

St. Stephen News

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.

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.

*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.*



The Season of
ORDINARY TIME

July 28, 2019

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.*

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 Fr. Charles Anyaoku or call St. Edward or St. Stephen

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. 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) Wednesday
after mass, 2nd & 4th Sat. 4:20– 4:40 pm.,
Sun 8– 8:20 am. or by appointment

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 Fr. 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, July 27, 5:00 p.m. MASS – Howard & Madonna Goellner+

Sunday, July 28, 8:30 a.m. Mass – For the living & deceased of the parish

Tuesday, July 30, 6:30 p.m. mass – Dominic & Mary Talmant+

Wednesday, July 31, 6:30 p.m. mass – Al Winka+

Thursday, August 1, 8:00 a.m. mass – Catholic Extension Donor

Friday, August 2, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Servite Rosary 12 noon, Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3 p.m.

Saturday, August 3, NO MASS

Sunday, August 4, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Kenny & Evelyn Myers+

Weekly Contribution July 21

Envelopes.....\$1,747.00 (30)
Loose..... \$ 131.00
Total.....\$1,878.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Attendance: Sat. – 0 Sun. - 101

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, August 3, NO Mass

Sunday, August 4– 8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Beth Sulsberger

Commentator: Phil Fancher

EM: Beth Fancher, Cheryl McCarty, Dorothy Uebinger

Servers: Nolan & Max Duquane

Ushers: Justin Fleener, Jacob Whitehead

Please submit bulletin information to Beth Fancher at 618-676-4292 or email to bafancher@wabash.net by noon on Wednesdays.

St. Stephen Upcoming Activities

Saturday, August 3, NO MASS

Sunday, August 4, 8:30 a.m. Mass , Food Pantry Collection

Tuesday, August 6, 6:30 p.m. mass

Wed., August 7, 6:30 pm. mass, Adoration 7 p.m.-midnight.

Thursday, August 8, 8 a.m. mass

Friday, August 9, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 pm
Servite Rosary 12 noon, Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3pm, First Friday Holy Hour, 5 – 6 p.m.

Saturday, August 10, 5:00 p.m. MASS

Sunday, August 11, 8:30 a.m. Mass

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, Luke Miller Steve Spitzner, Helen Powless, Nick Compton, Marie Elwat Cindy Bloemer, Kennah Hiestand, Sister Kate Kuentler, Jean Quinn, Betty Greenwood, Claire Karasch, Judie Powless, Beth Reagan Snyder, Claire Fopay, Steve Feldhake.

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 27—NO MASS

Sunday, July 28, 10:30am—Kirk Kerchner+

Thursday, August 1, 6:30pm—Catholic Extension Donors

Friday, August 2, 8:00am—Blessings Received

Saturday, August 3, 5:00pm—Dennis Milligan+

Sunday, August 4, 10:30am—Bill Grogan+

Weekly Contribution 07/21

Envelopes(33) \$1,518.00
Loose 158.00
Total \$1,676.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$217.00
Donations 40.00

Attendance: Sat- 36 Sun- 45

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Garland Keck, Kim Buchanan, Lanora Neavill, Leon Chamness, Tom Colvin, 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, Teresa Williams, Randy White and all priests who are sick

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

Saturday, August 3—5:00pm

Lector: Mike Oppenheimer

E.Min: Tim & Jackie Schoenborn

Ushers: Jim & Margaret Thompson

Gifts: Ray & Sally Conley

Servers: volunteers

Sunday, August 4—10:30am

Lector: Nick Zurliene

E. Min: Emily Milligan, Peg Garrison

Ushers: Scott Merkle, Rod Garrison

Gifts: Libby Pond, Ann Matthews

Servers: Andrew Milligan, Gabby Zurliene

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Saint Martha

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Jn 11:19-27

Tues: Saint Peter Chrysologues, Bishop

Ex 33:7-11,34:5b-9,28 Mt 13:36-43

Wed: Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 34:29-35 Mt 13:44-46

Thur: Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Mt 13:47-53

Fri: Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37 Mt 13:54-58

Sat: Weekday

Lv 25:1, 8-17 Mt 14:1-12

Sun: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 Col 3:1-5,9-11 Lk 12:13-21

St. Edward and St. Stephen News

HOLY CROSS PARISH PICNIC, WENDELIN

Sunday, August 4th

Chicken Dinner in air conditioned Parish Center, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Adults - \$10.00 Children 6 – 12 \$5.00

Lunch stand: pork burgers, brats, ice cream, soft drinks, and more.

Country Store, Inflatables, Cake Stand, Bingo, Kids games, 50/50 drawings, theme baskets, Beer garden and lots more! Live bands all day,



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 .

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

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal... Blessed to receive, chosen to give YOU have the opportunity to support the five young men who have answered "YES" to God's call to serve in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ in our Belleville Diocese. The annual cost for each of our seminarians is approximately \$47,000. 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 today.

Guadalupe Summer Cash Raffle Updates

WINNERS: Nicolette Burton, Tom Butcher, Anna Pierce and Diana Fleener are the most recent winners.

Past winners are: Jill Fehrenbacher, Ailene Anderson, Kelly Welch, Adam Dickerson, Ava Fleener, Jacquie Lueking, Joann Stanford and Jim Sulsberger.

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

WELCOME VISITORS ATTENDING

MASS THIS WEEKEND

Welcome to our churches.

Come visit us again.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

REMINDER: There will NOT be mass at St. Stephen’s on Saturday, August 3.

Attention: PSR parents and young adults meeting

There will be a short meeting immediately after Mass on Sunday, July 28, for all parents with kids in PSR for Fall 2019. Also, young adults (high school and college age) and their parents should attend. New info and bookkeeping. If you cannot attend contact Paul Duquaine: text 618.843.8508.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a mass intention said for a loved one who has passed, for a special intention or for blessings received, please place name and \$10 in an envelope and drop into the collection basket. If you would like the intention for a specific date please try to get the information to Trudi as soon as possible, as soon as a couple weeks ahead or more before the specific date. Thank you.

We are in need of additional altar 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. All youth and adults are invited to serve.

Please consider helping with one of these important and wonderful ministries.

FYI: Extra bulletins are in the mailbox on the south entrance door.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS: The next three rotating chairmen are: Beth Fancher, Jill Fehrenbacher, Mary Beth Lancaster/Susan Schroeder

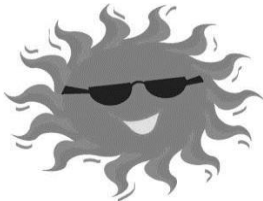
Thanks to the ladies who have returned their surveys. 44 of the 100 surveys have been turned in. If you haven't yet turned yours in it is not too late. We hope to present the results at the next Altar Society meeting.

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

August 13 - Beth & Lou Sulsberger wedding anniversary
August 16 – Fr. Charles Anniversary
August 23 – Tom & Mary Beth Lancaster wedding anniversary

August 17 – Mary Beth Lancaster’s birthday
August 22 – Phil Fancher’s birthday
August 27 – Beth Fancher’s birthday

WANTED: Birthday and Anniversary dates – turn in to Beth Fancher or Trudi Herdes!!



From Father Charles’ Desk: From Fr. Charles’ desk

Seventeenth Sunday in ordinary time

Persistence in prayer is a sign of trust

What is a prayer ?

We are told that prayer is the raising up of the mind and heart to God. We lift up our hearts and mind to God by thinking of God ;by adoring him, praising , and thanking Him; and by begging of Him all blessings for soul and body.

Praying to God is based upon the conviction that God is Omnipotent in prayer, present everywhere , willing to listen to our sincere petitions. This is all that we should have in mind when praying .

In prayer we must learn to see God as a friend, just like our parents who know what we need. In today’s liturgy Jesus wants us to learn how to pray. The disciples of Jesus were finding it hard to talk to God, so they asked him to teach them how to pray. God wants us to be his children. He wants us to be humble like a child .He wants us to continue asking like a child .

Persistence in prayer is not arrogance but a sign of trust.

Today in the Gospel , Jesus teaches us how to pray the “ Our Father”. We pray to God as our loving Father. We praise Him first , and we thank Him , then we ask for the things we need , and also for forgiveness of our sins. So , we should in our prayers pray for more faith, for hope in God , for more love of God and our neighbor.

Persistence in prayer indicates an important aspect of prayer . Our prayer must be constant and persistent because in prayer we freely show our sole trust in the Father in the midst of our needs.. The Father’s door is always open for us. Though ,we must know that not every prayer is answered the way it suits us. But we must always trust in God in our prayers no matter the circumstances we find ourselves in life .

Praise be to Jesus Christ both now and forever Amen

ST. EDWARD NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, August 3rd—There will be mass at St. Edward-5:00pm.

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Ushers, Gifts, Servers

The Church office is getting ready to update the lists for the above mentioned ministries. If anyone would be interested in serving in these very vital ministries, please contact the church office or drop a note in the collection basket with name and which ministry you would like to help with. Please consider using your talents to help.
Thank-you in advance.

THE NEW “MESSENGER” NEWSPAPERS ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE HALL.

Fr. Charles Anyaoku will be celebrating his 16th priestly anniversary on August 16th, 2019. Please he needs our prayers and support.

Also, Fr. Charles will be gone for his vacation on August 12th, and be back to the parishes on September 18th. Please remember him in your prayers for save travelling.

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.

ANOINTING

Next weekend, August 3rd & 4th, there will be the sacrament of Anointing following both masses. Everyone is invited to come forward and receive the oils.

Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint [him] with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven.
James 5:13-15

KITCHEN REMODEL COMMITTEE: St. Edward will be putting a committee together to oversee the kitchen remodel in the hall. Anyone interested please contact the church office, Don Zurliene, or Father Charles.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: We are still in need of 2 parishioners to fill the vacancies on the Pastoral Council. Please give this some prayer and thought.

