

A Prayer for COVID-19 Pandemic

***May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake.***

***May we who have no risk factors
Remember those most vulnerable.***

***May we who have the luxury of working from home
Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.***

***May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close,
Remember those who have no options.***

***May we who have to cancel our Trips
Remember those that have no safe place to go.***

***May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market
Remember those who have no margin at all.***

***May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
Remember those who have no home.***

***As fear grips our country,
Let us choose love.***

***During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.***

*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.*



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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 (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.

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 13, 5 p.m. mass - Maureen Maher+
 Sunday, June 14, 8:30 a.m. mass – St. Ann’s Altar Society
 Tuesday, June 16, 6:30 p.m. mass – Jim, Nancy & Marilyn Staples +
 Wednesday, June 17, 6:30 p.m. mass – James Croy+
 Thursday, June 18, 8:00 a.m. mass – for the living & deceased of the parish
 Saturday, June 20, NO MASS
 Sunday, June 21, 8:30 a.m. mass – Noah Guerrattaz*

Adoration on Wednesdays from 7pm. until midnight, and Fridays from 8:20 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.
 Sacrament of Reconciliation – 8 a.m. Sundays or by request

Three important things to remember
 when coming to Church

1. Pews are marked for social distancing. An usher will seat you so that we can seat as many people as possible while staying within the guidelines. We are very sorry for this inconvenience and we hope this is temporary. The plan for the flow of traffic is to enter through the center aisle and exit through the side aisles.
2. Ushers will be at the back of church. Please stop at the ushers' stand to be seated when you arrive. Offertory baskets will be on this stand to put your envelopes and weekly contribution. Also, if you would like a missal please pick one up here and return to baskets at this sight after mass.
3. Please help us notify any parishioners you can via phone or email. Please review the first email that was sent which contains directives from the diocese.

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

Weekly Contribution June 7th

Envelopes \$3,927.00 (2 weeks)
 Total \$4,927.00
 We need \$1,887.00

Catholic Communication Campaign - \$30
 Accession of the Lord - \$5
 CSMA - \$50

Attendance: Saturday 38 Sunday 42

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Griffy, Bill Marks, Nicole Wheaton, Velma Oliver, Clara Wilson, Ray Vaughn, LaVonne Kemmerer, Patience McKnight, Mildred Garrison, Pat Venable, Clarice Schweighart, Irene Winka, SteveDudzik, Ruth Wilson, Roger Wells, Rhonda Ryker, Don & Mary Bunnell, Marilyn Wheaton, Lois Houlihan, Cory Britton, Ed Perk, Georgia Klingler, Celeste Replogle, Georgianna Weber, Luke Miller, Helen Powless, Marie Elwat, Cindy Bloemer, Kennah Hiestand, Jean Quinn, Claire Karasch, Judie Powless, Claire Fopay, Harrison Hilliard, Becky Dulaney, Maria Pemberton, Joyce Heuerman, Frank Zimmerman, Mary Patridge, Clara Keys, Larry Hagen, Connie Schlabach, Nursing home residents

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 13, 6:30pm—Erwin Manns+
 Sunday, June 14, 10:30am—Garland Keck+
 Thursday, June 18, 6:30pm—Larry Scheller+
 Friday, June 19, 8:00am—Frank & Murel Keoughan+
 Saturday, June 20, 6:30pm—Tom Zurliene+
 Sunday, June 21, 10:30am—Felix Smigiel+

PRAYER INTENTIONS: 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, Cathy Newville, Luke Dewees, Ruth & Ralph Langhauser, Teresa Williams, Randy White, Raymond Garrison, Noah Gollner, Rusti Grogan, Ed Nelson, Mark Fleming, Mary Murphy, Ginny Barrett, Ernie Sork, David Ochs & all priests who are sick.

Weekly Contribution 06/07

Envelopes(31) \$2,494.00
 Loose 40.00
 Total \$2,534.00
 We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$ 82.00
 Donations 575.00

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

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Weekday

1 Kgs 21:1-16 Mt 5:38-42

Tues: Weekday

1 Kgs 21:17-29 Mt 5:43-48

Wed: Weekday

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thur: Weekday

Sir 48:1-14 Mt 6:7-15

Fri: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Dt 7:6-11 1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 11:25-30

Sat: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Chr 24:17-25 Lk 2:41-51

Sun: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:10-13 Rom 5:12-15 Mt 10:26-33

Let our actions reflect the trust and peace that can only be found in Christ Jesus. Stay close to Jesus and the Blessed Mother in prayer, asking that those who are suffering from the disease or from related anxiety may find healing and peace. Amen

St. Edward and St. Stephen News

A Prayer for Our New Bishop

O God, eternal shepherd of the faithful, who tend your Church in countless ways and rule over her in love, grant, we pray, that Michael, your servant, whom you have set over your people, may preside in the place of Christ over the flock whose shepherd he is, and be faithful as a teacher of doctrine, a Priest of sacred worship and as one who serves them by governing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Roman Missal: “Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions,” no. 3)

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 by calling me at 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

Respect Life Corner—In Acts 16, we learn that Paul and Timothy had plans to preach the gospel message to the people of Asia, but they were prevented by the Holy Spirit from doing so. The surely wondered and were not told why. Still, it didn’t prevent them from continuing their mission to proclaim the gospel message. They headed to other areas. Phrygia and Galatia. Their experiences remind us how during uncertainty we are called to do what we can with what we are given. It is our job to “bloom where we are planted”-even if it feels as though we have been planted for a while!
Learn, Act, Connect and Pray—To nurture our spiritual lives, consider adding a daily online Mass or an extra Mass to spend some extra time with our Lord. It will certainly elevate your at-home experience and is the ultimate for of “self-care.” Celebrate His love **for you** today!

Like Paul and Timothy, our priests are doing a tremendous job sharing the Good News when things don’t seem so good! God is still in control and willing **our good**. God calls us to trust in Him.

St. Stephen News

Please prayer for our three children who will receive their First Communion on June 28. They are Kiara Crawford, Khloe Zimmerman and Landon Thompson. God Bless Our Children.



Congratulations to Cory Anderson on receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist on Saturday, June 13, at St. Stephen Church. Welcome to our church family, Cory!

SUMMER CASH GIVEAWAY RAFFLE \$20/ticket. Every week till Labor Day we are giving away two \$100 cash prizes. GRAND PRIZE awarded after Labor Day \$500 and \$1,000! One ticket enters you in all of the drawings. Winners announced on WNOI Radio on Wednesday through Labor Day. All proceeds benefit Guadalupe Project. If you would like to help sell these tickets or purchase one, text Laura Whitehead at 618-599-6786. Since we cannot be together in person, tickets can be purchased online at <https://summercashraffle.square.site/>

From The Pastor’s Desk; Thank you to the 22 households that have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. So far \$4,598.00 has been pledged. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. Our goal is \$4,967.00.

Happy June Birthdays to: Randy Wells – June 12, Mike Winka – June 15, June Harris – June 18, Fern Kestzner – June 24, Jerry Price – June 29.

Happy June Anniversaries to: Pat & Jean Quinn – June 14, Phil & Beth Fancher – June 17.

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.

There are several chalk boards that will be removed from the walls in the Social Room before repainting the room. If interested in purchasing the boards. contact Deb Duquaine. Bids will be accepted.



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: Beth Fancher, Jill Fehrenbacher, Mary Beth Lancaster/Susan Schroeder.

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.

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St. Edward News

IF YOU WISH TO WATCH FATHER CHARLES SAY SUNDAY MASS: It will be live streamed at 10:30am. It will be on Facebook under David Michael Mills Facebook page.

THANK-YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAVE BEEN MAILING OR DROPPING IN THE MAIL BOX, THEIR WEEKLY DONATIONS. IT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

First Communion has been set for Sunday, June 28th at 10:30 mass. We have four children making their First Communion. (Brian Esquivel, Cami Zurliene, and Kirby & Kennedy Berg) To help accommodate the families of the four kids, we are asking if some of the parishioners could go to mass on Saturday night instead of Sunday. This is such a special day for parents and kids. Thank you for understanding and sorry for any inconvenience this request may cause.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Bread and Wine; Flesh and Blood. For a while—too long, it seems—most of us could not share in Holy Communion. Perhaps it is still so. We Long to eat and drink because Jesus pledges that he will remain in those who do. But we believe that same Christ is present to us in other ways. When Scripture is read aloud, he speaks in our midst today. When two or three gather in his name, he is there, too. He is not distant from us.
~Let me make time each day to read and ponder one of the Sunday readings.
~Even if I cannot go to church, how will I still continue to pray?
~How will my longing for Eucharist and Communion urge me to help feed those needing daily bread?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA: The Holy Grail

This is the legendary cup identified with the chalice of the Last Supper. Popular folk etymology explained the as meaning “real blood” (hence sangrail or sangreal). Actually, it is from an old word meaning platter and is a symbol of Christian purity, or it reward. The quest for the Holy Grail has formed the basis for many a popular story, the most well known (from Arthurian romances) being the legend that Joseph of Arimathea preserved the Grail, receiving into it some of Christ’s blood at the crucifixion. This Joseph is the one in whose own tomb Christ was buried; this wealthy man had appeared earlier in the Gospels as a secret believer. During his subsequent forty-two-year imprisonment, legend relates, Joseph of Arimathea was miraculously kept alive by the Holy Grail. Upon his release he bore the relic, along with the spear with which Longinus pierced Christ’s side, to England, Glastonbury county, Somerset, where it disappeared. In this famed place, designated as King Aurthur’s burial place (Avalon). Joseph of Arimathea rested his staff, which took root as the legendary Glastobury thorn which leafs out every Christmas Eve. (There is a variety of hawthorn still claiming this fabled lineage.) It was also in this place, that according to legend, this same Joseph founded the famed abbey, the first Christian church there, and proceede with the conversion of the Britons.

St. Stephen News

From Fr Charles’ desk

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ ,today , we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ or “Corpus Christi ”. It originated in France in the mid thirteenth century , and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban 1V in 1264.

The Church invites us to reflect on the Eucharist itself, the gift of Jesus to His Church ,and also Eucharist as the real presence of Christ , the source of unity and also a meal that nourishes our spiritual life . The three readings of today point to these above mentioned of our faith .

The Church believes and teaches that the Holy Eucharist is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the appearance of bread and wine . it is the greatest and holiest of all the sacraments instituted by Christ because it does not merely give grace to those who receive it worthily but it contains the Author and source of all graces, Jesus Christ Himself. The Fathers of the Vatican Council 11 tell us that Holy Eucharist , “contains the Church ‘s entire spiritual wealth: Christ Himself , our Passover and Living Bread ” The Council also teaches that, at the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed , our Savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages.

In today’s gospel reading , Christ succinctly proclaimed : “ I am the living bread . The bread that I shall give is my flesh ... If you do not eat the flesh of the son of man and drink his blood ; you will not have life in you ... whoever eats this bread will live forever.” it was on this account of this truth that some of his disciples deserted him thinking :” This saying is hard...!”(Jn. 6:61). As Christ said, His body is true food and his blood true wine. Though it is a typology of the manna that the Israelites eats in the desert (and still died), it is different because as Christ says: “ Whoever eats my body and drinks the blood of the Son of man will never die .” The Holy Communion we eat is truly the body of Christ because Christ does not deceive us when he said at last Supper , “ take and eat for this is my body , and take and drink for this is my blood for the forgiveness of the world ”. He has his divine power to change the unleavened bread into his body for our good. Again , he promises to be with us at the end of the time (Mathew 28:20). This is a doctrine of transubstantiation .

Hence , the Eucharist sustains our spiritual life , while our human food, and manna that the Israelites eat , sustain our physical life. It gives us the grace to feel forgiven and to be ready to forgive others . We go to mass , not because we are worthy . Rather , because we are always in need of God’s love and mercy.

More so, the Eucharist affects the life of our Christian communities .It is from it that we receive our identity and mission as a church. St Paul in today’s second reading , 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, defines Eucharist as the sacrament of the unity . he says, “ Because the loaf of bread is one, we , though many , for we all partake of the one loaf.” So , during any Eucharistic celebration , Christ makes himself available to us , draws us closer to himself , and unites us with one another .

