

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.***

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

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 20 – 5 p.m. – The Judd Family
 Sunday, June 21, 8:30 a.m. mass – Noah Guerrattaz+
 Tuesday, June 23, 6:30 p.m. mass – James Croy +
 Wednesday, June 24, 8:00 a.m. mass – Bill & Mary Handley+ **(Note mass time change)**
 Thursday, June 25, 8:00 a.m. mass – Catholic Extension
 Saturday, June 27, 5:00 p.m. mass – Clem Hilmes+
 Sunday, June 28, 8:30 a.m. mass – For those receiving First Communion and
 the living & deceased of the parish

Adoration on Tuesday 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 14

Envelopes \$2,959.00
 Loose \$ 90.00
 Total \$3,049.00
 We need \$1,887.00

Attendance: Saturday 56 Sunday 33

Please note: Wednesday mass time is 8 a.m. and Adoration is on Tuesday from 7 p.m. to midnight

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, Mary Patridge, Clara Keys, Larry Hagen, Connie Schlabach, Nursing home residents

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 20, 6:30pm—Tom Zurliene+
 Sunday, June 21, 10:30am—Felix Smigiel+
 Thursday, June 25, 6:30pm—Catholic Extension Donors
 Friday, June 26, 8:00am—Stacey Winkler+
 Saturday, June 27, 6:30pm—The Nordmann Family
 Sundav. June 28. 10:30am—Parishioners of St. Edward

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

06/14

Envelopes(23) \$1,986.00
 Loose 30.00
 Total \$2,016.00
 We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$104.00
 Donations 10.00

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

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: *Sts Paulinus of Nola, John Fisher, Thomas More*
 2 Kgs 17:5-8,13-15a,18 Mt 7:1-5

Tues: *Weekday*
 2 Kgs 19:9b-11,14-21,31-35a,36 Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wed: *The Nativity of St. John the Baptist*
 Is 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thur: *Weekday*
 2 Kgs 24:8-17 Mt 7:21-29

Fri: *Weekday*
 2 Kgs 25:1-12 Mt 8:1-4

Sat: *Saint Cyril of Alexandria*
 Lam 2:2,10-14,18-19 Mt 8:5-17

Sun: *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 2 Kgs 4:8-11,14-16a Rom 6:3-4,8-11 Mt 10:37-42

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. They 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

Sympathy is extended to Ted Zimmerman and family on the death of his brother, Frank (Fritz) Zimmerman who passed away June 13, in Alachua, FL. A memorial service will be held at Frank & Bright Funeral Home on Saturday, June 27, at 2:00 pm. Visitation time will be from 1 until 2 p.m. on June 27, as well as a period of time following the service. May his soul rest in peace .

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 Saturday, June 13, at St. Stephen Church. Welcome to our church family, Cory!



"CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES. It was nice to see their pictures in the Clay County Republican.

8TH GRADE GRADUATES: ANDREA MOODY and SUMMER FELDHAKE

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: COY FLEENER and MALEAH HOLKENBRINK

OUR BEST WISHES TO THEM IN ALL THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVORS AND TO ANY PARISH GRADUATES WE MAY HAVE MISSED.

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, Jerry & Carolyn Bible – June 20.

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.

From Fr. Charles' desk

Today, the church celebrates the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary time of the year.

“ DO NOT BE AFRAID “

In today's gospel, Mathew 10:26-33, Jesus encourages us not to be afraid of nothing except sin which destroys our friendship with God and leads to eternal damnation. When faced by difficulties we must be strong and brave, like true sons of God. He tells us do not fear those who kill the body but cannot destroy the soul; rather, fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

The first reading of the Mass today, Jeremiah 20:10-13, reminds us that the world hates the truth. When somebody stands for the truth, he is in trouble and things will not be the same. Prophet Jeremiah's case was very clear. Jeremiah preached and suffered in Jerusalem before the Jews' sixth century captivity and exile. In the face of idolatry, he spoke out fearlessly in God's behalf and because of that he was hated, denounced and imprisoned.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah expresses confidence in God while he was on trial. In the face of all odds, in the midst of all strong contradictions, he kept faith in God's promises and was sure that the Lord who sent him on this mission was with him.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we are not to be afraid, but to speak out for Jesus. We should live as children of God. At times, when we come across people who are tormented and overwhelmed by the hardships that life brings with it. We must always stand firm and make clear the Catholic moral norms of behavior concerning work, politics and the demands of family life.

St. Stephen News

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.

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 662-6261 or Cheryl McCarty 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

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 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.

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 Pierce or shopwithscrip.com.

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

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. One of these days we hope to get back to offering this blessing.

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.



Announcements

**Bishop Edward K. Braxton
Invites you to view the
Liturgy of Ordination of**

**The Reverend Mr. Nicholas T. Fleming
St. Clare of Assisi Parish in O'Fallon**

**The Reverend Mr. Carl E. Schrage
St. Lawrence Parish in Sandoval**

**The Reverend Mr. Joel L. Sepp
St. Clare of Assisi Parish in O'Fallon**

**To the Order of Priesthood On Saturday, the Eleventh of July
In the Year of Our Lord, 2020
At 10:30 o'clock in the morning**

In the Cathedral of St. Peter

**During this Liturgy, our Priest Jubilarians will be honored.
The Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick will be blessed.
The Sacred Chrism will be consecrated.**

**In order to provide for the health and safety of everyone during this pandemic, we regret
that the number of people that can participate in the Cathedral must be limited.**

**Therefore, the Mass will be livestreamed at: www.cathedralbelle.org
Please join me in praying for our candidates for Priesthood
And our Jubilarians.**

**Fr. Charles wishes all fathers of St Stephen Parish and St Edward Parish
Happy Father's Day – CONGRATULATIONS**

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.

Congratulations to Ken & Theresa Nordmann on their 60th Wedding Anniversary, which was on Thursday, June 25th.

THE PARISH OF ST. EDWARD WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME "JACOB ALLEN MARSH" AS HE WAS BAPTIZED INTO THE FAITH LAST SUNDAY.

The Food Pantry was held last Saturday morning. We had 27 cars come thru the line with us helping out 63 individuals. Thank-you to everyone that helped.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO BE GREETERS, USHERS, AND HELP WITH CLEANING THE CHURCH AND THE HALL AFTER OUR WEEKEND MASSES. PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE: DIANA ZURLIENE, LIBBY POND, PEG GARRISON, DAVID MILLS, MIKE OPPENHEIMER, OR DON ZURLIENE. ANY HELP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

**HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY**