

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: Jill Fehrenbacher, Mary Beth Lancaster /Susan Schroeder, Erin & Emma Pierce

September Anniversaries: Sept. 10 – Jesse & Alison Harvey Sept. 19 – Pat & Tom Greenwood
September Birthdays: Sept. 1- Andrew Vahling, Sept. 21– Diane Becker, Sept. 25– Kole Greenwood

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

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.

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.*

Setember 29, 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 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.

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 28, 5:00 p.m. Mass – Mary McGannon Judd+

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

Tuesday, October 1, 6:30 p.m. Mass – Ed Trittschuh+

Wednesday, October 2, 6:30 p.m., Mass –Bill & Mary Handley +

Thursday, October 3, 8:00 a.m. Mass – Thanksgiving

Friday, October 4, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.,

Servite Rosary 12 noon, Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3 p.m.

Saturday, October 5, NO MASS

Sunday, October 6, 8:30 a.m. Mass – For the living & deceased of the parish

Weekly Contribution- September 22

Envelopes.....\$1,262.00 (31)

Loose..... \$ 129.00

Total.....\$1,391.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Attendance: Sat. –NM Sunday - ??

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, October 5 NO MASS

Sunday, October 6, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Sam Pierce

Commentator: Phil Fancher

EM: Cheryl McCarty, Dorothy Uebinger, Beth Fancher

Servers: Nolan & Max Duquaine,

Ushers: Jerod Fleener, 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 28, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, September 29, 8:30 a.m. Mass, PSR and Adoration following mass

Tuesday, October 1, 6:30 p.m. Mass

Wed., October 2, 6:30 p.m. Mass, Adoration 7 pm- 12 am

Thursday, October 3, 8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, October 5, NO MASS

Sunday, October 6, 8:30 a.m. Mass, NO PSR or Adoration, Chicken BBQ

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, September 28—NO MASS

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

Thursday, October 3, 6:30pm—Catholic Extension Donors

Friday, October 4, 8:00am—Blessings Received

Saturday, October 5, 5:00pm—John Robison III+

Sunday, October 6, 10:30am—Larry McClure+

Weekly Contribution 09/22

Envelopes(24) \$1,548.00

Loose 200.00

Total \$1,748.00

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$127.00

Attendance: Sat- 40 Sun- 46

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, October 5—5:00pm mass

Lector: Don Zurliene

E. Min: Ken & Theresa Nordmann

Ushers: Jim & Margaret Thompson

Gifts:John & Leslie Robison

Servers: volunteer

Sunday, October 6—10:30am

Lector: Diana Zurliene

E. Min: Ginny Barrett, Peg Garrison

Ushers: Scott Merkle, Rod Garrison

Gifts: Anthony & Elizabeth Zurliene

Servers: Gabby Zurliene, Cali Bunting

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: *Saint Jerome, Priest*

Zec 8:1-8 Lk 9:46-50

Tues: *Saint Therse of the Child Jesus, Virgin*

Zec 8:20-23 Lk 9:51-56

Wed: *The Holy Guardian Angels*

Neh 2:1-8 Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thur: *Weekday*

Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12 Lk 10:1-12

Fri: *Saint Francis of Assisi*

Bar 1:15-22 Lk 10:13-16

Sat: *Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest*

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Lk 10:17-24

Sun: *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Hb 1:2-3;2:2-4 2 Tm 1:6-8,13-14 Lk 17:5-10

St. Edward and St. Stephen News

All Guadalupe Project visitors, volunteers, and supporters from our local community and beyond are invited to join in prayer at St. Stephen Catholic Church in Flora, on Monday, October 14. The church will be open for quiet prayer from 5:30-6:30pm. You may come and go as you please. Plan to join with the Guadalupe Project family and spend some time with Our Lord in prayer.

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

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.

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.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

REMINDER: There will NOT BE mass at St. Stephen's on Saturday, October 5.

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.

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,

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 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. See Paul Duquaine or Laura Whitehead with any questions. laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com or text 618-599-6786



We are on the last week of delivering MEALS ON WHEELS and have had another successful month. Thank you to all those who have and will deliver for us in September. They include: members of the Sulsberger Family, Dorothy Uebinger, Susan Schroeder, Jean Guerrettaz, Bernie Brown, Jill Fehrenbacher, Beth Fancher, Jim & Cheryl McCarty, Melanie Porter, Don & Mary Talmant, Jacque Lueking, Tom & Mary Beth Lancaster.
Thanks to all our volunteers!

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

Oct. 6:	No Class -- Chicken BBQ
Oct. 13:	Class
Oct. 20:	Class
Oct. 27:	Class
Nov. 3:	Class
Nov. 10:	Class
Nov. 17:	Class
Nov. 24:	Class
Dec. 1:	No Class -- Thanksgiving

From Fr. Charles Anyaoku’s Desk:

Twenty-sixth Sunday in ordinary time of the year. (Amos 6:1 4-7; 2 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31)

Today, Jesus in the Gospel addresses the Pharisees who love money and luxuries. Our Gospel parable is the story of a man who fell into this trap of losing heaven because he failed to use his wealth well. Instead of winning heaven through the use of his wealth, he lost heaven forever.

The story is about two men, Lazarus, the poor man, whose Hebrew name means “God is my help” and Dives, from Latin adjective meaning ‘rich. ‘

Our Lord Jesus contrasts two extreme conditions in this parable; vast wealth in one case, tremendous need in the other. Jesus says nothing about the rich man’s possessions rather He put his entire emphasis on how they have been used, mentioning only expensive clothes and sumptuous daily banquets. Lazarus was not even given the leftovers.

The rich man did nothing wrong for accumulating his wealth. He did not cheat anybody nor steal to make himself rich. He was not responsible for the wretched poverty of Lazarus. Nevertheless, the rich man had a definite lifestyle. He lived for himself as if God did not exist. His wealth blinded him and never noticed Lazarus. He could have cared for Lazarus if he had not been so selfish. The rich man’s sin is that he did nothing and was indifferent to the need of Lazarus at his front door.

It’s a parable about the good that we fail to do, what are called the sins of omission. So often we examine our conscience and think, “ I didn’t kill, I didn’t steal, I didn’t commit adultery. I don’t know what to confess. I can’t think of anything wrong that I have done.” But what about the good we fail to do?

The parable calls us to look at our sins of omission, the good we fail to do.

Praise be to Jesus both now and forever, Amen.

Prayer

Lord, give us your grace to appreciate all you have given us. May we learn how to share with others, more especially the less privileged among us, so that those who have not may experience you’re ever loving care!

ST. EDWARDS NEWS

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

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.

OCTOBER COUNTS

Starting next weekend (Oct 5th & 6th), ushers could you please count number of parishioners also, count how many receive communion. There is a sheet in the back to fill out. This will need to be done through the whole month of October. We send these counts to the Diocese when completed. Thank-you.

ANOINTING

Next weekend is the first weekend of the month and there will be anointing after both masses for anyone who would like to receive.

FINANCE MEETING

There will be a Finance Committee Meeting held on Thursday, October 10TH, at 7:00pm. Minutes are on the bulletin board in the hall. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE DATE.

A LOOK AHEAD:

- *Thursday, October 10TH—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.**

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.

THERE IS FREE READING MATERIAL ON A CARD TABLE IN THE HALL IF ANY PARISHIONER WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TAKE SOMETHING.