

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.

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.

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 united 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, September 7, NO MASS

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

Tuesday, September 10, NO MASS

Wednesday, September 11, NO MASS

Thursday, September 12, NO MASS

Friday, September 13, 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 14, 5:00 p.m. Mass- Connie Myers+

Sunday, Sept. 15, 8:30 a.m. Mass – For the living & deceased of the parish

Weekly Contribution- August 25

Envelopes.....\$1,212.00 (35)

Loose..... \$ 133.00

Total.....\$1,345.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Attendance: Sat. –NM Sunday - 91

St. Stephen Upcoming Activities

Saturday, September 7, NO MASS

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

Tuesday, September 10, NO MASS

Wed., September 11, NO MASS, Adoration 7 p.m.- 12 a.m..

Thursday, September 12, 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 14, 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 Kuentler, Jean Quinn, Betty Greenwood, Claire Karasch, Judie Powless, Beth Reagan Snyder, Claire Fopay, Steve Feldhake.

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, Sept. 14, 5 p.m. MASS

Lector: Jim Fehrenbacher **EM:** Krista Weidner, Pat Ridgeway, Sam Pierce

Servers: Pierce Family

Ushers: Don Talmant, Mike Winka

Sunday, Sept. 15, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Deb Zimmerman

Commentator: Ted Zimmerman

EM: Dorothy Uebinger, Dennis Holkenbrink, Emily Milner

Servers: Nolan & Max Duquaine, Ethan Milner

Ushers: Justin Fleener, Ted Whitehead

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

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

Thursday, September 12—NO MASS

Friday, September 13—NO MASS

Saturday, September 14—NO MASS

Sunday, September 15, 10:30am—Larry McClure+

Weekly Contribution 09/01

Envelopes(30) \$1,652.00

Loose 148.00

Total \$1,800.00

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$105.00

Donation 20.00

Attendance: Sat- 36 Sun- 49

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Garland Keck, Kim Buchanan, Lanora Neavill, Leon Chamness, Tom Colvin, Jack Ciesielczyk, Jalain Thompson, 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, September 14—NO MASS

Lector:

E. Min:

Ushers:

Gifts:

Servers:

Sunday, September 15—10:30am

Lector: Diana Zurliene

E. Min: Emily Milligan, Laura Titzer

Ushers: Kent Ochs, Richard Rennier

Gifts: The Wellen Family

Servers: Andrew Milligan, Hayden Felowitz

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Saint Peter Claver, Priest

Col 1:24—2:3 Lk 6:6-11

Tues: Weekday

Col 2:6-15 Lk 6:12-19

Wed: Weekday

Col 3:1-11 Lk 6:20-26

Thur: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Col 3:12-17 Lk 6:27-38

Fri: Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop

1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14 Lk 6:39-42

Sat: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

Sun: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7-11,13-14 1 Tm 1:12-17 Lk 15:1-32

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, September 7, no mass

Sunday, September 8, 8:30 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 21, no mass

Sunday, September 22, **10:30 a.m.** – Fr. Charles

(Parish Picnic – time change this Sunday only)

Saturday, Sept. 7, 5:00 p.m. Fr. Vincent

Sunday, September 8, 10:30 a.m. – Fr. Osang

Saturday, September 14, no mass

Sunday, September 15, 10:30 a.m. – Fr. Osang

Saturday, Sept. 21, 5:00 p.m. – Fr. Charles

Sunday, September 22, 8:30 a.m. – Fr. Charles

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 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.

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, Tracy Hostettler, Brad Halterman, Anne Venable, and Steve Persinger

Tickets are still available for \$20 each. Our end of summer grand prizes will be drawn after Labor Day: one \$500 prize and one \$1,000 prize!

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.

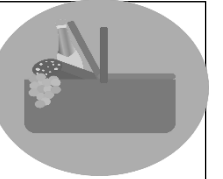
ST. STEPHEN NEWS

REMINDER: There will BE mass at St. Stephen's on Saturday, September 14.

Eucharistic Adoration

Each Sunday during the PSR classes, Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the Adoration Chapel. Adoration will begin after Mass and end at 10:30. Everyone is welcome.

St. Stephen Annual Parish Picnic is just 2 weeks away - September 22 at noon! Meat and drink will be provided. We ask that all who can bring a dish to share. We also ask that you offer to help with one of the tasks necessary for a great time. Signup sheets are at each entrance. **Mass time will change on that Sunday only, to 10:30 a.m. Mark your calendars.**



Congratulations to Laura Whitehead and Cory Anderson who have recently become engaged to be married. We wish you both all the best.



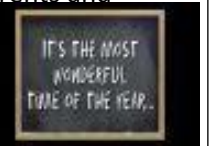
MEALS ON WHEELS IN SEPTEMBER

We have all the teams scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels in September. We will only deliver on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, AND FRIDAYS. Thanks in advance to everyone

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 or text 618-599-6786



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

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: Andrew Vahling – September 1

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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

As Jesus makes his way to Jerusalem, great crowds are traveling with him. In addition to Jesus' disciples, the multitude most likely included those who were simply curious, the sick who were eager for healing, and opponents listening in the hope of accusing him. Whatever their motives, Jesus explains clearly the cost of following him as a disciple. The first requirement, to hate one's family member, seems extreme and contrary to Jesus' teaching about love. However, Jesus is using a Semitic idiom, meaning that disciples should show an absolute, unwavering preference for Jesus above all others. The parallel passage in Matthew's Gospel expresses it, "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me" (11:37).

The second requirement of discipleship is to carry one's cross and come after Jesus. No one will be able to take up a cross without being prepared to do so. The parables of a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle stresses the necessity of being equipped to bring the project to completion. Only those who prefer Jesus above all others will be prepared to endure the suffering that discipleship demands.

The third condition of discipleship, renunciation of possessions, completes the requirement of devoted preference a disciple must have for Jesus. A disciple chooses Jesus over human relationships, the possessions of material goods, or positions of honor and power. E.P.

ST. EDWARD NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, September 14—There will be NO MASS at St. Edward.

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----SERVER TRAINING—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

PLEASE, DON'T FORGET TO CHECK ON YOUR "ADOPT A SPOT". SOME AREAS ARE GETTING SOME TALL WEEDS. LET'S KEEP THE GROUNDS LOOKING GOOD. THANKS.

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.

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)

REMINDER: MASS TIME FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND WILL BE 8:30AM (NOT 10:30AM) PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

