

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 remember Jean Guerretaz’s grandson, Noah and Ray Winka in your prayers.

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 24, 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 23, 5:00 p.m. Mass – David Sulsberger+
Sunday, November 24, Christ the King, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Kathryn Fleener+
Tuesday, November 26, 6:30 p.m. Mass – Bill & Mary Handley+
Wednesday, November 27, 7:00 p.m., Mass –James Croy +
Thursday, November 28, Thanksgiving Day, 8:00 am Mass –
For the living & deceased of the parish
Saturday, November 30, 5:00 p.m. Mass – Margie (Bultman) Heath+
Sunday, December 1, 8:30 a.m. Mass – David Sulsberger+

Weekly Contribution- November 17
Envelopes.....\$1,454.00 (32)
Loose.....\$ 222.00
Total.....\$1,696.00
We Need - \$1,731.00
Attendance: Sat. NM Sunday - 115

Weekend Ministers
Saturday, November 30, 5 p.m. MASS
Lector: Cheryl McCarty EM: Jim Fehrebnher, Krista Weidner, Pat Ridgeway Servers: Pierce Family Ushers: Don Talmant, Mike Winka
Sunday, Dec. 1, 8:30 a.m. Mass
Lector: Beth Sulsberger
Commentator: Deb Zimmerman
EM: Beth & Phil Fancher, Emily Milner
Servers: Nolan & Max Duquaine, Ethan Milner Ushers: Ted Zimmerman, Dennis Holkenbrink

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

St. Stephen Upcoming Activities
Saturday, November 23, 5:00 p.m. MASS
Sunday, November 24, 8:30 a.m. Mass, PSR & Adoration,
Tuesday, November 26, 6:30 p.m. Mass
Wednesday, November 27, 7:00 p.m.. Mass, Adoration 7 pm- 12am
Thursday, November 28, Thanksgiving, 8:00 a.m. Mass
Friday, November 29, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 pm. Servite Rosary 12 noon, Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3p.m.
Saturday, November 30 – 5:00 p.m. Mass
Sunday, December 1, 8:30 a.m. Mass, NO 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, Bob Bluhm, Rhonda Ryker, Don & Mary Bunnell, Paul Weidner, Marilyn Wheaton, JR 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, Clem Hilmes,

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Saturday, November 23—NO MASS
Sunday, November 24, 10:30am—Barb Wood+
Wednesday, November 27, 5:30pm—Thanksgiving for Blessings Received
Thursday(28th) & Friday(29th)—NO MASS
Saturday, November 30—NO MASS
Sunday, December 1, 10:30am—Quentin & Beulah Keck+

Weekly Contribution 11/17
Envelopes(31) \$2,338.00
Loose 146.00
Total \$2,484.00 We
need \$1,887.00
Building Fund \$227.00
Donations 20.00
Attendance: Sat- 30 Sun- 69

Sat., November 30—NO MASS
Lector:
E. Min:
Ushers:
Gifts:
Servers:

Sunday, December 1—10:30am
Lector: David Mills
E. Min: Jim & Margaret Thompson
Ushers: Ken & Theresa Nordmann
Gifts: Rod & Peg Garrison
Servers: Andrew Milligan, Jack Gacek

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, Wallace Harden, 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: Saint Catherine of Alexandria
Dn 1:1-6,8-20 Lk 21:1-4
Tues: Weekday
Dn 2:31-45 Lk 21:5-11
Wed: Weekday
Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28 Lk 21:12-19
Thur: Thanksgiving
Sir 50:22-24 1 Cor 1:3-9 Lk 17:11-19
Fri: Weekday
Dn 7:2-14 Lk 21:29-33
Sat: Saint Andrew, Apostle
Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22
Sun: First Sunday of Advent
Is 2:1-5 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44

St. Edward and St. Stephen News

This, 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.

Are you a subscriber to The Messenger? Thank you! You've made a smart decision to receive enlightening and absorbing articles from prominent thinkers and local news all designed to give you new insights and hope. The Messenger.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal... Blessed to receive, chosen to give

On behalf of the ministries and programs funded by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and those they serve, we thank you for your prayers and continued generosity to the 2019 campaign. May you and your families feel the warmth of God's love and the comfort of His peace at Thanksgiving and always.

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 30. Please note this week's mass times.



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. Tickets for the basket raffle are available after weekend masses. Drawing is at noon on Dec. 7, at the Cookie Walk. Proceeds will benefit 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.

****Applications for the Angel Tree recipients can be found at both entrances. Please return by December 1st.**



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

Choir practice is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. New members are most welcome.

PSR students will be presenting a Christmas program on December 8, with a dinner at 6 p.m. Bring a covered dish, meat and drink will be provided. Mark your calendar for this special event!



The next three Altar Society rotating chairmen are Jill Fehrenbacher, Mary Beth Lancaster/Susan Schroeder, Erin/Emma Pierce.

We are in need of 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. 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

“Those who rule must learn to serve like Christ”.

Today is the last Sunday of the Church year which celebrates and solemnizes the Kingship of Jesus Christ . The solemnity of this feast was instituted in 1925 was to encourage up-building of Christ’s Kingdom in this world and to promote the reign of Christ in the world. For the pope, Christ is the author of happiness and true prosperity for every man and for every nation. Anybody who refuses Christ’s reign will never find true happiness and security. This feast enables us to acknowledge Jesus’ dominion over the preceding year and to proceed onward into the new church year . Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. In this year (A) St . Mathew ‘s Gospel will predominate .

The church has also in mind in establishing and celebrating this feast , just to remind the modern man who seems to have forgotten this supernatural destiny and at the same time to remind us that there is accountability and judgement after this life .

This feast places service and love as the only royal road to greatness and pre-eminence. It is the love that motivates service and without it service is empty . This feast has therefore, redefined the meaning of power and authority. From now onward, to serve in love will remain the only way to exhibit power. In the Kingdom of Jesus , service is the hallmark of authority . this is exactly what he taught the disciples on their way to Jerusalem as he called them privately about the meaning of the authority and kingship while they were quarrelling about the sharing of power after Jesus. He taught them in these words when he said : “ you know that the rulers of this world have power over them This , however , is not the way it shall be among you. If one of you wants to be great he must be the servant of the restlike the Son of Man , who did not come to be served , but to serve and give his life to redeem many people”.

Jesus’s kingdom is different from the worldly kingdom. He rules in men’s hearts and his throne is from the cross. He wears no crowns made of gold or diamond, but of thorns. He carries the burdens of his subjects. Those who rule must learn to die like Jesus on the cross for their subjects .

Today’s feast is a challenge for all of us. It is so in the sense that we shall publicly proclaim and confess that Jesus is our King, that Christ is the center of our lives and the center of all we do. The feast is also a blessing for all of us at this end of the Church ‘s year.

Happy feast of Christ the King and happy Sunday !

ST. EDWARDS NEWS

REMINDER: NEXT SAT., November 30th—There will be no mass at St. Edward.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Reminder: Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday, December 5th at 7pm. The minutes will be on the bulletin board next weekend.

ALTAR SODALITY

Thank-you to the ladies that came and helped put the Advent bags together for our parishioners.

December PSR SCHEDULE

1st—NO PSR (Thanksgiving)
8th—PSR
15TH—PSR (last class until Jan. 12

YOUTH MINISTRY

Please remember the youth in your prayers this weekend for safe travels and may they be inspired by the Holy Spirit. They are attending NCYC in Indianapolis, Ind.

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.

JESSE TREE

We, the Ladies Sodality, are continuing the custom of a “Jesse Tree” during Advent this year. Jesse was the father of David, one of the earliest Kings of Israel. Since the Messiah was to come from the line of Kings in Israel, this “Jesse Tree” commemorates the ancestry of Jesus and helps us to “Prepare the way of the Lord” through our thoughts and actions. In each bulletin until Christmas, information will be given for your journey through Advent by way of the Jesse Tree.

To “Prepare the way of the Lord” for your journey with the Jesse Tree, after Mass the weekend of Nov. 24th, take a few parishioner/family names from the basket. Say some prayers for them this week. When you come to church next weekend, (Nov. 30th-Dec. 01st, First Sunday of Advent) tie a ribbon on our Jesse Tree.

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 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 Kloeppen Singers

Reconciliation available at 3:00pm

Refreshments after program at Holy Cross Parish Center

Dedicated to the memory of Fr. David Braun