

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.

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

First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 29, NO MASS

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

Tuesday, March 3, 6:30 p.m. Mass – Dominic & Mary Talmant+

Wednesday, March 4, 6:30 p.m. Mass – Kenny & Evelyn Myers+

Thursday, March 5, 8:00 am Mass – For the living & deceased of the Parish

Friday, March 6, 6:00 p.m. Station of the Cross/Mass—Bernard & Kathryn Dunnigan+

Saturday, March 7, NO MASS

Sunday, March 8, 8:30 a.m. Mass – James Croy+

1st Friday of each month—Adoration 5:00-6:00pm/Mass 6:00pm

Weekly Contribution February 23

Envelopes.....\$1,689.00 (47)

Loose.....\$ 217.00

Total.....\$1,906.00

We Need - \$1,731.00

Cemetery Fence Fund.....\$200.00

Attendance: Saturday Sunday

Weekend Ministers

Saturday, March 7.

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

Lector: Mary Beth Lancaster

Commentator: Beth Sulsberger EM: Andrew , Emily Milner, Dennis Holkenbrink

Servers: Nolan & Max Duquaine, Ethan Milner

Ushers: Jerry Price, 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 29 NO MASS

Sunday, March 1, 8:30 a.m. Mass, PSR and Adoration

Tuesday, March 3, 6:30 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, March 4, 6:30 p.m. Mass

Thursday, March 5, 8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, March 6, Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 pm. Servite Rosary noon, Chaplet to Divine Mercy 3pm 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Mass

Following Stations

Saturday, March 7, NO MASS

Sunday, March 8, 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

First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Sunday, March 01, 10:30am—Kelly Clark+

Thursday, March 05, 6:30pm—George & Dorothy Brown+

Friday, March 06, 8:00am—Jack Higham+

Saturday, March 07, 5:00pm—Marilyn Dooling+

Sunday, March 08, 10:30am—Larry McClure+

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY AT 6:00PM

Weekly Contribution 02/23

Envelopes(29) \$1,778.00

Loose 139.00

Total \$1,917.00

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$187.00

Attendance: Sat-0 Sun- 85

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, Ruth & Ralph Langhauser, Teresa Williams, Randy White, Raymond Garrison, Noah Gollner, Rusti Grogan, Ed Nelson, Mark Fleming, Mary Murphy, Paul Hill, Ernie Sork, Donna Sullivan, David Ochs & all priests who are sick.

Sat, March 7—5:00pm

Lector: Diana Zurliene

E. Mins: Ken & Theresa Nordmann

Ushers: Jim & Margaret Thompson

Gifts: John & Leslie Robison

Servers: volunteer

Sun, March 8—10:30am

Lector: Tom Konopasek

E. Mins: Gary & Myrtle Snodgrass

Ushers: Craig Zurliene, Kent Ochs

Gifts: The Nick Zurliene Family

Servers: Drew Milligan, Gabby Z.

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

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Lenten Weekday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Mt 25:31-46

Tues: Saint Katharine Drexel

Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15

Wed: Saint Casimir

Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32

Thur: Lenten Weekday

Est C:12,14-16,23-25 Mt 7:7-12

Fri: Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26

Sat: Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48

Sun: Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a 2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9

St. Edward and St. Stephen News

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.

Each year the Lord Jesus calls the entire Church to a special season of penance and renewal. As we begin this holy time of Lent, we should reflect on our need for conversion of heart, prayer, charitable works, and penance.

The season of Lent extends this year from Ash Wednesday, February 26, to the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, April 9, inclusive.

- 1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.**
- 2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is also bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**
- 3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. The other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one’s needs, but altogether they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.**
- 4. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the obligation of the law is modified. Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.**
- 5. Because Lent is a special season for all Christians, we should not lightly excuse ourselves from these penitential practices.**

*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.*

St. Stephen News

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION – Congratulations to Susan Schroeder and Mary Beth Lancaster who will serve as Pastoral Council members.

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6 p.m. On Friday, March 6, there will be a mass right after Stations of the Cross.

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.

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.

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.

March Birthdays: Jean Quinn – March 12, Pat Quinn – March 17, Heather Greenwood – March 22

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 these dates in the bulletin.

St. Edward News

NEXT SATURDAY, March 7th —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: Mar. 12th; Apr. 1st & 18th; May 6th & 23rd; June 11th & 29th.

LOOKING AHEAD:

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.

The Rice Bowl boxes are on the table in the hall/for your loose change to donate during Lent.

St. Stephen News

There WILL NOT BE mass at St. Stephen’s on Saturday, March 7.

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



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 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 thank those who are preparing to serve as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Mary Beth Lancaster, will begin serving as a Lector starting in March and Andrew Vahling will be serving as a Eucharistic Minister. Justin Fleener will be serving as a lector starting in April.

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.

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

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

