

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 Youth Ministry—3rd Sunday, 5:30pm,
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 31, NO MASS

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

Tuesday, September 3, NO MASS

Wednesday, September 4, NO MASS

Thursday, September 5, NO MASS

Friday, September 6, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.,
Servite Rosary 12 noon, Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3 p.m.

Saturday, September 7, NO MASS

Sunday, September 8, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Jim Stanford+

Weekly Contribution- August 25

Envelopes.....\$1,250.00 (37)
Loose..... \$ 163.00
Total.....\$1,413.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Attendance: Sat. – 43 Sunday - 97

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, Sept. 7, NO MASS

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

Lector: Emily Milner

Commentator: Ted Whitehead

EM: Randy Wells, Deb Zimmerman,
Beth Sulsberger

Servers: Nolan & Max Duquaine,
Kehlin Crawford

Ushers: Alan Huff, Jim Klein

**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 31, NO MASS

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

Tuesday, September 3, NO MASS

**Wed., September 4, NO MASS, Adoration 7 p.m.-
midnight.**

Thursday, September 5, NO MASS

**Friday, September 6, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 am to
3:15pm, Servite Rosary 12 noon, Chaplet to Divine
Mercy 3p.m.**

Saturday, September 7, 5:00 p.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 31—Communion Service

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

Thursday, September 5—NO MASS

Friday, September 6—NO MASS

Saturday, September 7, 5:00pm—Dennis Milligan+

Sunday, September 8, 10:30am—Kelly Clark+

Weekly Contribution 08/25

Envelopes(32) \$1,606.00
Loose 111.00
Total \$1,717.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$172.00

Attendance: Sat- 0 Sun- 77

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
Deweese, 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, September 7—5:00pm

Lector: Don Zurliene

E. Min: Tim & Jackie Schoenborn

Ushers: Ray & Sally Conley

Gifts: Jay & Lisa Fyie

Servers: volunteer

Sunday, September 8—10:30am

Lector: Tom Konopasek

E. Min: Peg Garrison, Ginny Barrett

Ushers: Scott Merkle, Rod Garrison

Gifts: The Simmers Family

Servers: Gabby Zurliene, Cali Bunting

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Labor Day

1 Thes 4:13-18 Lk 4:16-30

Tues: Saint Gregory the Great, Pope

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Lk 4:31-37

Wed: Weekday

Col 1:1-8 Lk 4:38-44

Thur: Weekday

Col 1:9-14 Lk 5:1-11

Fri: Weekday

Col 1:15-20 Lk 5:33-39

Sat: Weekday

Col 1:21-23 Lk 6:1-5

Sun: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 9:13-18b Phlm 9-10,12-17 Lk 14:25-33

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.

Upcoming Mass Schedule

St. Stephen

St. Edward

Saturday, August 31, no mass
Sunday, Sept. 1, 8:30 a.m. – Fr. Osang

Saturday, August 31, 5:00 p.m. – David Mills
Sunday, September 1, 10:30 a.m. – Fr. Osang

Saturday, September 7, no mass
Sunday, September 8, 8:30 a.m. – Fr. Osang

Saturday, Sept. 7, 5:00 p.m. Fr. Vincent
Sunday, September 8, 10:30 a.m. – Fr. Osang

Saturday, Sept 14, 5:00 p.m. – Fr. Vincent Obi
Sunday, September 15, 8:30 a.m. – Fr. Osang

Saturday, September 14, no mass
Sunday, September 15, 10:30 a.m. – Fr. Osang

Saturday, September 21, no mass
Sunday, September 22, **10:30 a.m.** – Fr. Charles
(Parish Picnic – time change this Sunday only)

Saturday, Sept. 21, 5:00 p.m. – Fr. Charles
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 NOT BE mass at St. Stephen's on Saturday, September 1.

We extend our sympathy to Jim & Jill Fehrenbacher and family. Meagen Hudson of Hazelwood, Missouri, died from injuries sustained during a hit and run incident following a Cardinal baseball game, August 24. She is the stepdaughter of Jeff Fehrenbacher and daughter of his wife Tracy.

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. Marv Beth Lancaster /Susan Schroeder

MEALS ON WHEELS IN SEPTEMBER

We have all the teams scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels in September. Thanks in advance to everyone willing to give their time to this wonderful program. Questions call Beth Fancher

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 Classes will be starting Sunday, September 8, 2019. They will be immediately following Mass for 1 hour. We will email all parents and teachers a calendar for the year. All are welcome! If you need to register your child please contact Paul Duquaine 618-843-8508, 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

Happy 40th Anniversary to Larry & Becky Timm – August 25th

September Anniversaries: Sept. 8 – Kaleb & Heather Greenwood
Sept. 10 – Jesse & Alison Harvey
Sept. 19 – Pat & Tom Greenwood

September Birthdays: LOOKING FOR September birthday!!

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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In the Gospel according to Luke, events that take place in the context of a meal are opportunities for Jesus to teach all gathered at table. The meal in today's Gospel is a Sabbath dinner at the home of a prominent Pharisee. While the guests are carefully watching Jesus, he is also observing them, noticing how they are choosing for themselves the places of honor. Jesus has seen similar status seeking before: "You love the best seat in the synagogues and salutations in the market place" (11:43)

In the first century, the concept of honor was highly valued. Taking a place of honor showed everyone how important, how highly respected, a person was. Honor and pride were high values, while shame and humility were to be avoided. Jesus turns the common perception around. By exercising humility, a person will ultimately be honored by being offered a higher place. Jesus' saying, "The one who humbles himself will be exalted," is about much more than places at table, but describes a whole way of life: humility before God and one another.

Having addressed the assembled guests, Jesus then gives advice to the host. Rather than inviting wealthy friends and people who can give in return, the host should invite the poor and those who have no ability to pay him back. Jesus again turns around the values of the culture.

Make those who have no honor according to accepted standards become the honored guests. Such action will earn more than dinner invitations, for the repayment will be at the final Resurrection.

E.P.

ST. EDWARD NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, September 7—There will be mass at St. Edward 5:00pm.

A LOOK AHEAD:

- *Sunday, September 8th—PSR classes will begin at 9:00am
- *Saturday, September 14th—Food Pantry Distribution 8:00am
- *Sunday, September 15th—Youth Ministry will meet at 5:30pm
- *Sunday, September 22nd—St. Edward Mass will be 8:30am----PSR WILL BE AT 9:30AM (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

YOUTH MINISTRY:

The Youth Ministry will begin having regular classes which will be held on the third Sunday of every month. The first class will be September 15th at 5:30pm in the parish hall. If you have any questions please contact Libby Pond.

SERVER TRAINING:

Sunday, September 22nd there will be a Server Training for all PSR kids who have made their First Communion. The training will be held at 9:30am. Please contact Mike Oppenheimer with any questions.

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

Homer & Shirley Clark 9-7-1953 (66) Sam & Mary Jean Ochs 9-6-1958 (61)
Dennis & Vickie Zurliene 9-10-1983 (36) Sam & Teresa Williams 9-8-1984 (35)
Rod & Peg Garrison 9-5-1987 (32) Jeff & Jeanette Zurliene 9-25-1993 (26)
Justin & Riann Zurliene 9-5-2004 (15)

