

St. Stephen News

Happy Birthday – October 2 – Matthew Winka, October 24 – Lois Hout & Jesse Harvey

Happy Anniversary to Jim and Sandy Sulsberger, October 21, 59 years!

Please let Beth Fancher or Trudi Herdes know what dates you are celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or any special events (i.e. births, graduations, marriage, etc.). We would like to pass this information on in the bulletin.

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.

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches

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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, October 19, NO Mass

World Mission Sunday, October 20, 8:30 a.m. Mass – St Ann’s Altar Society

Tuesday, October 22, 6:30 p.m. Mass – Dominic & Mary Talmant+

Wednesday, October 23, 6:30 p.m., Mass – Connie Myers+

Thursday, Oct. 24, 8:00 am Mass –For the living & deceased of the parish

Saturday, October 26, 5:00 p.m. MASS – The Judd Family

Sunday, October 27, 8:30 a.m. Mass – James Croy+

Weekly Contribution- October 13

Envelopes.....\$2,229.00 (28)

Loose..... \$ 51.00

Total.....\$2,280.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Nassau Mission \$250

Cemetery fund \$475

Attendance: Sat.-37 Sunday - 70

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, October 26, 5 p.m. Mass

Lector: Cheryl McCarty

EM: Jim Fehrenbacher, Krista Weidner, Pat

Ridgeway **Severs:** Pierce Family

Ushers: Jim Klein, Jerry Price

Sunday, October 27, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Beth Sulsberger

Commentator: Deb Zimmerman

EM: Phil & Beth Fancher, Emily Milner

Servers: Nolan & Max Duquaine, Ethan

Milner **Ushers:** Dennis Holkenbrink,

Ted Zimmerman

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

St. Stephen Upcoming Activities

Saturday, October 19, NO Mass

Sunday, October 20, 8:30 a.m. Mass, PSR and Adoration

Tuesday, October 22, 6:30 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, October 23, 6:30 p.m. Mass, Adoration 7 pm- 12am, Parish Council 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 24, 8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, October 25, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Servite Rosary 12 noon, Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3p.m.

Saturday, October 26, 5:00 MASS

Sunday, October 27, 8:30 a.m. Mass, PSR & Adoration

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, 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, Harrison Hilliard

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 19, 5:00pm—Dennis Milligan+

Sunday, October 20, 10:30am—Andrew & Joan Kubacki+

Thursday, October 24, 6:30pm—Catholic Extension Donors

Friday, October 25, 8:00am—Blessings Received

Saturday, October 26—NO MASS

Sunday, October 27, 10:30am—Parishioners of St. Edward, living & deceased

Weekly Contribution 10/13

Envelopes(28) \$1,602.00

Loose 133.00

Total \$1,735.00

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$570.00

Donation 30.00

Attendance: Sat- 0 Sun- 77

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

Saturday, October 26—NO MASS:

Lector:

E. Min:

Ushers:

Gifts:

Servers:

Sunday, October 27—10:30am

Lector: Jen Wellen

E. Min: Ken & Theresa Nordmann

Ushers: Libby Pond, Don Zurliene

Gifts: The Bunting Family

Servers: Cooper Berg, Gabby Z.

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, Sandra Henson, Andrew Luna, Elaine Jeffers, Homer and Shirley Clark, Alice Zurliene, Tim Dittmer, Terri Venturelli, Linda States, James Rawls, GloryAlmon, Cathy Newville, Luke Dewees, Adam Reyling, Ruth & Ralph Langhauser, Teresa Williams, Randy White, Raymond Garrison, Noah Gollner, Mary Jean Ochs, Rusti Grogan, Ed Nelson and all priests who are sick.

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Weekday

Rom 4:20-25 Lk 12:13-21

Tues: Saint John Paul II, Pope

Rom 5:12,15b,17-19,20b-21 Lk 12:35-38

Wed: Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

Rom 6:12-18 Lk 12:39-48

Thur: Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Rom 6:19-23 Lk 12:49-53

Fri: Weekday

Rom 7:18-25a Lk 12:54-59

Sat: Weekday

Rom 8:1-11 Lk 13:1-9

Sun: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 35:12-14,16-18 2 Tm 4:6-8,16-18 Lk 18:9-14

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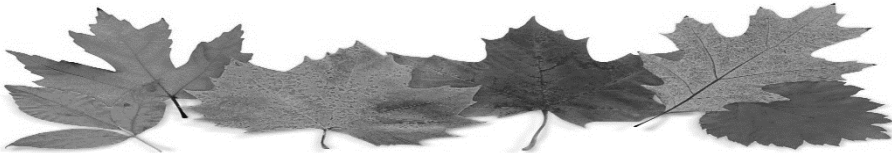
The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal..... Blessed to receive, chosen to give **YOUR GIFT** to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps Gerry Hasenstab and the staff of **Catholic Urban Programs (CUP)** provide food, clothing, shelter and assistance of every kind to people who lack the basic necessities of life to survive – 30,400 individuals and 4,213 families were served just last year!! If you haven't yet done so, consider making a gift today to The Appeal and enable Catholic Urban to continue their important work.

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.

St. Joseph Church, Olney will hold their Annual Smorgasbord, Bazaar and Raffle on Sunday, October 20. Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. Dinner served 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Ham, roast beef, homemade noodles, corn, green beans, mashed potatoes & gravy, rolls, pies and cakes. Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cash & quilt raffle, bingo, country store, etc.

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

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



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, October 26.

Don't forget to give to World Mission Sunday on October 20.

ALL SOULS PICTURE DISPLAY November is the month dedicated to all souls departed. We will again be calling to mind our deceased loved ones by placing their pictures in front of the altar. If you have pictures of your loved ones that you would like to have remembered in this way, please leave them on the table in the back of church—by October 31. Also names of your deceased loved ones can be entered in the Remembrance Book on the stand next to the baptistry in the front of church.

The choir will be learning a new mass setting to teach the congregation. Practices are on the following Mondays: October 21, and 28, 7 p.m. New members are most welcome.



The next Altar Society meeting will be November 3, after mass. This will be a working meeting. All women of the parish are invited.

There will be Eucharistic Adoration each Sunday during PSR classes in the Adoration Chapel after Mass Everyone welcome.

The Parish Council is investigating a possible kitchen remodel. If you have any comments or suggestions please contact Paul Duquaine at paulduquaine@icloud.com

It's Basket Raffle Time! Preparations are underway for the 2019 Basket Raffle. We would love to feature this year's baskets at the Chamber of Commerce Moonlight Madness and other events throughout the next few months. If you could help out by having your basket ready early, that would be great! Baskets or items for baskets can be placed in the social room. Baskets will be on display and tickets available after weekend Masses in November. Drawing will be held December 7, noon at St. Ann's Altar Society Cookie Walk. Proceeds from the Basket Raffle will benefit both St. Ann's Altar Society and Guadalupe Project



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 gathering in the library annex (the room west of the library). Each class will be a stand-alone event, with no homework and no need to have been at the previous meeting. 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

St. Stephen Parish School of Religion 2019-2020 Calendar Sunday Class Time 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
October 20 – Class October 27 – class November 3 – Class November 10 – Class
November 17 – Class November 24 – Class December 1 – No Class – Thanksgiving
December 8 – Class & Christmas program/dinner (tentative)

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The three readings of today’s mass are all saying the same thing about the need to persevere in prayer and also the need to help each other in prayer. The need for trusting and persevering in prayer is very crucial in our spiritual survival.

In the Gospel passage , St Luke told us the parable with an explanation of Christ’s intent. Our prayer needs to be continuous and confident like that of Jesus, our model. (Jn. 11:42) . Jesus’s life is a life of prayer. In fact , he started with prayer and ended with prayer.

In our first reading, Moses is an example for us on the need to pray always. He prayed fervently to God during the battle between the people of Israel and Palestine ,when he looked down on the battlefield from the hilltop. He had supporters who sat with him raising his arms , which brought them victory .

God is always faithful in answering our prayers, although the answers may not be quite what we expect. We should not be frustrated or distracted rather trusting in God who never fails .The second reading points to one of the great sources of strength for our prayer life as St. Paul tells Timothy : “Continue in what you have learnt and firmly believed ”.

Prayer is our word to God. But, Scripture is God’s word to us . Scripture can enrich our prayer in many ways. For example , one can take one of our Sunday readings to form his prayer during the week.

Our prayer must be persevering , trusting , persistent and tireless.

At the conclusion of the Gospel reading ,the Lord asks an astonishing question ‘ When the son of man returns , will He find any faith on earth? Will the Lord find the kind of the faith that he just described in the parable, firm, tenacious, strong, persistent, constant like that of the widow?

There is so much that really puts pressure on our faith. An important truth to remember is that faith and prayer go together. For strong faith we need strong prayer.

Let us pray: Lord, give us faith always to stand firm in our prayers. May we persevere and never lose heart knowing that you will always answer us in your own way, time and manner. Amen.

ST. EDWARDS NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SATURDAY, October 26th —There will be NO MASS at St. Edward.

FALL HARVEST PARTY

Sunday, October 27th (5-7pm), we will once again hold our Fall Harvest Party. There is a sign-up chart in the hall for anyone that would like to help. There will be a lot of activities going on. Hayride, costume judging, cake walk....just to name a few. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. If you have any questions please contact Laura Zurliene.

FOOD PANTRY

Last Saturday St. Edward Food Pantry served 43 people with feeding 108 others. The next Food Pantry will be November 2nd because the next weekend is The Veteran’s Breakfast.

PSR NEWS

<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
20 th —PSR	3 rd —PSR	1 st —NO PSR (Thanksgiving)
27 th —NO PSR (Fall Harvest Party	10 TH —PSR	8 th —PSR
	17 TH —PSR	15 TH —PSR (last class until Jan. 12
	24 TH —PSR	

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will resume November 10th at 6:00pm in the hall. The group will meet every other weekend. If interested or have questions please contact Ken & Theresa Nordmann.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Alexander & Joan Black 10-9-1971 (48) Tim & Jackie Schoenborn 10-10-1975 (44)
Don & Denise Zurliene 10-27-1979 (40) Bob & Debra Simmers 10-25-1986 (33)
Richard & Beverly Rennie 10-18-1996 (23) Darin & Jenalyn Wellen 10-28-2007 (12)
Jeff & Valerie Bunting 10-21-2006 (13)

On Sunday, November 3rd, there will be the next Kitchen Remodel Meeting at 6pm.

