

St. Stephen News

St. Anne's Altar Society met on February 2. They discussed purchasing ink pens for Mother's and Father's Days. Last year's Monetary Donation Fundraiser made \$925. The 2019 Cookie Walk and Basket Raffle brought in \$1983 and \$1296 respectively. They have set a tentative date for the upcoming Rummage and Plant Sale with details to come. New officers were appointed for the 2020 year with Alison Harvey, President; Donna Keyser, Vice President/Reporter; Deb Duquaine, Secretary; Marilyn Stanford, Treasurer and Cheryl McCarty a St. Anne's Representative. Finally, they listened to ideas presented about kitchen remodeling and repainting the social room. The next meeting is set for June 7, 2020. Thank you Alison and all the ladies who donate their time, talent and treasure to our Church.

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in February.

Birthdays: 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

Special 90th Birthday blessings to Dorothy Uebinger.



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.

St. Stephen Cemetery Committee

Cheryl McCarty – Chairman Justin Fleener, Vice Chairman

Records Committee

Larry Timm, Chairman, Ted Zimmerman, Ted Whitehead, Jerry Price, Jim Klein

Finance Committee

Ted Zimmerman, Chairman, Cheryl McCarty, Justin Fleener, Larry Timm, Becky Timm

Grounds Committee

Jerry Price, Chairman, Jim Klein, Larry Timm, Ted Whitehead, Ted Zimmerman, Paul Duquaine, Becky Timm, Bobbie Briscoe

Father Charles Anyaoku, Moderator

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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. 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 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 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

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Times

February 9, 2020

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 8, 5:00 p.m. MASS – Clem Hilmes+

Sunday, February 9, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Ezinna Tobias Ohajunwa+

Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 p.m. Mass – Mary Claire Moses+

Wednesday, February 12, 6:30 p.m. Mass – Bill & Mary Handley +

Thursday, February 13, 8:00 am Mass – For the living & deceased of the parish

Saturday, February 15, NO MASS

Sunday, February 16, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Stan & Ginny Timm +

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

Weekly Contribution February 2

Envelopes.....\$1,684.00 (39)

Loose.....\$ 69.00

Total.....\$1,731.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Attendance: Saturday NM Sunday 107

Food Pantry \$321.00

Cemetery Fence Fund \$1050

Solemnity of Mary \$10

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, February 15, NO MASS

Sunday, February 16, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Ted Whitehead

Commentator: Beth Sulsberger

EM: Beth Fancher, Emily Milner,
Dennis Holkenbrink

Servers: Duquaine's

Ushers: Justin 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, February 8, 5:00 p.m. MASS, Council Election

**Sunday, February 9, 8:30 a.m. Mass, PSR and Adoration,
Council Election**

Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 p.m. Mass

**Wednesday, February 12, 6:30p.m. Mass, Cemetery
Committee Meeting 7 p.m.**

Thursday, February 13, 8:00 a.m. Mass

**Friday, Feb. 14, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to 3:15
pm. Servite Rosary noon, Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3pm**

Saturday, Feb. 15, NO MASS

Sunday, February 16, 8:30 a.m. Mass, PSR & Adoration

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Griffy, Bill Marks, Nicole Wheaton,
Velma Oliver, Clara Wilson, Ray Vaughn, LaVonne Kemmerer,
Patience McKnight, Mildred Garrison, Joe Falica, Pat Venable,
Chris Boyd, Clarice Schweighart, 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, Helen Powless, Nick
Compton, Marie Elwat, Cindy Bloemer, Kennah Hiestand, Jean
Quinn, Betty Greenwood, Claire Karasch, Judie Powless, Claire
Fopay, Steve Feldhake, Harrison Hilliard, Larry Hagen, Maria
Pemberton, Joyce Heuerman

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Times

February 9, 2020

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 8—NO MASS

Sunday, February 9, 10:30am—Larry McClure+

Thursday, February 13, 6:30pm—Patty Brunell+

Friday, February 14, 8:00am—Barb Wood+

Saturday, February 15, 5:00pm—Don & Loretta Schoenborn+

Sunday, February 16, 10:30am—Jim Holstein+

Weekly Contribution 02/02

Envelopes(42) \$1,741.00

Loose 55.00

Total \$1,796.00

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$157.00

Donations 270.00

First Offering 5.00

Attendance: Sat-28 Sun- 56

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, Mary Murphy, Ginny Barrett, Ernie Sork, Donna
Sullivan, David Ochs, Rusti Grogan & all priests who are sick.

Sat, February 15—5:00pm

Lector: Don Zurliene

E. Mins: Sally Conley, Diana Zurliene

Ushers: Jim & Margaret Thompson

Gifts: John & Leslie Robison

Servers: volunteer

Sun, February 16—10:30am

Lector: Jen Wellen

E. Mins: Peg Garrison, David Mills

Ushers: Craig Z., Nick Zurliene

Gifts: The Felowitz Family

Servers: Jedd Wellen, Stella Zurliene

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

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Saint Scholastica, Virgin

1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13 Mk 6:53-56

Tues: Our Lady of Lourdes

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Mk 7:1-13

Wed: Weekday

1 Kgs 10:1-10 Mk 7:14-23

Thur: Weekday

1 Kgs 11:4-13 Mk 7:24-30

Fri: Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12-19 Mk 7:31-37

Sat: Weekday

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Mk 8:1-10

Sun: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37

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

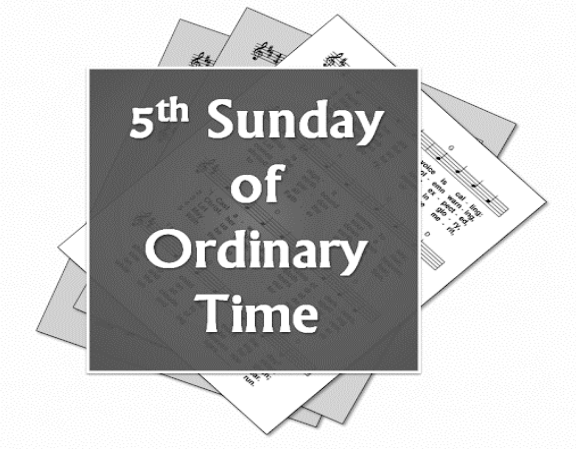
Guadalupe Project: Anyone wishing to make a monetary contribution to the Guadalupe Project may place their donation in an envelope labeled “Guadalupe” and put it in the collection basket .

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 9- Class February 16 – Class February 23 – Class
March 1 – Class March 8 – Class March 15 – Class March 22 - Class March 29 – Class
April 5 – No Class, Palm Sunday April 12 No Class, Easter April 19 – Class April 26 - 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 15—There will be mass at St. Edward 5:00pm

PSR SCHEDULE

February 2020	March 2020	April 2020
9 th —PSR	1 st —PSR	5 th —No class
16 th —NO PSR	8 th —PSR	12 th —No class
23 rd —PSR	15 th —PSR	19 th —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 16th AT 6:00PM IN THE PARISH HALL. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. BIBLE STUDY WILL BE EVERY 1ST & 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

EAST VICARIATE DEANERY MEETING

On Wednesday, February 12th, St. Edward is hosting the Deanery Meeting and Luncheon. We are in need of donations of salads, and desserts. Meat will be provided by the church. Anyone wishing to help with these items please contact Denise Zurliene, Theresa Nordmann, or Peg Garrison. 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. 22nd; Mar. 12th; Apr. 1st & 18th; May 6th & 23rd; June 11th & 29th.

Please keep Libby Pond, Tom & Lisa Konopasek, Jay & Lisa Fyie in your prayers for safe travels. On February 11th they will be heading to the Holy Land for a pilgrimage.

LOOKING AHEAD:

FEB 12TH—EAST VICARIATE MEETING NOON

FEB 23RD—BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR FATHER CHARLES (AFTER 10:30AM MASS)

MARCH 19TH—ALTAR SODALITY SALAD LUNCHEON

St. Stephen News

There WILL NOT BE mass at St. Stephen’s on Saturday, February 15.



We extend our sympathy to the family of Tyler Schroeder. Tyler passed away February 4. A funeral ceremony will be held 3 p.m. Sunday, February 9, at St. Stephen Catholic Church. Interment will follow in St. Stephen Cemetery. Visitation will be 12 noon until 3 p.m. at the church. May his soul rest in peace.

Congratulations to Andrew and Jessica Vahling. They are the proud parents of an 8 lb. 5 oz., 21 inch daughter, Gianna Marie. Gianna was born February 1st. Congratulations!!!!



There will be a CEMETERY COMMITTEE meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 7 p.m. This is a reorganization meeting so it is important for all members to attend.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: The four nominees selected by the Parish, for the Pastoral Council Election are: Susan Schroeder, Mary Beth Lancaster, Deb Duquaine and Pat Ridgeway. Voting for two open seats will be held this weekend, 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.

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.

NEW MINISTERS We have several people that are preparing to serve as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. We thank them for serving and appreciate their willingness to serve in these special ministries. Mary Beth Lancaster will be serving as a Lector starting in March.

We are in dire need of altar servers. Altar servers can be children who have received their first communion and adults. All are welcome.

. 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 completed his initial training to serve as “The Ministry of Presiding at Prayer for Deacons and Lay Leaders” Today and in the future, we ask you to support these leaders of prayer and to pray for them in their ministry.

