

St. Stephen News

Happy Birthday **Kathy Price – Nov. 2, Josh Winka – Nov. 7 Jim Fleener – Nov. 8, Irene Winka – Nov. 9, 81st, Trudi Herdes – Nov. 12, Wyatt Harvey – Nov. 20**

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.

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

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.

November 17, 2019

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, November 16, NO Mass

Sunday, November 17, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Bernard and Kathryn Dunnigan+

Tuesday, November 19, 6:30 p.m. Mass – Al Uebinger+

Wednesday, November 20, 6:30 p.m., Mass –Mary Claire Moses +

Thursday, November 21 8:00 am Mass – Regina Buckleh+

Saturday, November 23, 5:00 p.m. Mass – David Sulsberger

Sunday, November 24, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Kathryn Fleener+

Weekly Contribution- November 10

Envelopes.....\$1,281.00 (44)

Loose..... \$ 183.00

Total.....\$1,464.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Cemetery Fund - \$100

Attendance: Sat. 61 Sunday - 61

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, November 23, 5 p.m. MASS

Lector: Sam Pierce

EM: Krista Weidner, Pat Ridgeway,

Cheryl McCarty,

Servers: Pierce Family

Ushers: Jim Klein, Jerry Price

Sunday, Nov. 24, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Ted Whitehead Commentator:

Phil Fancher EM: Beth Fancher, Dennis

Holkenbrink, Deb Zimmerman

Servers: Nolan & Max Duquaine

Ushers: Jerod Fleener, Alan Huff

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, November 16, NO MASS

Sunday, November 17, 8:30 a.m. Mass, PSR &
Adoration,

Tuesday, November 19, 6:30 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, November 20, 6:30 p.m. Mass, Adoration
7 pm- 12am

Thursday, November 21, 8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, November 22, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to
3:15 pm. Servite Rosary 12 noon,
Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3p.m.

Saturday, November 23 – 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, November 24, 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, Ed Perk,
Georgia Klingler, Celeste Replogle, Georgianna Weber, Luke
Miller, Steve Spitzner, Helen Powless, Nick Compton, Marie
Elwat, Cindy Bloemer, Kennah Hiestand, 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, November 16, 5:00pm—John Robison III+

Sunday, November 17, 10:30am—Larry McClure+

Thursday, November 21, 6:30pm—Blessings Received

Friday, November 22, 8:00am—“Special Intentions”

Saturday, November 23—NO MASS

Sunday, November 24, 10:30am—Barb Wood+

Weekly Contribution 11/10

Envelopes(26) \$1,495.00

Loose 94.00

Total \$1,589.00

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$105.00

Donations 20.00

Attendance: Sat- 0 Sun- 64

Sat., November 23—NO MASS

Lector:

E. Min:

Ushers:

Gifts:

Servers:

Sunday, November 24—10:30am

Lector: Jen Wellen

E. Min: Rod & Peg Garrison

Ushers: Don Zurliene, Scott Merkle

Gifts: The Nick Zurliene Family

Servers: Cooper Berg, Jedd Wellen

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

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

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul
1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63 Lk 18:35-43

Tues: Weekday

2 Mc 6:18-31

Lk 19:1-10

Wed: Weekday

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31

Lk 19:11-28

Thur: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Mc 2:15-29

Lk 19:41-44

Fri: Saint Cecilia

1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59

Lk 19:45-48

Sat: St. Clement I, Pope; St. Columban, Abbot

1 Mc 6:1-13

Lk 20:27-40

Sun: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Sm 5:1-3

Col 1:12-20

Lk 23:35-43

St. Edward and St. Stephen News

Next weekend there will be a special collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development. If you do not already have an envelope, please put your contribution in a plain envelope and mark it for Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Thank you for your help.

Teach by Example! Share The Messenger with Friends or Family. Subscribe online for our Paper or the E-edition go to www.bellevillemessenger.org or Call 618-233-8670.

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 .

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

There will BE mass at St. Stephen's on Saturday, November 23.



St. Ann's Altar Society Cookie Walk will be held on December 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ladies be thinking about cookies to bake for the walk. There are sign-up sheets at both entrances to help before, during and after the walk. We need lots of help!

*Set up on Thursday, Dec. 5, 6 to 7 p.m.,

*Cookie Drop off times are Friday, Dec. 6, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 5 -7 p.m.



It's Basket Raffle Time! Preparations are underway for the upcoming Basket Raffle. Baskets or items and baskets can be placed in the social room. Baskets are on display and tickets available after weekend Masses. Drawing is **December 7, at noon at the Cookie Walk.** Proceeds from the Raffle will benefit both St. Ann's Altar Society and Guadalupe Project.



***The 2020 Lector Workbooks are in the Sacristy. It begins Dec. 1. All lectors please pick one up.**

***Thank you to Orschelins for the generous donation to St. Stephen Church of \$600.**



If you would like to donate toward purchasing poinsettias for Christmas, in memory of a loved one. Envelope are at both entrances and return in the offertory baskets.

Choir practice schedule for November: Mondays, Nov. 18 and 25 at 7 p.m.

New members are most welcome.



PSR students will be presenting a Christmas program on December 8, with a dinner before. Mark your calendar for this special event!

We are in need of a few volunteers who would be willing to pick up parishioners who need a ride to Mass on occasion. If you are able to help in this ministry, please call Trudi at the parish office on Monday or Wednesday morning, or at 618-838-2720

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

The high school/young adult PSR class is being revised to a group for young adults in high school and college. Each class will be a stand-alone event. We would love to have any young people, in high school or college join us. Gatherings will include videos & discussion on topics of faith. 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.

Nov. 17 – Class Nov. 24 – Class Dec. 1 – No Class Thanksgiving Dec. 8 – Class & Christmas program/dinner Dec. 15 – No Class Dec. 22 – No Class Christmas Dec. 29 – No Class New Years

From Fr. Charles’ desk

Today, the Church celebrates the Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C). Next Sunday will be the last Sunday of Ordinary Time of the year, Thirty-fourth Sunday, and also the feast or solemnity of the Christ the King, Christ the universal King.

Jesus says, “by your perseverance you will secure your lives.”

Each year at this time of the closing of the end of the Church’s Liturgical Year, the Church introduces an eschatological theme and asks us her children to consider seriously the reality of the end of time. It does it to remind us of our own mortality, the unavoidable accountability and the reality of the end. The Church does not want us unprepared to be caught unawares or off-guard, spiritually.

The point of the readings today is to remind us that if we live each day as Jesus has commanded us, loving God and neighbor, we need have nothing to fear. The Scripture has assured us time and time again that we have a loving and caring father who has prepared a place for us from the beginning of the world.

The Scripture spoke of this day with fear and trembling. Prophet Isaiah foresaw it as a day of divine judgement and vindication in which God would punish sinners, and both heaven and earth would tremble (cf. IS.13:9-13). Prophet Zephaniah painted it in a disturbing description , calling it a time of anguish, distress, destruction, desolation, darkness and gloom (cf. Zeph. 1: 15-16). He described it as a time of thick black clouds, trumpet blasts, and battle alarms. Prophet Joel reminded the Jewish people that they too would be held accountable for their sins and urged to repent, to rend their hearts and not merely their garments (cf. Joel 2:1 1-17). The best preparation, according to Paul, for the second of Jesus, is to be faithful to one’s duties, as Jesus had earlier taught in the parable of the vigilant servant (Luke 12:35-48).

Today’s Gospel certainly sounds threatening and ominous, but it gives us strength and hope in difficult times. The temple took them forty -six years to build, and was a grand and glorious building, and built by King Herod the Great. As the followers of Jesus were admiring this Temple, Jesus says that the temple would be destroyed, he adds, “ that’s not the end of the world!” The Lord is teaching us that right up to the end of history, there will be tension and turmoil.

The gospel is teaching us that the future is not shaped by those who keep looking to weep over what is gone. It belongs to the person with faith, vision and confidence in God. The Gospel is a word of hope for any crisis. In the last sentence of today’s Gospel, we remember the Lord’s promise that our endurance will win us our lives. The Lord will be with those who speak in his name. It is a call to constancy, to perseverance and to steadfastness in hope.

Happy Sunday!

ST. EDWARDS NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SAT., November 23rd—There will be no mass at St. Edward.

ALTAR SODALITY

JUST A REMINDER, THE ALTAR SODALITY WILL MEET ON NOVEMBER 18TH IN THE PARISH HALL AT 6:00PM. WE WILL BE WRAPPING OUR ADVENT BAGS FOR THE SHUT-INS OF ST. EDWARD. ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO COME HELP.

<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>PSR SCHEDULE</u>
24 TH --PSR	1 st —NO PSR (Thanksgiving)	
	8 th —PSR	
	15 TH —PSR (last class until Jan. 12	

YOUTH MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone who purchased a pie from the Youth Ministry. They sold and prepared over 90 apple pies.

BIBLE STUDY

BIBLE STUDY WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 24th AT 6:00PM IN THE PARISH HALL. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT KEN OR 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: Dec 3rd, & Dec. 21st (9-1pm....Saturday). Please check your calendars and give Leslie Robison a call. Thank-you.

CONGRATULATIONS

Garland & Linda Keck 11-20-1976 (43yrs.)

Nov 18—Altar Sodality—6:00pm (Advent Bags for Shut-ins)
Nov 21—Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary—6:30pm
Nov 27—Thanksgiving Eve Mass—6:00pm

Mary Jean Ochs extends her sincere thanks to all parishioners who sent prayers, cards, flowers, etc. to her during her weeks of rehabilitation in Clinton, Ill. Mary Jean came home on this past Friday night.

*Would you like to help advertise the upcoming Cookie Walk? Well, you can very easily!
Just share the following information with your friends by e-mail or Facebook.*

CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK



Basket Raffle/Craft Vendors
DECEMBER 7, 2019

9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
812 N. MAIN ST. – FLORA



Homemade holiday cookies and candy! \$8 a pound. You'll have the opportunity to take the "walk" and pick up your own cookies and candy.

Cookies -- Christmas candies – Specialty Items – Basket Raffle – Craft Vendors

The perfect time to pick up that special holiday gift or treat for school, office, or party.

Come in and select your own cookies, choose from our pre-packaged assortments, or call 662-8121 to place an order Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.. 1/3 of all proceeds of cookies/candies will go to the Clay County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry.

Hope you can make it!



"ADVENT EVENSONG"

Sunday, December 1, 2019 4:00pm

Holy Cross Church – Wendelin

**A candlelight service with Scripture, Organ, English Carols, & Austrian
Christmas music – sung in German, by the Wendelin Kloepfen Singers**

Reconciliation available at 3:00pm

Refreshments after program at Holy Cross Parish Center

Dedicated to the memory of Fr. David Braun