

St. Stephen News

Do you like to sew? Would you enjoy spending a little time sewing with an old-fashioned sewing circle? Clay County Health Department's hospice program is in need of lap quilts for the hospice patients. They will provide the fabric. All you need is a sewing machine and your sewing notions. We would gather in the Social Room to visit and sew. You've never made a quilt but would like to come? No problem. We will teach you.

Are you Interested, please call Cheryl McCarty, 815-343-1502 for more information.



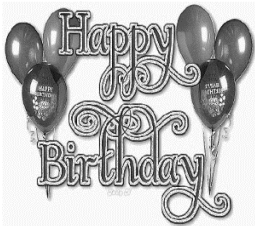
"if you would like to contribute to the cemetery fence fund, please place your donation in an envelope marked 'cemetery fence.' and drop it in the collection basket. Thank you."

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in February.

Birthdays: Dorothy Uebinger, Feb. 17, **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
Father Charles Anyaoku, Moderator

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

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches

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Rectory Phone: 618-662-6261 Cell phone: 618-641-8978

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 Parish Offices.

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, February 15, NO MASS

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

Tuesday, February 18, 6:30 p.m. Mass – Dominic & Mary Talmant+

Wednesday, February 19, 6:30 p.m. Mass – Kenny & Evelyn Myers +

Thursday, February 20, 8:00 am Mass – For the living & deceased of the parish

Saturday, February 21, 5:00 p.m. MASS – Ray Winka+

Sunday, February 22, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Meagan Hudson+

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

Weekly Contribution February 9

Envelopes.....\$2,558.00 (39)

Loose.....\$ 75.00

Total.....\$2,633.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Attendance: Saturday 89 Sunday 63

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, February 22, 5 p.m. MASS

Lector: Cheryl McCarty

EM: Pat Ridgeway, Jim Fehrenbacher,
Krista Weidner

Servers: Pierce Family

Ushers: Jerry Price, Jerod Fleener

Sunday, February 23, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Emily Milner

Commentator: Ted Whitehead

EM: Dorothy Uebinger, Dennis
Holkenbrink, Deb Zimmerman

Servers: Duquaine's, Ethan Milner

Ushers: Ted Zimmerman, 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 15 NO MASS

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

Tuesday, February 18, 6:30 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, February 19, 6:30p.m. Mass, Finance Co.

Thursday, February 20, 8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, Feb. 21, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to
3:15 pm. Servite Rosary noon, Chaplet to Divine
Mercy 3pm

Saturday, Feb. 22, 5 p.m. MASS

Sunday, Feb 23, 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, Rhonda Ryker, Don & Mary Bunnell,
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, Harrison Hilliard, Larry
Hagen, Maria Pemberton, Joyce Heuerman

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

Thursday, February 20, 6:30pm—John Robison III+

Friday, February 21, 8:00am—Catholic Extension Donors

Saturday, February 22—NO MASS

Sunday, February 23, 10:30am—Kris Huffstodt+

Weekly Contribution 02/09

Envelopes(29) \$1,727.00

Loose 115.00

Total \$1,842.00

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$466.88

Donations 20.00

First Offering 5.00

Attendance: Sat-0 Sun- 67

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, 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, Rusti
Grogan, Ed Nelson, Wallace Hart, Mark Fleming, Mary Murphy,
Ernie Sork, Donna Sullivan, David Ochs & all priests who are sick.

Sat, February 22—NO MASS

Lector:

E. Mins:

Ushers:

Gifts:

Servers:

Sun, February 23—10:30am

Lector: Mike Oppenheimer

E. Mins: Gary & Myrtle Snodgrass

Ushers: Scott Merkle, Rick Titzer

Gifts: The Nick Zurliene Family

Servers: Cali Bunting, Peyton Felowitz

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

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Jas 1:1-11 Mk 8:11-13

Tues: Weekday

Jas 1:12-18 Mk 8:14-21

Wed: Weekday

Jas 1:19-27 Mk 8:22-26

Thur: Weekday

Jas 2:1-9 Mk 8:27-33

Fri: Saint Peter Damian, Bishop

Jas 2:14-24,26 Mk 8:34-9:1

Sat: The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4 Mt 16:13-19

Sun: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2,17-18 1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48

St. Edward and St. Stephen News

The week of February 26, there will be a special collection for Support the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. If you do not already have an envelope, please put your contribution in a plain envelope and mark it for Support the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Thank you.

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 .

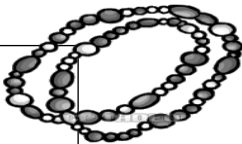
TO ALL PARISHIONERS: Someone is sending emails with my name on it. In case you receive any strange mails bearing my name, first verify its authenticity from me by calling this number 618-641-8978 before responding.
Thank you - Fr. Charles

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.*

As Lenten season approaches and Mardi Gras parades start, many colored beads are thrown out ... ever notice the colors? Most are Green, Gold & Purple. Do we know what these colors represent? Green beads stand for our Faith....
Gold beads stand for his Power
Purple stands for Justice



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 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

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS, February 26, will be at 7:00 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. at St. Stephen Church.
St. Edward mass is 6:00 p.m.

Please pick up a LITTLE BLACK Book in the back of Church. These are six minute meditations on the Sundays of Lent (Cycle A).

The next three Altar Society rotating chairmen are: Donna Myers, Beth Fancher, Jill Fehrenbacher.

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,

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NEXT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd —There will be NO MASS at St. Edward.

PSR SCHEDULE

February 2020	March 2020	April 2020
	1 st —PSR	5 th —No class
	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, March 15th at 5:30pm.

ZURLIENE BEEF STEW LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH, WILL BE THE ZURLIENE “ANNUAL” BEEF STEW LUNCHEON. THE FESTIVITIES WILL BEGIN AT NOON. PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH OR DESSERT. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED.

Kitchen Remodel

There will be a kitchen remodel meeting Sunday, February 16th at 5:30pm.

FOOD PANTRY WAS HELD LAST WEEKEND. 41 PEOPLE CAME THROUGH WITH US HELPING 112 IN THE COMMUNITY. GREAT JOB!!!

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.

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

MARCH 19TH—ALTAR SODALITY SALAD LUNCHEON

MARCH 21ST—ST. PATRICK’S DINNER (following 5:00pm mass)

PLEASE BRING IN OLD PALMS NEXT SUNDAY (23RD) TO BURN FOR ASHES. THANK YOU

St. Stephen News

There WILL BE mass at St. Stephen’s on Saturday, February 22.



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!!!!



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.



The envelopes for donating towards the purchase of Easter flowers are at both entrances on the book shelves. Flowers can be donated in memory of a loved one. Place the donation in the envelopes and put them in the offertory baskets during masses.

ASH WEDNESDAY

St. Patrick's Day