

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.

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, 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, 8:00 a.m.

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)

Sunday 8– 8:20 am. or by appointment

St. Edward Weekend and Daily Mass Schedule

Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Friday, 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) Friday, 8:30 a.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.

Parish Office: Trudi Herdes, Secretary, Office Hours Monday, 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, July 4 – 5 p.m. mass – Betty Greenwood+

Peter's Pence and Food Pantry Collection

Sunday, July 5, 8:30 a.m. mass – For the living & deceased of the parish

Tuesday, July 7, 6:30 p.m. mass – James Croy+

Wednesday, July 8, 8:00 a.m. mass – Catholic Extension Donor **(Note mass time change)**

Thursday, July 9, 8:00 a.m. mass – Jim, Nancy & Marilyn Staples+

Saturday, July 11, 5:00 p.m. mass – Jim McCarty +

Sunday, July 12, 8:30 a.m. mass – Meagen Hudson+

Adoration on Tuesday from 7pm. until midnight, and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. with Servite Rosary noon and Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 8 a.m. Sundays or by request

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

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 aftermass
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 diocese.

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

Weekly Contribution June 28

Envelopes \$1,1617.00

Loose \$ 100.00

Total \$1,1717.00

We need \$1,731.00

Attendance: Saturday 43 Sunday 75

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, Steve Dudzik, 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, Karen Foster, Jan Hastings

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 4, 6:30pm—John Robison III+

Sunday, July 5, 10:30am—Larry McClure+

Thursday, July 9, 6:30pm—Catholic Extension Donors

Friday, July 10, 8:00am—Don & Loretta Schoenborn+

Saturday, July 11, 6:30pm—Jim Turner+

Sunday, July 12, 10:30am—Garland Keck+

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

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 06/21

Envelopes(21) \$1,132.00

Loose 50.00

Total \$1,182.00

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$ 32.00

Donations 50.00

Weekly Contributions 06/28

Envelopes(28) \$1,987.00

Loose 30.00

Total \$2,017.00

We Need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$242.00

Peter's Pence 90.00

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Saint Maria Goretti

Hos 2:16,17b-18,21-22 Mt 9:18-26

Tues: Weekday

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 Mt 9:32-38

Wed: Weekday Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12 Mt 10:1-7

Thur: Saint Augustine Zhao Rong

Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9 Mt 10:7-15

Fri: Weekday

Hos 14:2-10 Mt 10:16-23

Sat: Saint Benedict, Abbott

Is 6:1-8 Mt 10:24-33

Sun: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23

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

Congratulations to our three children who received their First Communion on June 28. They were Kiara Crawford, Khloe Zimmerman and Landon Thompson. God Bless Our Children.



"CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES.
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 25 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 \$4,890.00 has been pledged. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. Our goal is \$4,967.00.

Happy Birthdays to: Jim Fehrenbacher – July 17, Waylon Harvey – July 17

Happy Anniversary to: Donald and Trudi Herdes – July 1, Billy and Jessica Crawford – July 14

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.

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.

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.

From Fr. Charles’ desk

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary time

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ , in today’s gospel reading , Jesus emphasizes the importance of the virtue of humility , and extends his invitation to us when he says ,” come to me all you who labor and are burdened , for I am kind and gentle and learn from me for I am gentle and humble of heart , and you will find rest for your souls “.

The virtue of Humility is one of the greatest virtues that we are invited to imbibe or cultivate in spiritual life . Unfortunately , in our society today , however , gentleness and humility are no longer esteemed. It is rather despised, confused with being a door mat , lacking backbone, or being unable to stand up to fight for one’s self and one’s right . Our society regards a humble person as a coward . But it is not the way we should perceive it .

The word ‘ humility ‘ comes from the Latin word ‘humus ‘ which means ‘ soil or earth’ . The virtue of humility consists in bowing down before God and everything that is of God in creatures. In practical terms , It leads us to recognize our inferiority , our littleness , our nothingness, unworthiness and our total poverty before God.

A humble person discovers that every good thing in us, both in order of nature and in the order of grace , belongs to God. St Paul mentioned that, for from his fullness we have all received life . And also in him we have our being , move and live. In fact , one of the people the devil fears most on earth is the humble person. We were told in the scripture that Moses was the most humble person on the face of the earth and for that , God rewarded him greatly . Anybody who is not humble will never perform any miracle , and if he does , it comes from the evil one , Satan .

Today , Jesus , the New Moses is inviting us to come and learn from him . He is inviting us to become humble and resemble him . He is also asking us to help him carry his yoke . He says to us , “ Take my yoke upon your shoulders .” “Yoke ” in Old Testament was a symbol for the law, in the sense of the Mosaic Law and the precepts of God made known through revelation. These precepts are largely contained in the first five books of the Old Testament , called the Pentateuch, Torah , or simply the Law. Jewish law in the Old Testament time was burdensome . The Pharisees had placed heavy burdens on people ‘s shoulders that were impossible to carry .

Jesus ‘ yoke is very easy and simple . He has summarized the whole law into two laws , the love of neighbor and the love of God.

Let us imitate Jesus who came to serve and not to be served . He took our nature and became one of us in order to save us . Humility makes us different from others , and also makes us holy and prayerful . A humble person prays well , while God hears his prayer because he recognizes his weakness and at same time acknowledges God greatness . Humility pays us more than being proud and arrogant . We are mere creatures ,therefore , we must always recognize that in our relationship with others .

Praise to Jesus both now and for ever Amen .

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.

St. Stephen News

The next three Altar Society rotating chairmen are: Beth Fancher, Jill Fehrenbacher, Mary Beth Lancaster/Susan Schroeder.

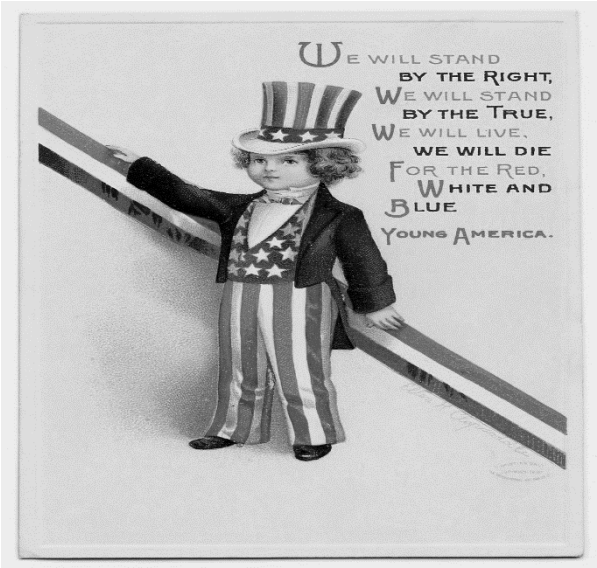
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic Church, or is interested in joining or returning to the Church, contact Father Charles 662-6261 or Cheryl McCarty 815-343-1502.

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.

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

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.

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.



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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY: I want to apologize for not having a bulletin prepared for last weekend due to a family emergency. Thank-you everyone for your thoughts and prayers for my dad. He is home resting. Peg

Congratulations to Cami Zurliene, Kennedy & Kirby Berg on receiving their First Communion last weekend. Welcome to the table of the Holy Eucharist.

Congratulations to Anthony & Elizabeth Zurliene on the birth of their “twins”, Abram Lawrence & Emmit Lawrence. Welcome to St. Edward Catholic Church.

ANOINTING

This weekend July 4th & 5th, there will be anointing after both masses. Anyone may receive the sacrament that chooses.

The Food Pantry will be held July 10th (set-up) 8:30am, with distribution on July 11th at 8:00am. If you are available to help in anyway it would be greatly appreciated.

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.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Once Again: “Come to Me.” The gospel today is the same one heard on 19 June for the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Jesus never tires of inviting. We should never tire of hearing the invitation.

~Asked again: How will I go to Christ?

~What rest do I need?

~Whom will I bring with me?

Thank-you to Linda Keck for donating the new purificators in Memory of Garland Keck. It is very much appreciated.