

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.***

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.

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

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 2nd & 4th, 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

St. Edward Weekend and Daily Mass Schedule

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

Saturday, 1st & 3rd, 5:00pm

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)

Sunday 8– 8:20 am. or by appointment

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, August 1, NO MASS

Sunday, August 2, 8:30 a.m. mass – Al Winka+

Tuesday, August 4, 6:30 p.m. mass – Jim, Nancy & Marilyn Staples +

Wednesday, August 5, 8:00 a.m. mass – For the living & deceased of the parish

Thursday, August 6, 8:00 a.m. mass – James Croy+

Saturday, August 8, 5 p.m. Mike & Irma Kinney+

Sunday, August 9, 8:30 a.m. mass – Praying for Bishop Michael McGovern

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

Minister for August**Saturday, Aug. 8, Lector:** Jim Fehrenbacher**Sunday, Aug. 9, Lector:** Justin Fleener**Commentator:** Ted Whitehead**Saturday, Aug. 15, Lector:** Beth Sulsberger**Sunday, Aug. 16, Lector:** Andrew Koester,**Commentator:** Phil Fancher**Weekly Contribution, July 26**

Envelopes \$1,182.00

Loose \$ 167.00

Total \$1,349.00

We need \$1,731.00

CSMA - \$200

Attendance: Saturday- 52 Sunday- 38

Three 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 diocese.

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, Beth Sulsberger, **Dorothv Uebinger. Jerrv Price. Collin Price**

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

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 1—NO MASS

Sunday, August 2, 10:30am—Garland Keck+

Thursday, August 6, 6:30pm—Fr. Jerry Hechenberger+

Friday, August 7, 8:00am—Colin Witt Family

Saturday, August 8—NO MASS

Sunday, August 9, 10:30am—Marilyn Dooling+

Weekly Contribution 07/26

Envelopes(26) \$1,989.00

Loose 27.00

Total \$2,016.00

We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$196.00

CSMA—23 Households have donated a total of \$3,786.

Towards our goal of \$4,582.

If you have not donated yet there is still time to do so.

Great Job St. Edward.

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

Thank you to Libby Pond for taking over the ministry of cleaning the church and hall. Please help her the same way you helped me when I first started. Thanks, again.

Peg & St. Edward Parishioners

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.

Our Daily Scripture Readings:**Our Daily Scripture Readings:****Mon:** *Weekday*

Jer 28:1-17

Mt 24:22-36

Tues: *Saint John Vianney, Priest*

Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22

Mt 14:22-36

Wed: *The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major*

Jer 31:1-7

Mt 15:21-28

Thur: *The Transfiguration of the Lord*

Dn 7:9-10,13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19

Mt 17:1-9

Fri: *Saint Sixtus II, Pope*

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3,6-7

Mt 16:24-28

Sat: *Saint Dominic, Priest*

Jer 26:11-16, 24

Mt 14:1-12

Sun: *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33

St. Edward and St. Stephen News

Belleville Diocese Mass for Young Adults
Bishop Michael McGovern will celebrate a special "Mass for Young Adults" on Sunday, Aug. 9, at 5 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville.
All young adults, from high school graduates through age 35, are invited to attend, and meet the new Bishop. A light reception with cold drinks will be held after the Mass.
This is a good opportunity for Catholic young adults to pray together with Bishop McGovern and to meet other young adults from the diocese.
For any question, please contact: Fr. Carl Schrage, Parochial Vicar Cathedral of St. Peter (618) 234-1166 ext. 113

Last week was an extraordinarily busy week with four events surrounding Bishop McGovern’s ordination and installation. This week is beginning on a slower note, so we can catch our breath!

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year A – 2020 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time –August Isaiah 55:1-3. Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18. Romans 8:35, 37-39. Matthew 14:13-21.

Nothing Can Separate Us! The first reading speaks of comfort foods. The second declares nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. The gospel shows that Jesus’ need for quiet prayer can be interrupted by his pity on others’ needs. He put the disciples to work in providing needed and satisfying food. In this pandemic, some may still be separated from the Sunday assembly, from Eucharist and Communion, but never from Christ Jesus. How can I take comfort in knowing Christ is near?
As a baptized disciple, whom can I comfort with a phone call, letter, or errand?
How will I trust that nothing will separate me from Christ and from all those he loves?

The Transfiguration of the Lord, Feast – Thursday, 06 August 2020
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14. Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9. 2 Peter 1:16-19. Matthew 17:1-9.

Being Transformed. A truth of the Paschal Mystery (the dying and rising of Jesus the Christ) is this: What happens to Jesus also happens to us. He was transformed on the mountain by God’s good action. He said to his friends, “Rise, and do not be afraid.” He came down the mountain to remain with them and with us.
How am I transformed by God’s goodness?
What will I stop fearing?
What can I do for those who are near?

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

St. Stephen News

WE are scheduled to Deliver MEALS on WHEELS in September. The sign-up sheet is on the table at the south door entrance. Please sign up to help. Questions about the program call Beth Fancher or Pat Ridgeway. Plan to help with the wonderful ministry. It only takes less than 2 hours a day. Sign up for 1 day or 1 week.

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. <https://summercashraffle.square.site/>

From The Pastor’s Desk; Thank you to the 27 households that have 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. \$5,110.00 has been pledged. Our goal is \$4,967.00.

Happy Anniversary to: Lou & Beth Sulsberger – Aug. 13, Father Charles – Aug. 16, Jim & Jill Fehrenbacher – Aug. 21 Tom & Mary Beth Lancaster – Aug. 23
Happy Birthday to: Andrew Koester – July 20, Susan Schroeder – Aug. 9, Jill Fehrenbacher – Aug. 12 Mary Beth Lancaster – Aug. 17, Phil Fancher – Aug. 22, Beth Fancher – Aug. 27, Jessica Crawford, Aug. 29

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 anyone who have received their first communion..

Prayer Chain: When a parishioner has an intention & requests prayers, Erin Pierce will initiate the prayer chain. She will contact Fr. Charles, who determines 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

St. Edward News

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.

Congratulations:
Ray & Sally Conley 8-10-1963 (57yrs.) John & Stacie Boyer 8-14-1993 (27yrs.)
Lee & Emily Milligan 8-12-2000 (20yrs.) Nick & Laura Zurliene 8-18-2008 (12yrs.)
David & Johanna Mills 8-3-2016 (4yrs.)
Father Charles Anyaoku 8-16 (17yrs. Ordained as a Priest)

Anointing
This is the first weekend of the month, so there will be Anointing following mass, if anyone is interested.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
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UPCOMING DATES TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR:
Saturday, August 8—NO MASS
Saturday, August 8—Food Pantry Distribution 8:00am
Saturday, August 15—Mass 5:00pm
Saturday, August 22—NO MASS

AS YOU CAN SEE WE WILL GO BACK TO 1ST & 3RD SATURDAY’S FOR MASS STARTING IN AUGUST.
LOOKING AHEAD—PARISH FEAST DAY WILL BE THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 10TH—11TH.
We will be inviting Bishop McGovern to join us. More details to in the future.

