

ST. STEPHEN AND ST. EDWARD PARISHES HAVE GONE BACK TO HAVING EVERY OTHER SATURDAY MASSES. The first and third Saturdays of the month will be at 5 p.m. at St. Edwards.

The second and fourth Saturdays, 5 p.m., masses will be at St. Stephens.

The last Saturday of August the 29th mass will be at St. Stephen’s.

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.

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

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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. Edward Weekend and Daily Mass Schedule

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

First and Third Saturdays, 5:00 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,

Altar Sodality—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

St. Stephen Weekend and Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, 8:00 a.m.

Second and Fourth Saturdays 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

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,

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 22, 5 p.m. – Clem Hilmes+
Sunday, August 23, 8:30 a.m. mass – Kathryn Fleener+
Tuesday, August 25, 6:30 p.m. mass – Jim, Nancy & Marilyn Staples +
Wednesday, August 26, 8:00 a.m. mass – Catholic Extension Donors
Thursday, Aug. 27, 8:00 a.m. mass – James Croy+
Saturday, August 29, 5 p.m. mass – David Sulsberger +
Sunday, August 30, 8:30 a.m. mass – For the living & deceased of the parish

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

Ministers for August 29 & 30

Saturday, Aug. 29, Lector: Jim Fehrenbacher
Usher: Dennis Holkenbrink
Sunday, Aug. 30, Lector: Justin Fleener
Commentator: Beth Sulsberger
Usher: Ted Whitehead

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, , Connie Schlabach, Nursing home residents, Karen Foster, Beth Sulsberger, Jerry Price, Collin Price, Bruce Cook

Weekly Contribution, August 23

Envelopes \$
Loose \$
Total \$
We need \$1,731.00

Attendance: Saturday- NM
Sunday- 73

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 22—NO MASS
Sunday, August 23, 10:30am—Garland Keck+
Thursday, August 27, 6:30pm—Catholic Extension Donors
Friday, August 28, 8:00am—Kirk & Elaine Kerchner+
Saturday, August 29—NO MASS
Sunday, August 30, 10:30am—John Robison III+

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

Weekly Contribution 08/16

Envelopes(25) \$1,661.00
Loose 45.00
Total \$1,706.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$125.00
Donation 10.00
Assump. of Mary 80.00

CSMA—23 Households have donated a total of \$3,906.
Towards our goal of \$4,582.
If you have not donated yet there is still time to do so.

Because she belonged to Christ, Mary, our queen, is raised on high, a great sign for all who believe in her Son.

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, , Ginny Barrett, Ernie Sork, David Ochs & all priests who are sick.

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
Rv 21:9b-14 Jn 1:45-51
Tues: Saints Louis and Joseph Clasan
2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 Mt 22:23-26
Wed: Weekday
2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Mt 23:27-32
Thur: Saint Monica
1 Cor 1:1-9 Mt 24:42-51
Fri: Saint Augustine, Bishop
1 Cor 1:17-25 Mt 25:1-13
Sat: The Passion of Saint John the Baptist
1 Cor 1:26-31 Mk 6:17-29
Sun: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:7-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27

SPECIAL THANKS TO ST. STEPHEN PARISH

On behalf of the agencies, ministries and departments that are supported through The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and those they serve, please accept **our heartfelt gratitude** for accepting the challenge put forth by Our Holy Father Pope Francis to “share the blessings which God has provided us” and so generously supporting this year’s Appeal. Also, **congratulations on exceeding your parish’s CSMA financial goal!!** It is your Christian caring and generosity that gives help and hope to those in need.

Thank you again so very much. God’s richest blessings to each of you and your families.

Bishop Michael McGovern and the 14 agencies funded
by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

St. Stephen’s has gone back to celebrating Saturday night masses on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 5 p.m. Saturday, August 29 mass will be at St. Stephen’s.

St. Edwards’s will have Saturday night masses 5 p.m., on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays.

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 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.

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.

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.

ST. EDWARD NEWS

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Anyone wishing to volunteer at The Clothesline (since they have reopened). Please contact Leslie Robison.

Here are the dates for the rest of the year: September 10th & 28th; October 13th & 30th; November 18th; December 7th & 23rd. Please check your calendars and see if you might be available to help.

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)*

PASTORAL COUNCIL—The council will meet on Thursday, August 27th at 7:00pm. If you have any questions please call the office. The minutes are on the Bulletin Board in the hall.

ALTAR SODALITY

On Sunday, August 23rd, the Altar Sodality will hold “Cookie Jar” fund raiser, due to the fact they could not hold The Salad Luncheon. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING DATES TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday, August 27—Pastoral Council 7:00pm

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.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

MY EXPERIENCE. Jesus asks today: Who am I? Peter blurts out: The Christ. In that response, he means the Messiah, The Promised One, the Son of God, the One who saves, redeems, and binds us to God. Quite a mouthful. Profound belief. He is the very foundation of the Church, the People of God.

~What is my experience of Jesus? He is.....

~How does my experience bind me to all who believe in him?

~Since I am called to be like him, whom will I save in some small way today?

Congratulations to Cory and Laura (Whitehead) Anderson who were married August 15, at St. Stephen's. May they have many wonderful and blessed years of happiness.

Susan Schroeder and Family, would like to thank Father Charles and everyone for the calls, cards, food, messages, prayers, thoughts, and visits since the time of Tyler's passing. Also, for all the work to prepare the church and building for Tyler's visitation and funeral. Thank you to the choir and the ladies of the parish who helped with the dinner. This Sunday's Mass is in remembrance of Tyler and Susan's 44th Anniversary of their Wedding Day at St. Stephen, which was on August 14th.

Dorothy Uebinger wants all of you to know how much she appreciates your prayers, cards, calls, food and thoughts during the recuperation from her recent emergency appendectomy. You are the greatest! Thank you so much!

We are beginning a new RCIA session on August 31. Any and all are welcome. If you know someone who has expressed any interest in learning more about the Catholic faith, or would like a refresher course, please encourage them to contact either Father Charles or Cheryl McCarty, 815-343-1502.

WE ARE SCHEDULE 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 this wonderful ministry. It only takes less than 2 hours a day. Sign up for one day or one 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/>

Happy Anniversary to: Lou & Beth Sulsberger – Aug. 13, Father Charles – Aug. 16 (ordained as a priest), Jim & Jill Fehrenbacher – Aug. 21 Tom & Mary Beth Lancaster – Aug. 23

Happy Birthday to: 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.

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.