

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. Edward and St. Stephen News

The Newman Auxiliary is having a Quilt and Cash Social Bingo on February 23, at St. John the Baptist Parish in Red Bud. Lunch begins at 11 a.m. and Binger starts at 1 p.m. Win quilts, cash, gift baskets and door prizes. All proceeds help support the Newman Catholic Student Center at SIU- Carbondale

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

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.

*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.*



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

St. Stephen News

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

February 2 - Class February 9- Class February 16 – Class February 23 – Class
March 1 – Class March 8 – Class March 15 – Class March 22 - Class March 29 – Class

The next three Altar Society rotating chairmen are: Berenice Brown, Donna Myers and Beth Fancher.

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.

St. Edward News

NEXT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 08, THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT ST. EDWARD.

PSR SCHEDULE

February 2020	March 2020	April 2020
2 nd —PSR	1 st —PSR	5 th —No class
9 th —PSR	8 th —PSR	12 th —No class
16 th —NO PSR	15 th —PSR	19 th —PSR
23 rd —PSR	22 nd —PSR	26 th —PSR (Last Class)
	29 th --PSR	

YOUTH MINISTRY *The next Youth Ministry meeting will be Sunday, February 9th at 5:30pm. *Once again the youth will be participating in the “Souper Bowl of Caring”. Please bring a Non-perishable food items. There will be pots set out to put them in. They will be collecting the weekends of Feb. 2nd & Feb. 9th. All proceeds will be given to “St. Edward Food Pantry”. Thank-you.*

BIBLE STUDY BIBLE STUDY WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 2ND AT 6:00PM IN THE PARISH HALL. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. BIBLE STUDY WILL BE EVERY 1ST & 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

MASS INTENTIONS: Our mass intentions are depleting. If anyone would like masses said for loved ones who have passed or for anyone that is needing some prayers. Please put the names in an envelope with \$10 per mass. Then just drop the envelope into the collection basket. Thank-you.

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

WE ARE MISSING ONE OF THE “LECTOR” CROSS NECKLACE. IF YOU WORE IT HOME BY MISTAKE COULD YOU PLEASE RETURN IT. THANK-YOU.

LOOKING AHEAD:

FEB. 6TH—FINANCE MEETING 7:00PM (Minutes are on the bulletin board)
FEB 12TH—EAST VICARIATE MEETING NOON
MARCH 19TH—ALTAR SODALITY SALAD LUNCHEON
MARCH 21ST—ST. PATRICK’S DINNER

St. Stephen News

There will BE mass at St. Stephen’s on Saturday, February 8.

We extend our sympathy to our former Pastor Father Martin Edward and his family, as we hear of the death of his father, Ezinna Tobias Ohajunwa. May his soul rest in peace.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: The four nominees selected by the Parish to be on the ballot for the Pastoral Council Election are: Susan Schroeder, Mary Beth Lancaster, Deb Duquaine and Pat Ridgeway. A final vote to select two of the four nominees, to fill the two open seats, will be held on Saturday and Sunday, February 8 and 9.



We will be delivering Meals on Wheels in March. The sign-up sheet is on the table at the south door entrance. Please sign up to help with this wonderful ministry. Questions talk to Beth Fancher, bafancher@wabash.net 618-676-4292.

We will be having an Altar Society Meeting after Mass this Sunday. We will meet in the Library grab a donut and drink and come join the meeting! Super Bowl Breakfast after Sunday mass.

HOME BLESSINGS - Contact Ted Whitehead to set up a time for Father Charles to come and bless your home. For more information see Ted or Father Charles.

LOST & FOUND: There is an off white large doily that I found in the parking lot, contact Beth Fancher, if it is yours, 618-676-4292.

St. Stephen Church is planning to replace the current cemetery fence at the front of the cemetery with a sturdy white metal picket fence. This attractive fence should last for several generations, but is more expensive than most conventional fencing. Please consider donating to this project. Place your donation in an envelope marked "cemetery fence" and place it in the collection basket.

In the event a priest is not available to perform the Liturgies, Jim Fehrenbacher has attended the diocesan program “The Ministry of Presiding at Prayer for Deacons and Lay Leaders” He has completed his initial training and has agreed to minister in our parish. Today and in the future, we ask you to support these leaders of prayer and to pray for them in their ministry.

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in February.

Birthdays: Mark Winka, Feb. 3; Landon Milner Feb. 8; Diana Fleener Feb. 13, Krista Weidner Feb. 14; Dorothy Uebinger, 90th Feb. 17, Heather Greenwood Feb, 22, Fr. Charles Feb. 24

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 put this information in the bulletin.

