

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.*

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. 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.

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**

Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)
Sunday 8– 8:20 am. or by appointment

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 11– 5 p.m. mass – Jim McCarty+

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

Tuesday, July 14, 6:30 p.m. mass – For the living & deceased of the parish

Wednesday, July 15, 8:00 a.m. mass – Bill & Mary Handley

Thursday, July 16, 8:00 a.m. mass – Catholic Extension Donors

Saturday, July 18, 5:00 p.m. mass – Ray Winka +

Sunday, July 19, 8:30 a.m. mass – Tyler Schroeder+

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 July 5

Envelopes \$1,762.00

Loose \$ 157.00

Total \$1,919.00

We need \$1,731.00

Peter Pence - \$60.00

Food Pantry \$305.00

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, Beth Sulsberger

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 11, 6:30pm—Jim Turner+

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

Thursday, July 16, 6:30pm—Catholic Extension Donors

Friday, July 17, 8:00am—Marshall & Lucille Sork+

Saturday, July 18, 6:30pm—Andrea Erickson+

Sunday, July 19, 10:30am—Louis & Lillian Zurliene+

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 07/05

Envelopes(24) \$1,230.00

Loose 14.00

Total \$1,244.00

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$ 87.00

Donations 40.00

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: *Saint Henry*

Is 1:10-17 Mt 10:34—11:1

Tues: *Saint Kateri Tekakwitha*

Is 7:1-9 Mt 11:20-24

Wed: *Saint Bonaventure, Bishop*

Is 10:5-7 Mt 11:25-27

Thur: *Our Lady of Mt. Carmel*

Is 26:7-9,12,16-19 Mt 11:28-30

Fri: *Weekday*

Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8 Mt 12:1-8

Sat: *Saint Camillus de Lellis*

Mi 2:1-5 Mt 12:14-21

Sun: *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Wis 12:13,16-19 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43

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 & willing **our good**. God calls us to trust in Him.

St. Stephen News



THANK YOU to Frank and Bright Funeral Home for donating a flag and to Pat Ridgeway and Dan Sulsberger for putting it in front of church.

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 26 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 \$4,910.00 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.

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.

From Fr. Charles’ desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ ,today the church celebrates the Fifteenth Sunday in ordinary time of the year , Year A.

Isaiah 55:10-11 Romans 8:18-23 Mathew 13:1-23

In today’s readings , the Church reminds us the importance of the word of God and its impacts in our spiritual life .

In the gospel reading of today , Mathew presents the parable of the sower and the seed. Here, the seed , the message that Jesus gives us is packed with power and salvation. The seed is good , but the difference lies in the ground where it falls .

However , the questions we ask ourselves today are ; What kind of soil are we ? Are we the pavement, where God’s word stays on the surface and anything can distract us from the word? Or are we the rock that never lets God’s word sink in deeply ? Do we reduce our faith to feelings and nice thoughts but never let it shape our life in any serious way? Are we filled with thorns, interests, addictions, other priorities, and unchanneled drives that choke off the word of God in our lives?

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ , we are called to embrace the word of God as a source of life . The word of God is a message of God for our spiritual growth ,therefore , it must take its root in our lives . in the first reading of today , the Prophet Isaiah describes the word of God that comes to us as a fruitful and fertile . Again , When we deeply embrace the word of God , its power can rescue , transform , revive and heal us. The word of God is not passive but active . The word of God embodies life ,because it is an inspired by the Holy spirit .

We are required to give more attentions in hearing the word of God , praying to the Holy Spirit to aid us to understand it and also implementing it for our salvation.

Happy Sunday.

St. Stephen News

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.

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 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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL WILL MEET THURSDAY, JULY 16TH AT 7:00PM FOLLOWING 6:30PM MASS. THE MINUTES ARE ON THE BOARD IN THE HALL.

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.

This Saturday, Deacons Nick Fleming, Carl Schrage and Joel Seipp are being ordained to the priesthood. Ordination begins at 10:30am at the Cathedral of St. Peter. We will also celebrate the jubilarians of 2020 and have the blessings of the oils. Mass will be livestreamed at: www.cathedralbelle.org. More information and the worship aid for Saturday's mass can be found at: <https://www.diobelle.org/>. Please keep our soon to be newly ordained priests and our jubilarians in your prayers.

PRAYER FOR INNER PEACE

Holy Spirit, please encircle me. Come hold me safe and secure in your love. Wrap my mind in your promise and truth. Guide my thoughts. Calm my fears. Steady my emotions. Lord. That you would guide my feelings. May I not be overcome by upset, but rather, sustained in my soul with hope in you.

July 11th—Saint Benedict

His Name means “blessed”. His most Famous monastery, Monte Cassino, has been destroyed and rebuilt three times. His monks follow the motto “Ore et labora” which means “Pray and work”. This man, Benedict was born in Nursia, Italy, about 480. His parents were rather rich, so they sent him to Rome to be educated. After a few years, when he was about seventeen years old, he decided to leave Rome, and become a hermit. He lived in a cave for years and gradually men recognized his holiness and wanted to live the way he did. That is when Benedict built the Monte Cassino. The date of Benedict's death is uncertain, but 547 seems to be correct. In pictures and church windows, Benedict is usually shown with a copy of his Rule. In 1964 Pope Paul VI named him the patron of all Europe.