

St. Stephen News

Happy Birthday Dec 5th - Tina Winka and 6th – Bernie Brown, Ray Winka – Dec 17. Happy 80th Birthday Jerry Bible – Dec. 20 29th Kaleb Greenwood

Happy Anniversary December 5 - Jerry & Kathy Price Jane & Phil Henson

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.

December 29, 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.

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. Stephen

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, December 28, 5:00 p.m. MASS – Robert & Agnes Feldhake+

Sunday, Dec. 29, 8:30 a.m. Mass – For the living & deceased of the parish

Tuesday, December. 31, New Years Eve, 7 p.m. Mass – Ed Trittschuh+

Wednesday, January. 1, New Years Day, 10:30 a.m. Mass – Noah Guerrettaz+

Thursday, January 2, 8:00 am Mass – Bill & Mary Handley+

Friday, January 3, 6:00 p.m. – Special Intentions

Saturday, January 4, NO MASS

Sunday, January 5, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Jim Stanford+

1st Friday of Each Month Adoration 5 – 6 p.m. Mass 6 p.m.

Weekly Contribution- December 22

Envelopes.....\$1421.00 (40)

Loose.....\$ 138.00

Total.....\$1,559.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Cemetery Fence Fund: \$500.00

Attendance: Sat. NM Sunday - 115

Weekend Ministers
Saturday, January 4, NO MASS

Sunday, January 5, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Sam Pierce

Commentator: Phil Fancher

EM: Beth Fancher, Dorothy Uebinger, Beth Sulsberger

Servers: Nolan & Max Duquaines

Ushers: Justin Fleener, Tony 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, December 28, 5 p.m. MASS

Sunday, December, 29 8:30 a.m. Mass, NO PSR or Adoration

Tuesday, December 31 New Years Eve, 7:00 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, January 1, New Years Day, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, January 2, 8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, January 3, 6:00 p.m. Mass, Adoration 5 to 6 p.m.

Saturday, January 4, NO MASS

Sunday, January 5, 8:30 a.m. Mass, PSR or Adoration, Food Pantry Collection

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 Repogle, Georgianna Weber, Luke Miller, 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, Pat Like, Carrie Nussmeyer, Larry Hagen, Maria Pemberton

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 28—NO MASS

Sunday, December 29, 10:30am—Vincent & Doris Meisner+

Wednesday, January 1, 8:30am—Colin Witt+ (Solemnity of Mary)

Thursday, January 2, 6:30pm—Blessings Received

Friday, January 3, 8:00am—St. Edward Parishioners

Saturday, January 4, 5:00pm—Jim Turner+

Sunday, January 5, 10:30am—Larry McClure+

Weekly Contribution 12/22-25

Envelopes(36) \$1,871.00

Loose 204.00

Total \$2,075.00

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$2,850.53

Christmas 1,915.00

For the Needy 310.00

Solemnity of Mary 5.00

First Offering 10.00

Attendance: Sat-34 Sun- 86

Christ. Eve-94 Christ. Day-42

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, 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, Mary Jean Ochs, Rusti Grogan, Ed Nelson, Wallace Hart, Mark Fleming, & all priests who are sick.

Wed., January 1—8:30am

We will need volunteers for the Ministry positions. Thanks

Sat, January 4—5:00pm

Lector: Mike Oppenheimer

E. Mins: Tim & Jackie Schoenborn

Ushers: Jim & Margaret Thompson

Gifts: Ray & Sally Conley

Servers: volunteer

Sun, January 5—10:30am

Lector: David Mills

E. Mins: Jeff & Mary Murphy

Ushers: Scott Merkle, Rick Rennier

Gifts: The Nick Zurliene Family

Servers: Jackson Mills, Ailyn Z.

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: *Sixth Day in The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40

Tues: *Seventh Day in The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18

Wed: *Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God*

Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

Thur: *Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen*

1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28

Fri: *Christmas Weekday, The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

1 Jn 2:29—3:6 Jn 1:29-34

Sat: *Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton*

1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42

Sun: *The Epiphany of the Lord*

Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12

St. Edward and St. Stephen News

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

2019-2020 St. Edward and St. Stephen Masses and Special Services

Tuesday, December 31 St. Stephen Mass – 7:00 p.m.
Eve of Solemnity of Virgin Mary

Wednesday, January 1 St. Edward Mass – 8:00 a.m.
Solemnity of Virgin Mary St. Stephen Mass – 10:30 a.m.



**HAPPY NEW YEAR
MAY 2020 BE A BLESSED NEW YEAR**

WELCOME VISITORS ATTENDING MASS THIS WEEK AND WEEKEND Come visit us again.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

There will BE mass at St. Stephen’s on Saturday, December 28.

Plans are being made for a new fence at St. Stephen’s cemetery. IF you would like to contribute to this effort, please enclose your gift in an envelope marked “Cemetery Fund” and put it in the offertory basket. Thank you.

The Cookie Walk was a huge success this year. We had an amazing crowd that bought pounds and pounds of cookies. Our net income was just shy of \$2,000! To everyone that participated by baking, working, selling, and buying cookies, a BIG THANK YOU!!!

FYI: Remember there are current bulletins in the mailbox on the south door.

Thank you to Frank and Bright Funeral Home for the 2020 calendars. Please pick them up in the back of church. There are 2020 envelopes on the table too.

The next three Altar Society rotating chairmen are 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 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.

Dec. 22 – No Class Christmas	Dec. 29 – No Class New Years	January 5 – Class
January 12 – Class	January 19 – Class	January 26 – Class
February 9- Class	February 16 – Class	February 23 - Class



**REMINDER: NEXT SAT., January 4th—There will be mass at St. Edward 5:00pm
Wed, January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary—There will be mass at 8:30am. This is a Holy day of Obligation.**

PSR SCHEDULE

<u>January 2020</u>	<u>February 2020</u>	<u>March 2020</u>	<u>April 2020</u>
5 th —No class	2 nd —PSR	1 st —PSR	5 th —No class
12 th —Resume classes	9 th —PSR	8 th —PSR	12 th —No class
19 th —PSR	16 th —PSR	15 th —PSR	19 th —PSR
26 th —PSR	23 rd —PSR	22 nd —PSR	26 th —PSR (Last Class)
		29 th --PSR	

YOUTH MINISTRY

Thank-you to all the parishioners who purchased the St. Edward shirts. If you were wanting to order one and did not get a chance, there will be another opportunity in a month or so.

BIBLE STUDY

BIBLE STUDY WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 5TH AT 6:00PM IN THE PARISH HALL. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT KEN OR THERESA NORDMANN.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

The collection envelopes for 2020 are on a table in the hall. Your envelope number may have changed due to new parishioners or parishioners leaving. If there was not a box with your name on and you want some please contact the church office.

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. Thank-you.

2020 Schedule: Jan. 16th; Feb. 4th & 22nd; Mar. 12th; Apr. 1st & 18th; May 6th & 23rd; June 11th & 29th.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Feast

Every Family is Holy. Pope Francis was not the first to urge us to see and be holy people. Saint Paul in Colossians 3:12-17, calls us holy and beloved—and list holy behaviors. It recalls the Old Testament covenants and the very peak of creation told in Genesis—human life.

- *How will I, in phone call or letter, speak words of love to my siblings and parents?
- *How will I be ever more holy this day?
- *How will I help families who grieve or hunger or want?

*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.*