

St. Stephen News

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 these important and wonderful ministries.

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.*

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 Diana Zurliene, 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, August 24, 5:00 p.m. MASS – Maureen Maher+

Sunday, August 25, 8:30 a.m. Mass – For the living & deceased of the parish

Tuesday, August 27, NO MASS

Wednesday, August 28, NO MASS

Thursday, August 29, NO MASS

Friday, August 30, 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 31, NO MASS

Sunday, September 1, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Stan & Ginny Timm+

Weekly Contribution- August 18

Envelopes.....\$1,658.00 (32)
Loose..... \$ 163.00
Total.....\$1,812.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Attendance: Sat. – NM Sunday - 98

Weekend Ministers
Saturday, August 31, NO MASS

Sunday, Sept. 1, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Sam Pierce
Commentator: Phil Fancher
EM: Beth Fancher, Cheryl McCarty, Dorothy Uebinger
Servers: Nolan & Max Duquaine
Ushers: Jerod Fleener, Dennis Holkenbrink

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

St. Stephen Upcoming Activities

Saturday, August 24, 5:00 p.m. MASS

Sunday, Aug. 25, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, August 27, NO MASS

Wed., August 28, NO MASS, Adoration 7 p.m.-midnight.

Thursday, August 29, NO MASS

Friday, Aug 30, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 am to 3:15pm, Servite Rosary 12 noon, Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3p.m.

Saturday, August 31, NO MASS

Sunday, September 1, 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 Kuenstler, Jean Quinn, Betty Greenwood, Claire Karasch, Judie Powless, Beth Reagan Snyder, Claire Fopay, Steve Feldhake.

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 24—NO MASS

Sunday, August 25, 10:30am—Barbara Wood+

Thursday, August 29-NO MASS

Friday, August 30—NO MASS

Saturday, August 31, 5:00pm—Communion Service

Sunday, September 1, 10:30am—The Garrison & Clark Families

Weekly Contribution 08/18

Envelopes(24) \$1,365.00
Loose 147.00
Total \$1,512.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$207.00
Assumption 65.00
Donations 10.00

Attendance: Sat- 30 Sun- 58

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, Raymond Garrison and all priests who are sick

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

Saturday, August 31—5:00pm

Lector: David Mills (Presider)

Ushers: Don Z., Mike Oppenheimer

Gifts:Diana Z., Hank Eckleberry

Sunday, September 1—10:30am

Lector: Jen Wellen

E. Min: Jeff & Mary Murphy

Ushers: Libby Pond, Scott Merkle

Gifts: The Kent Ochs Family

Servers: Jedd Wellen, Cali Bunting

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Weekday

1 Thes 1:1-5,8b-10 Mt 23:13-22

Tues: Saint Monica

1 Thes 2:1-8 Mt 23:23-26

Wed: Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

1 Thes 2:9-13 Mt 23:27-32

Thur:The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

1 Thes 3:7-13 Mk 6:17-29

Fri: Weekday

1 Thes 4:1-8 Mt 25:1-13

Sat: Weekday

1 Thes 4:9-11 Mt 25:14-30

Sun: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a

St. Edward and St. Stephen News

In case of Emergency, in Father Charles’ absence, you may call: Fr. Mark Stec (Olney) 618-841-7324, Fr. Abraham (Salem) 618-509-2230 or call the parish offices.

<u>Upcoming Mass Schedule</u>	
<u>St. Stephen</u>	<u>St. Edward</u>
Saturday, Aug. 24, 5:00 p.m. mass- Fr. Osang	Saturday, August 24, no mass
Sunday, Aug. 25, 8:30 a.m. – Fr. Osang	Sunday, August 25, 10:30 a.m. – Fr. Osang
Saturday, August 31, no mass	Saturday, August 31, 5:00 p.m. – David Mills
Sunday, Sept. 1, 8:30 a.m. – Fr. Osang	Sunday, September 1, 10:30 a.m. – Fr. Osang
Saturday, September 7, no mass	Saturday, Sept. 7, 5:00 p.m. Fr. Vincent
Sunday, September 8, 8:30 a.m. – Fr. Osang	Sunday, September 8, 10:30 a.m. – Fr. Osang
Saturday, Sept 14, 5:00 p.m. – Fr. Vincent Obi	Saturday, September 14, no mass
Sunday, September 15, 8:30 a.m. – Fr. Osang	Sunday, September 15, 10:30 a.m. – Fr. Osang
Saturday, September 21, no mass	Saturday, Sept. 21, 5:00 p.m. – Fr. Charles
Sunday, September 22, 10:30 a.m. – Fr. Charles (Parish Picnic – time change this Sunday only)	Sunday, September 22, 8:30 a.m. – Fr. Charles

St. Mary of the Assumption, St. Marie will hold their annual Pre-Labor Day Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 1st. Fried Chicken and Pork Loin. Bingo, raffles, etc. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. See Bulletin board.

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

Guadalupe Summer Cash Raffle Updates
WINNERS: Nicolette Burton, Tom Butcher, Anna Pierce, Diana Fleener. Jill Fehrenbacher, Ailene Anderson, Kelly Welch, Adam Dickerson, Ava Fleener, Jacquie Lueking, Joann Stanford, 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 winners

WELCOME VISITORS ATTENDING MASS THIS WEEKEND
Welcome to our churches. Come visit us again.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

REMINDER: There will BE mass at St. Stephen’s on Saturday, August 24.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS:

Envelopes for a monetary donation fundraiser are on a table in the back of church. Please pick up an envelope and support St. Ann’s Altar Society.

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

WE ARE SCHEDULED TO DELIVER **MEALS ON WHEELS** IN SEPTEMBER
Please sign-up on sheet on table at the south door. Please give us a week or a day. Sign up as soon as possible. It takes an hour or less to deliver meals. Help is most appreciated.
Questions call Beth Fancher

Fr. Charles has gone on vacation. He will be back to the parishes on September 18. Please remember him in your prayers for safe travelling.
St. Stephen Annual Parish Picnic will be on September 22. Mass time will change on that Sunday only, to 10:30 a.m. Mark your calendars – more information to come.

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 of intention 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 date.

PSR If you have not signed up for PSR, Fall 2019, please contact Paul Duquaine 618-843-8508 or paulduquaine@icloud.com.

The high school/young adult PSR class is being revised to a group for young adults in high school and college. The group will have gatherings once or twice a month, and will meet in the library annex (the room west of the library).

Each gathering will be a stand-alone event, with no homework and no need to have been at the previous meeting. We will start fresh each time! We would love to have any young people, in high school or college, to join us as often as they can- and bring a friend! Gatherings will include videos & discussion on topics of faith as well as fun games and food. Stay tuned for our schedule of gatherings, see Paul Duquaine or Laura Whitehead with any questions. laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com or text 618-599-6786

August Anniversaries: *August 23 Tom & Mary Beth Lancaster
August Birthdays: *August 22 Phil Fancher *August 27 Beth Fancher

TO ALL PARISHIONERS: Someone is sending emails with my name on it. In case you receive any strange mails bearing my name, first verify its authenticity from me by calling this number 618-641-8978 before responding. Thank you - Fr. Charles

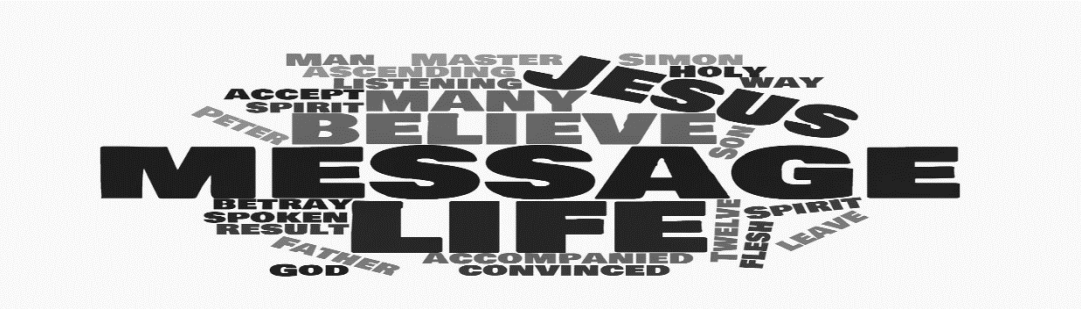
**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

While Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem, an unnamed person asks if only a few people can be saved. Though the question is framed broadly, seeming to ask about other people, Jesus’ answer is personal: “you” must strive to enter through the narrow gate. The verb could be translated “keep on striving,” because entering through the narrow gate will entail a lifelong effort, like that of an athlete who must keep up the effort to win the prize.

The narrow gate, like the eye of the needle too small for the camel to pass through, highlights the difficulty of responding wholeheartedly to Christ and the demands of discipleship

The master of the house, understood to be Jesus himself, has arisen (the verb *arisen*, *egeiro*, is used for Resurrection) and locked the door, suggesting the final judgment. At that time, there will be no further opportunity to ask for entrance. Nearness to Jesus, being close enough to eat and drink in his company and to hear his teaching, does not ensure admittance through the narrow gate. Proximity, whether based on physical accompaniment, or the nearness of blood ties or religious affiliation, is not necessarily a sign of a faithful relationship. Indeed, though some people seem to be close to Jesus, he will say to them, “I do not know where you are from.” In contrast, many who are far off have in fact responded more fully than those who seem to be near to Jesus.

The final saying reverses the expected status of the first and the last, of those who are close by tradition and practice and those who are far. The ones from afar have become first, and will recline at table in the heavenly feast. E.P.



ST. EDWARD NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, August 31. There will be a “Communion Service” at 5pm.

A LOOK AHEAD:

- *Saturday, August 31st—Communion Service 5:00pm**
- *Saturday, September 14th—Food Pantry Distribution 8:00am**
- *Sunday, September 22nd—St. Edward Mass will be 8:30am (St. Stephen’s Parish Picnic and all parishioners are invited to attend.)**
- *Thursday, September 26th—Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00pm**
- *Thursday, October 3rd—St. Edward Finance Meeting 7:00pm**
- *Saturday, October 12th—Food Pantry Distribution 8:00am**
- *Sunday, October 27th—Fall Harvest Party (5-7pm) more details to come.**

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

PSR NEWS:

Please take time to thank Diana Zurliene for taking on the position, Coordinator of Religious Education. Also, there will be PSR Registration on Sunday, August 25th, before and after mass. The first class will be held on Sunday, September 8th at 9:00am. Anyone wishing to help with PSR this year, please contact Diana Zurliene or the church office.

CLOTHESLINE VOLUNTEERS:

If anyone is interested or available to volunteer at The Clothesline please contact Leslie Robison (842-9602--even if you are not sure but just have questions). Morning shift is 9-12:30 and afternoon shift is 12:30-4pm. Here are the dates for the rest of the year: Sept. 16th, Oct. 4th, Oct. 23rd, Nov. 11th, Dec 3rd, & Dec. 21st (9-1pm....Saturday). Please check your calendars and give Leslie a call. Thank-you.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING COUPLES CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Ray & Sally Conley 8-10-1963 (56yrs) Nick & Laura Zurliene 8-18-2008 (11yrs)

