office: Peggy Garrison, Office Hours Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 8 a.m. to noon. Rectory and Office 847-7931, Fax 847-7393, Parish Hall 847-7512
New Parishioner Register at Parish Office
PSR Coordinator Peggy Garrison, RCIA Coordinator Ginny Barrett, Music Director Denise Zurliene
Pastoral Council – 3rd Thursday, Men’s Club – As announced
CYO Meeting – as announced,
Food Pantry Distribution 2nd Saturday, 8 a.m.

Baptism, Marriage, Vocations, Sacrament of Anointing & Care of the Sick, contact Father Charles Anyaoku or call St. Edward or St. Stephen

St. Stephen Weekend and Daily Mass Schedule
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, 8:00 a.m.
2nd and 4th Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) Wed. after mass, 2nd & 4th Sat. 4:20– 4:40 pm., Sun 8– 8:20 am. or by appt.

Parish Office: Trudi Herdes, Secretary, Office Hours Monday & Wednesday, 8 a.m. to noon, Office, Fax & Social Room 662-8121, Rectory 662-6261

New Parishioner Register contact Father Charles, Trudi Herdes or Dorothy Uebinger 662-3711

Music Director Diane Briscoe, PSR Coordinator Paul Duquaine, RCIA Coordinator Cheryl McCarty, Sacristan Sam Pierce
Knights of Columbus – 1st Wednesday, 7 pm
Finance Committee – 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Altar Society - As announced
Pastoral Council - 4th Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Food Pantry Collection - First Weekend

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 22, 5:00 p.m. MASS – Kathryn Dunnigan+
Sunday, June 23, 8:30 a.m. MASS - For the living & deceased of the parish
Tuesday, June 25, 6:30 p.m. mass – Dominic & Mary Talmant+
Wednesday, June 26, 6:30 p.m. mass – Maureen Maher+
Thursday, June 27, 8:00 a.m. mass – Regina Buckleh+
Friday, June 28, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Servite Rosary
12 noon, Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3 p.m.
Saturday, June 29, 5:00 p.m. MASS – David Sulsberger+
Sunday, June 30, 8:30 a.m. MASS – Jim Stanford+

Weekly Contribution
June 15 & 16

Envelopes.....\$1,709.00 (43)
Loose..... 161.00
Total.....\$1,870.00

We Need - \$1,731.00
Attendance: Sat. –0 Sun. - 135

Next Weekend Ministers
Saturday, June 29, 5 p.m. mass
Lector: Jim Fehrenbacher
EM: Sam Pierce, Jim & Dorothy Croy
Servers: Pierce family
Ushers: Don Talmant, Mike Winka

Sunday, June 30– 8:30 a.m. mass
Lector: Mary Roy
Commentator: Ted Whitehead
EM: Dorothy Uebinger, Dennis Holkenbrink, Emily Milner
Servers: Nolan & Max Duquane, Kaylen Crawford
Ushers: Jerod Fleener, Alan Huff

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Griffy, Bill Marks, Nicole Wheaton, Velma Oliver, Clara Wilson, LaVonne Kemmerer, Patience McKnight, Mildred Garrison, Ray Vaughn, Joe Falica, Pat Venable, Chris Boyd, Clarice Schweighart, Ray & Irene Winka, Steve Dudzik, Ruth Wilson, Roger Wells, Becky Payne, Bob Bluhm, Rhonda Ryker, Dr. Don & Mary Bunnell, Paul Weidner, Marilyn Wheaton, J.R. Means, Lois Houlihan, Cory Britton, Debbie Jones, Ed Perk, Georgia Klingler, Gene Leonard, Celeste Replogle, Georgianna Weber, Steve Spitzner, Helen Powless, Nick Compton, Cindy Bloemer, Kennah Hiestand, Sister Kate Kuentler, Luke Miller, Jean Quinn, Betty Greenwood, Claire Karasch, Judie Powless, Marie Elwat, Beth Reagan Snyder, Claire Fopay, Steve Feldhake.

St. Stephen Upcoming Activities
Saturday, June 22, 5:00 p.m. Mass
Sunday, June 23, 8:30 a.m. Mass
Tuesday, June 25, 6:30 p.m. mass
Wed., June 26, 6:30 pm. mass, Adoration 7 p.m.-midnight
Thursday, June 27, 8 a.m. mass
Friday, June 28, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 pm
Servite Rosary 12 noon, Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3pm
Saturday, June 29, 5:00 p.m. Mass
Sunday, June 30, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Please submit bulletin information to Beth Fancher at 618-665-3163 or bafancher@wabash.net by noon on Wednesdays.

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 22—NO MASS
Sunday, June 23, 10:30am—Abby Little+
Thursday, June 27, 6:30pm—Catholic Extension Donors
Friday, June 28, 8:00am—Blessings Received
Saturday, June 29, 5:00pm—John Robison III+
Sunday, June 30, 10:30am—Larry McClure+

Weekly Contribution 6/16

Envelopes(31) \$2,163.00
Loose 193.00
Total \$2,356.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$115.00
Donation 20.00
Attendance: Sat- 56 Sun-27

Please submit bulletin information to Peggy Garrison at the Parish Office by noon on Wednesdays.

Saturday, June 29—NO MASS
Lector:
E. Min:
Ushers:
Gifts:
Servers:

Sunday, June 30—10:30am
Lector: Jen Wellen
E. Min: David Mills, Peg Garrison
Ushers: Richard Rennier, Rod G.
Gifts: The Kent Ochs Family
Servers: Jedd Wellen, Cali Bunting

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Garland Keck, Kim Buchanan, Lanora Neavill, Leon Chamness, Jack Ciesielczyk, Jalain Thompson, Kurt Wiseman, Nanette Williams, Julie Griffith, Gina Williams, Emilee Stanley, Maddox Oppenheimer, Sara Kerchner, Charles Drechsel, Eva Decker, Matthew Rorban, Andrew Mayo, Robyn Meagher, Sheila Zurliene, Sandra Henson, Andrew Luna, Elaine Jeffers, Homer and Shirley Clark, Alice Zurliene, Tim Dittmer, Terri Venturelli, Linda States, James Rawls, Glory Almon, Cathy Newville, Luke Dewees, Adam Reyling, Ruth & Ralph Langhauser, all priests who are sick

Our Daily Scripture Readings:
Mon: *The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist*
Is 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80
Tues: *Weekday*
Gn 13:2, 5-18 Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wed: *Weekday*
Gn 15:1-12, 17-18 Mt 7:15-20
Thur: *Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop*
Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 Mt 7:21-29
Fri: *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*
Ez 34:11-16 Rom 5:5b-11 Lk 15:3-7
Sat: *Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles*
Acts 12:1-11 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19
Sun: *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21 Gal 5:1, 13-18 Lk 9:51-62

ST. EDWARD NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, JUNE 29—THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT ST. EDWARD

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please mark your calendars now the dates are July 15th thru 18th. The times will be 5-7pm. Snacks will be served each night with a dinner on the last night of the event. Just a reminder any adult wanting to help will need to be in compliance with the Diocese/Child Protection Policy. If you have not completed your annual refresher course you will need to have it done by July.

Here is a list of a few items they are needing: Potting soil, seeds (flower or veg.), Paper towel tubes, small plastic containers/lids, beans. There is a complete list on the bulletin board in the hall. Thank-you in advance. Any questions contact Laura Zurliene.

BABY BOTTLES: Please turn in your baby bottles of change so we can give it to the Guadalupe Project. Thank-you to everyone that participated in this worthy fund raiser.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING COUPLES

Ken & Theresa Nordmann (6-25-60) 59yrs

Norman & Bernie Taylor(6-10-78)41yrs

Jim & Margaret Thompson(6-18-63)56yrs

Don & Ginny Barrett (6-15-79) 40yrs

John & Leslie Robison (6-8-68) 51yrs

Rick & Laura Titzer (6-10-89) 30yrs

Mike & Carol Oppenheimer (6-26-76) 43yrs

Tom & Lisa Konopasek (6-20-92) 27yrs

MASS INTENTIONS

If anyone would like to have a mass for a loved one who has passed, a special intention, or just for blessings received. Please place name and \$10 per mass in an envelope and drop into the collection basket. Thank-you.

LECTORS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS, & USHERS

We are in need of parishioners to fill these very important ministries at St. Edward. The list to pick from is getting shorter and shorter. If anyone would be interested in any one of these positions, please, please, contact the church office. I know with it being summer time everyone is taking vacations, but there is still mass each weekend. Please give this some prayer and thought. Thank-you

APOLOGIZES FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE ON THE CONFUSION ON THE SCHEDULES FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 29TH. THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON THAT DAY AT ST. EDWARD. WE HAD THE LAST MASS ON THE 5TH WEEKEND. IT IS ST. STEPHEN’S TURN WITH MASS BEING IN FLORA AT 5:00PM. I AM SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY HAVE CAUSED.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

At the conclusion of mass this Sunday, June 23, there will be a procession from the inside of the church outdoors and around the building. All parishioners are asked to follow Father Charles in the procession. After reentering the church, the Blessed Sacrament will then be exposed on the altar for silent adoration until 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to spend some time before our Eucharistic Lord during this time.

At 12:30, Father Charles will conclude adoration with Benediction.

We are in need of additional mass servers, lectors, commentators and Eucharistic ministers. Please contact Father Charles, Beth Fancher or Diane Briscoe if you would like to serve or would like more information about these ministries.

Summer Cash Raffle Updates

Congratulations to our Week #2 Winners: Jill Fehrenbacher and Ailene Anderson!

Congratulations to our Week #3 Winners: Kelly Welch and Adam Dickerson. Congrats to our Week 4 Winners, Ava Fleener & Jacquie Lueking.

Remember, even *winning tickets* are entered back in every drawing! Tickets are still available - \$20 each or 6/\$100. Listen every Wednesday to WNOI to hear the drawings live! Winners are usually drawn about 2:30pm.

Special Events

Wedding Anniversaries

*Pat & Jean Quinn-June 14

*Phil & Beth Fancher 30 years - June 17

* Donald & Trudi Herdes – July 1

June Birthdays

*Randy Wells- June 12

*Mike Winka – June 15

*Fern Ketzner-June 24

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 the charitable projects for which we are responsible.

St. Ann’s purchases altar breads, altar cloths, flowers for the altar and votive candles. They also provide the funeral dinners for parish families or families of those buried in St. Stephen’s Cemetery. Also, supplies for the kitchen and contribute towards First Communion, Confirmation and graduation students and gifts for new mothers and newly married from our parish.

If you decide to become an Anonymous Angel, you may do so by putting your donation in an envelope labeled “Angel of the Altar” and put in the collection basket or mail to St. Stephen’s.

Make payment by check out to St. Ann’s Altar Society, a receipt will be provided for you. Members of St. Anne’s Altar Society will keep the Anonymous Angels and their intentions in their prayers.

Our Church will be selling the partial lots we own on Holly Lane, Flora. If anyone is interested in purchasing this property or has any questions concerning this matter please contact Trudi Herdes, at the church office.

From Father Charles’ Desk: Today, the Church celebrates the feast of the Corpus Christi (The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ). Today we reflect on the heart of Catholic life, the Eucharist, the Mass and the Blessed Sacrament.

This feast goes back to the 13th century. It was first established in the Diocese of Liege, and Pope Urban IV instituted it in 1264, for the universal Church. The meaning of this feast is the consideration of and devotion to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Whereas on Holy Thursday we celebrate the origin of the Eucharist, today the feast of Corpus Christi is a celebration of, and an act of faith in the real presence of the risen Jesus with us in this sacrament. All of today’s readings are about meals: Abram’s victory, the Last Super, and the feeding of the crowd. All refer to the ‘meal’ we call the Eucharist.

The memory of this most wonderful and precious gift of Jesus is what we celebrate as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. On the evening before his passion, Jesus left us this greatest sacrament of love; it was his own very self : his body , blood, soul and divinity under the appearance of bread and wine , the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist . This sacrament is the source and summit of our worship because the faithful offer the divine victim to God and offer themselves along with it. This sacrament makes the Catholic Church unique and special.

What shall we learn from this great feast of our Lord? Eucharist can be described as an act of thanksgiving. It was a kind of gratitude shown by Jesus to his God at the end of his works on earth. Eucharist can be described as a new covenant established by Jesus Christ with us to replace the old covenant. In Hebrew 7:1-10 the priesthood of Melchizadek is seen as a type of the perfect priesthood of Christ. And in Christian tradition that bread and wine were seen as prefiguring the bread and wine of the Eucharist.

Today’s readings demonstrate the faithfulness, love and generosity of the Lord Jesus in his part of the covenant with us. The holy sacrifice of the Mass and participation in the Eucharist is our pre-eminent way of showing and demonstrating our love and our worship of God and our attitude toward one another. Each time we come to Mass, at the words of consecration – that is the words of remembering, the words of Jesus are repeated and re-enacted, and we believe that with those words the bread and wine will be changed into the body and blood of Christ.

More so, at the end of the Eucharistic prayer; when the priest elevates the Blessed Sacrament and says ‘through him with him and in him All glory and honor is yours’We affirm all of that by our great “ Amen,” before the Lord’s Prayer. By this great Amen, we are saying that we come under the covenant, that we will heed and do all that Jesus has said and commanded us to do, and that we will have his covenant written in our hearts, that we will live for him. Coming to communion is an act of renewing our commitment to Jesus, a statement of belief in the real presence and fidelity to the Church and her teaching, and a commitment to unity with fellow- Catholics.

Finally, This Corpus Christi Sunday is a good time to refresh our reverence at Mass and the dignity of prayer for ourselves and others before the Blessed Sacrament in an adoration Chapel. Happy Feast of Corpus Christi!

St. Stephen News

REMINDER: There will be mass at St. Stephen’s next weekend, Saturday, June 29.

Altar Society: The next three rotating chairmen are: Berenice Mary Brown, Beth Fancher, Jill Fehrenbacher.

Altar Society surveys may still be turned in. We’d like to hear back from everyone. Thank you.

Please let Beth Fancher or Trudi Herdes know when you are celebrating a birthday, anniversary or any special event (i.e. births, graduations, marriage, etc.). We would like to pass this information on to everyone, so that we can pray & celebrate with you.

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.

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.

WELCOME VISITORS ATTENDING MASS
Welcome to our church. Come visit us again.

