

St. Stephen News

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS Envelopes for a monetary donation fundraiser are in the back of church. Please pick up an envelope and support St. Ann’s Altar Society. The next rotating chairmen are: Beth Fancher, Jill Fehrenbacher, Mary Beth Lancaster /Susan Schroeder

September Anniversaries: Sept. 8 – Kaleb & Heather Greenwood
 Sept. 10 – Jesse & Alison Harvey Sept. 19 – Pat & Tom Greenwood
September Birthdays: Sept. 1 - Andrew Vahling

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

SERVERS 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.

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. 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 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. 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.

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 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 21, NO MASS

Sunday, Sept. 22, 10:30 a.m. Mass – For the living & deceased of the parish

Tuesday, September 24, 6:30 p.m.—Regina Buckleh+

Wednesday, September 25, 6:30 p.m.—Trent Briscoe+

Thursday, September 26, 8:00 a.m.—Catholic Extension Donors

Friday, September 27, 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 28, 5:00 p.m. Mass—Mary McGannon Judd+

Sunday, Sept. 29, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Kathryn Fleener+

Weekly Contribution- September 15

Envelopes.....\$1,212.00 (37)

Loose.....\$ 174.00

Total.....\$1,386.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Attendance: Sat. -52 Sunday -70

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, Sept. 28, 5:00pm Mass Lector

Cheryl McCarty EM: Jim Fehrenbacher
Servers Pierce Family Ushers: Jim Klein, Jerry Price

Sunday, Sept. 29, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Beth Sulsberger

Commentator: Deb Zimmerman

EM: Phil & Beth Fancher, Emily Milner

Servers: Nolan & Max Duquaine, Ethan Milner
Ushers: Ted Zimmerman, Alan Huff

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

St. Stephen Upcoming Activities

Saturday, September 21, NO MASS

**Sunday, September 22, 10:30 a.m. Mass, Parish Picnic
12 noon- Mass Time Change for this Sunday Only, NO PSR**

Tuesday, September 24, 6:30pm Mass

Wed., Sept 25, 6:30pm Pstoral Council, Adoration 7pm-12am

Thursday, September 26, 8:00am

Saturday, September 28, 5:00pm

Sunday, September 29, 8:30am Mass, PSR

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, September 21, 5:00pm—Krist Huffstodt+

Sunday, September 22, 10:30am—Barbara Wood+

Thursday, September 26, 6:30pm—Catholic Extension Donors

Friday, September 27, 8:00am—Blessings Received

Saturday, September 28—NO MASS

Sunday, September 29, 10:30am—Bill Grogan+

Weekly Contribution 09/015

Envelopes(32) \$1,683.00

Loose 159.00

Total \$1,842.00

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$192.00

Donations 92.00

Ret. Diocesan Pr. 200.00

Attendance: Sat- 0 Sun- 86

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, Noah Gollner and all priests who are sick

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

Saturday, September 28—NO MASS

Lector:

E. Min:

Ushers:

Gifts:

Servers:

Sunday, September 29—10:30am

Lector: Jen Wellen

E. Min: David Mills, Peg Garrison

Ushers: Libby Pond, Don Zurliene

Gifts: The Bunting Family

Servers: Ailyn Zurliene, Jedd Wellen

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: *Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

Ezr 1:1-6 Lk 8:16-18

Tues: *Weekday*

Ezr 6:7-8 Lk 8:19-21

Wed: *Weekday*

Ezr 9:5-9 Lk 9:1-6

Thur: *Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs*

Hg 1:1-8 Lk 9:7-9

Fri: *Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest*

Hg 2:1-9 Lk 9:18-22

Sat: *Sts. Wenceslaus, Lawrence Ruiz & Comp.*

Zec 2:5-9,14-15a Lk 9:43b-45

Sun: *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Am 6:1a,4-7 1 Tim 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31

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BDCCW ANNUAL CONVENTION

BDCCW (Catholic Women) Annual Convention will be held Wednesday, October 9th at St. Anthony Parish Beckemeyer, IL. If anyone is interested please call Theresa Nordmann (842-2947) for more info. All women from St. Edward & St. Stephen are invited.

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.

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

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

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

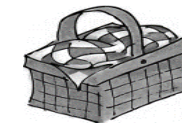
REMINDER: There will NOT BE mass at St. Stephen's on Saturday, September 21.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Jim Croy. Jim passed away September 10. His funeral will be on Monday, September 16, 10 a.m., at St. Stephen's. Burial will follow at St. Stephen's Cemetery. May his soul rest in peace.

Eucharistic Adoration Each Sunday during 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 will be September 22 at noon! Meat and drink will be provided. We ask that all who can bring a dish to share. If you can help with one of the tasks necessary, please sign up on sheets at each entrance.

Mass time will change on that Sunday only, to 10:30 a.m.



Annual Chicken BBQ at St. Stephen

Sunday, October 6, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Donation: \$10 a ticket. Dine-in and carry-out available. Hosted by St. Stephen's Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus. Chicken, green/baked beans, slaw, bread and dessert.

PSR Classes has started immediately following Mass for one hour. 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).

First gatherings will be **September 15**. Each will be a stand-alone no homework and no need to have been at the previous meeting. 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. See Paul Duquaine or Laura Whitehead with any questions. laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com or text 618-599-6786



MEALS ON WHEELS

We have all the teams scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels in September.

Thanks to all our volunteers!

Questions about the program call Beth Fancher

St. Stephen Parish School of Religion 2019-2020 Calendar **Sunday Class Time 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.**

Sept. 22: No Class -- **St. Stephen Picnic**

Sept. 29: Class

Oct. 6: No Class -- **Chicken BBQ**

Oct. 13: Class

Oct. 20: Class

Oct. 27: Class

Nov. 3: Class

Nov. 10: Class

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The parable about a household steward in today's Gospel follows the parable about the prodigal son. Though the original audiences of the two parables are different, anyone who hears these Gospels proclaimed is its true audience. Those who listen attentively to the two parables will hear echoes of the son's actions in those of the steward. Both son and steward act wrongfully to the one in authority over them. When the son receives his inheritance from his father, he squanders it; the steward is accused of wasting his master's property. When their actions lead them to a dire situation, each thinks about how to survive.

Following the similarities in the depictions of son and steward, we can well expect them to face similar consequences. The father's surprising welcome of his son with no berating or punishment creates an expectation in Jesus' listeners that the actions of the master will also be surprising. While society would expect the steward to be punished, the master, like the father, neither berates nor punishes him. Instead he praises him for acting prudently. The basis of the commendation is his clever way of thinking, his insight and resourcefulness, his wisdom and prudence.

Not only does the master of the household withhold a negative assessment of the steward's actions, so too does Jesus. Evidently including the steward among "the children of this world," Jesus says that they are more resourceful in gaining earthly wealth for themselves than the children of light are in gaining eternal wealth. Jesus is not judging the steward's honesty or dishonesty, but is comparing his resourcefulness to the lack of such daring on the part of his own disciples.

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REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, September 28—There will be NO MASS at St. Edward.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday, September 26th at 7:00pm. The minutes are on the bulletin board in the Hall.

RITE OF CANDIDACY

Dr. David Mills has been invited to formally declare his candidacy as a Deacon at the Cathedral on Oct. 13th, at 8:00am. The Cathedral will reserve a pew for family and parishioners who wish to attend. Please contact David Mills or church office if you would like to attend. Congratulations, Mr. Mills.

THANK-YOU

Ken & Theresa Nordmann would like to thank the parishioners that supported them with their fundraiser for Compassion Pregnancy walk. Which will take place this Saturday.

FOOD PANTRY

This past Saturday St. Edward Food Pantry had 32 individuals participate, which in turn served 73 people in our community. Thank-you to everyone who helped.

A LOOK AHEAD:

*Thursday, September 26th—Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00pm

*Thursday, October 3rd—St. Edward Finance Meeting 7:00pm

*Sunday, October 13th—St. Edward Feast Day (following 10:30am mass)

*Sunday, October 27th—Fall Harvest Party (5-7pm) more details to come.

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: Oct. 4th, Oct. 23rd, Nov. 11th, Dec 3rd, & Dec. 21st (9-1pm....Saturday). Please check your calendars and give Leslie Robison a call. Thank-you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING COUPLE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARY

Jeff & Jeanette Zurliene 9-25-1993 (26)

