

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

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Times

February 23, 2020

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 22, 5:00 p.m. MASS – Ray Winka+

Sunday, February 23, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Morgan Hudson+

Tuesday, February 25, 6:30 p.m. Mass – Bill & Mary Handley+

Ash Wednesday, February 26, 7:00 a.m. Mass - Noah Guerrettez+

7:15 p.m. Mass – The Judd Family+

Thursday, February 27, 8:00 am Mass – For the living & deceased of the parish

Saturday, February 29, NO MASS

Sunday, March 1, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Tyler Schroeder+

Weekly Contribution February 16

Envelopes.....\$1,447.00 (31)

Loose.....\$ 63.00

Total.....\$1,510.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Cemetery Fund - \$100

Attendance: Saturday NM Sunday 94

St. Stephen Upcoming Activities

Saturday, February 22, 5 p.m. MASS

Sunday, February 23, 8:30 a.m. Mass, PSR and Adoration

Tuesday, February 25, 6:30 p.m. Mass

Ash Wednesday, February 26, 7 a.m. & 7:15 p.m. Mass,

Thursday, February 27, 8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, Feb. 28, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 pm. Servite Rosary noon, Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3pm

Saturday, Feb. 29, NO MASS

Sunday, March 1, 8:30 a.m. Mass, PSR & Adoration, Donut Sunday, Food Pantry Collection

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Griffy, Bill Marks, Nicole Wheaton, Velma Oliver, Clara Wilson, Ray Vaughn, LaVonne Kemmerer, Pat Venable, Chris Boyd, Clarice 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

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, February 29 NO MASS

Sunday, March 1, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Sam Pierce

Commentator: Jim Fehrenbacher

EM: Deb Zimmerman, Dorothy Uebinger, Beth Sulsberger

Servers: Nolan & Max Duquaine

Ushers: Ted Zimmerman, Tony Holkenbrink

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

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Times

February 23, 2020

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 22—NO MASS

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

Ash Wednesday, February 26, 6:00pm—Don & Loretta Schoenborn+

Thursday, February 27, 6:30pm—Kirk & Elaine Kerchner+

Friday, February 28, 8:00am—Martin & Carol Lawler+

Saturday, February 29, 5:00pm—Angela Smith+

Sunday, March 1, 10:30am—Kelly Clark+

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY AT 6:00PM

Weekly Contribution 02/16

Envelopes(27) \$1,148.00

Loose 148.00

Total \$1,296.00

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$152.00

Attendance: Sat-31 Sun- 49

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, Mark Fleming, Mary Murphy, Ernie Sork, Donna Sullivan, David Ochs, Paul Hill & all priests who are sick.

Sat, February 29—5:00pm

Lector: Mike Oppenheimer

E. Mins: Tim & Jackie Schoenborn

Ushers: Ken & Theresa Nordmann

Gifts: Ray & Sally Conley

Servers: volunteer

Sun, March 1—10:30am

Lector: David Mills

E. Mins: Rod & Peg Garrison

Ushers: Scott Merkle, Richard Rennie

Gifts: The Bunting Family

Servers: Jack Mills, Hayden Felowitz

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

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Weekday

Jas 3:13-18

Mk 9:14-29

Tues: Weekday

Jas 4:1-10

Mk 9:30-37

Wed: Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thur: Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Dt 30:15-20

Lk 9:22-25

Fri: Friday after Ash Wednesday

Is 58:1-9a

Mt 9:14-15

Sat: Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Is 58:9b-14

Lk 5:27-32

Sun: First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11

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.

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 .

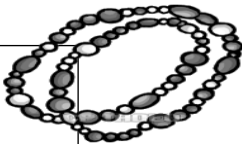
TO ALL PARISHIONERS: Someone is sending emails with my name on it. In case you receive any strange mails bearing my name, first verify its authenticity from me by calling this number 618-641-8978 before responding. Thank you - Fr. Charles

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 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: 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, 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 29nd —There will be Mass at St. Edward 5:00pm

PSR SCHEDULE

<u>March 2020</u>	<u>April 2020</u>
1 st —PSR	5 th —No class
8 th —PSR	12 th —No class
15 th —PSR	19 th —PSR
22 nd —PSR	26 th —PSR (Last Class)
29 th —NO PSR (SAUSAGE DINNER)	

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.

BIBLE STUDY BIBLE STUDY WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 1ST 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.

LOOKING AHEAD:

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

FEB 26TH—ASH WEDNESDAY 6:00PM

MARCH 19TH—ALTAR SODALITY SALAD LUNCHEON

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

MARCH 25TH—JOINT COUNCIL MEETING 7:00PM (at ST. STEPHEN CHURCH)

MARCH 29TH—MEN’S CLUB SAUSAGE DINNER (MASS WILL BE 8:30AM)

Congratulations:

John & Cathy Zurliene 3-2-2000 (20yrs) Dan & Kathy DeVous 3-17-1993 (27yrs)

Please pick up a LITTLE BLACK book for your Lenten Journey.

St. Stephen News

There WILL NOT BE mass at St. Stephen’s on Saturday, February 29.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Joe Falica. Joe died February 17. Joe and his son Michael attended St. Stephen’s until his illness left him homebound. No services are planned, but condolences can be made through Triplet & Neal Funeral Home, Louisville. May his soul rest in peace.

Congratulations to Andrew and Jessica Vahling. Gianna was born February 1st and will be baptized this weekend.



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.

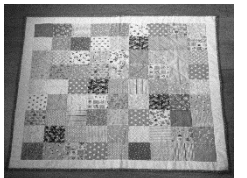
Please pick up a LITTLE BLACK Book in the back of Church. These are six minute meditations on the Sundays of Lent (Cycle A).



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.

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 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. Call Cheryl McCarty, 815-343-1502 for more information.



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 and Andrew Vahling will be serving as a Eucharistic Minister. **We are in dire need of altar servers.** Altar servers can be children who have received their first communion as well as any adult. All are welcome.

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 Fr. Charles, who will celebrate his birthday February 24. Please let Beth Fancher or Trudi Herdes know what dates you are celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or any special events.



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.

March birthdays March 12 Jean Quinn, March 17 Pat Quinn, March 22 Heather Greenwood

The total allocation for The 2020 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal recommended by The CSMA Board members and approved by Bishop Edward Braxton is \$1,057,000.

Goals are in the process of being revised and will be available shortly after communication to the Presbyteral Council.

Sixteen diocesan ministries funded by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal are direct recipients of your parishioners' gifts; added this year is our diocesan newspaper, *The Messenger*.

The largest portion of appeal funds is allocated to our social service agencies Catholic Urban Programs, Daystar Community Program, the Office of Hispanic Ministry, Griffin Center, Prison Ministry and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

I do not need to tell you of the wonderful work done by these agencies' dedicated staff members in serving the poor and those in need; I'm sure you also are aware of the growing number of people who come to them for assistance each year. When appeal goals are not met, this puts additional financial burdens on these agencies or people seeking their help must be turned away. The agencies and those they serve are counting on us so their work continues in the coming year.