

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.

Bishop Michael McGovern and Fr. Nick Junker, Diocesan Vocation Director, are inviting young men interested in learning more about the Catholic priesthood to participate in a St. Andrew Dinner. Young men, ages 14 thru 25, are invited to attend; parents are also welcome. The first St. Andrew Dinner will be Sunday, September 27th, at Gibault Catholic High School beginning at 4:00 PM. The afternoon includes supper and input from a recently ordained priest, Fr. Nick Fleming, followed by Q&A about the life of a Catholic Priest. If you are interested in attending, please contact Fr. Nick Junker at (618) 722-5035 or e-mail njunker@diobelle.org.

St. Andrew Dinner: Sunday, October 4 at St. Mary-Mt. Carmel. Fr. Brett will be offering his input at this dinner at St. Mary-Mt. Carmel. This location will be more convenient for most of us in the East Vicariate.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27 September 2020

Ezekiel 18:25-28. Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9. Philippians 2:1-11. Matthew 21:28-32.

I Don't Want To! Sometimes we bristle at being told what to do. We may say a yes or a no, then do something else. The demands of Christian living are not easy. But we look to Jesus for guidance, for encouragement, for example. Reread Philippians all week. It is a longer version of what we heard on Palm Sunday. It urges us to be like Christ.

What attitude-adjustment do I need to be more like Christ?

What will I do to be more compassionate and merciful?

What interest of another will be important to me this week?

NEW MASS SCHEDULE WILL BEGIN IN OCTOBER: ST. STEPHEN WILL BE EVERY SATURDAY MASS AT 4:30PM AND ST. EDWARD WILL BE EVERY SATURDAY AT 6:00PM. THIS IS TO STAY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DIOCESE OF SOCIAL DISTANCING AND TO INSURE ALL PARISHIONERS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE LITURGIES.

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.

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 -- Friday, 8:30 a.m.

Parish Office: Peggy Garrison, Office Hours Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 8 a.m. to noon.

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.

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, September 19, NO MASS

Sunday, Sept. 20, 8:30 a.m. mass -For the living & deceased of the parish

Tuesday, September 22, 6:30 p.m. mass – Bill & Mary Handley +

Wednesday, September 23, 8:00 a.m. mass – Catholic Extension Donor

Thursday, September24, 8:00 a.m. mass – James Croy+

Saturday, September 26, 5:00 p.m. mass – Arthur & Mary Judd

Sunday, September 27, 8:30 a.m. mass – St. Ann’s Altar Society

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 September

Saturday, Sept. 26, Lector: Cheryl McCarty
Usher: Don Talmant

Sunday, Sept. 27
Lector: Mary Beth Lancaster
Commentator: Beth Sulsberger
Usher: Jerod Fleener

Weekly Contribution Sept. 13

Envelopes \$ 2,535.00
Loose \$ 58.00
Total \$ 2,593.00
We need \$1,731.00

Blessed Virgin Mary Nativity - \$25
Holy Land \$80,
Chalk Board Donation \$200

Attendance: Saturday – 55
Sunday - 52

PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Griffy, Bill Marks, Nicole Wheaton, Velma Oliver, Clara Wilson, Ray Vaughn, LaVonne Kemmerer, Patience McKnight, Mildred Garrison, Pat Venable, Irene Winka, Clarice Schweighart, Steve Dudzik, Ruth Wilson, Roger Wells, Rhonda Ryker, Don Bunnell, Marilyn Wheaton, Lois Houlihan, Cory Britton, Ed Perk, Georgia Klingler, Celeste Replogle, Luke Miller, Georgianna Weber, Helen Powless, Marie Elwat, Cindy Bloemer, Kennah Hiestand, Claire Karasch, Judie Powless, Claire Fopay, Harrison Hilliard, Becky Dulaney, Jean Quinn, Maria Pemberton, Joyce Heuerman, Mary Patridge, Clara Keys, , Connie Schlabach, Nursing home residents, Karen Foster, Beth Sulsberger, Jerry Price Collin Price, Bruce Cook, Ralph Weber, Katherine Deaton, Beth Fancher, Diane Fleener

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, September 19, 5:00pm—Kris Huffstodt+

Sunday, September 20, 10:30am—Kelly Clark+

Thursday, September 24, 6:30pm—Garland Keck+

Friday, September 25, 8:00am—Catholic Extension Donors+

Saturday, September 26—NO MASS

Sunday, September 27, 10:30am—John Robison III+

Weekly Contribution 09/13

Envelopes(29) \$1,894.00
Loose 10.00
Total \$1,904.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$132.00
Donation 12.00
Retired Dio. Priest 390.00

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, Donna Turner & all priests who are sick.

September Lectors

19th—Mike Oppenheimer
20th—Gary Snodgrass

26th—NO MASS
27TH—David Mills

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

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: Saint Matthew, Apostle
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Mt 9:9-13
Tues: Weekday
Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 Lk 8:19-21
Wed: Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Prv 30:5-9 Lk 9:1-6
Thur: Weekday
Eccl 1:2-11 Lk 9:7-9
Fri: Weekday
Eccl 3:1-11 Lk 9:18-22
Sat: Saint Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Eccl 11:9—12:8 Lk 9:43b-45
Sun: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 18:25-28 Phil 2:1-11 Mt 21:28-32

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

The annual Rosary Rally will be held at St. Stephen’s at noon on October 10. Sympathy is extended to Donna Keyser and husband Larry, on the death of Larry’s father, Walter Keyser who passed away September 11, at Fairfield Memorial Hospital. His funeral service was September 16 at Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Mt. Erie, with burial in Brown Cemetery near Mt. Erie. May his soul rest in peace.

Unfortunately, there WILL NOT be a Parish Picnic this fall, nor will there be a Chicken BBQ Dinner. Due to Covid restrictions and recommendations from Belleville, these two events will be cancelled. PSR to start at the end of September. Please contact Paul Duquaine for information. 618.843.8508 paulduquaine@icloud.com

WE ARE DELIVERING MEALS on WHEELS IN SEPTEMBER. The sign-up sheet is on the table at the south door entrance. Please sign up to help. Call Beth Fancher or Pat Ridgeway about the program. There are still dates open.

Kyle Gaines would like a ride to mass on the weekends. He lives on Chestnut Street in Louisville, and his phone number is 618 508-1555. Please call if anyone can give him a ride.

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.

Next three Altar Society 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.

We have begun a new RCIA session. 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

Happy Anniversary to: Pat & Tom Greenwood – Sept. 19, Jim & Sandy Sulsberger – Oct 21.
Happy Birthday to: Diane Becker – Sept. 21, Kole Greenwood – Sept. 25, Matthew Winka – Oct. 2, Jesse Harvey – Oct 24, Lois Hout – Oct. 24

ST. EDWARD NEWS

THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT ST. EDWARD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th.

HOLY LAND (GOOD FRIDAY) COLLECTION
WE WILL STILL BE COLLECTING THIS WEEKEND (SEPTEMBER 27TH) FOR THE HOLY LAND (GOOD FRIDAY) COLLECTION THAT WAS REQUESTED BY POPE FRANCIS. THANK YOU.

Congratulations:
Homer & Shirley Clark 9-7-1953 (67yrs) Sam & Mary Jean Ochs 9-6-1958 (62yrs)
Gary & Myrtle Snodgrass 9-16-1964 (56yrs) Dennis & Vickie Zurliene 9-10-1983 (37yrs)
Sam & Teresa Williams 9-8-1984 (36yrs) Rodney & Peggy Garrison 9-5-1987 (33yrs)
Jeff & Jeanette Zurliene 9-25-1993 (27yrs)

FINANCE MEETING
ST. EDWARD WILL HAVE A FINANCE MEETING ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST AT 7:00PM IN THE PARISH HALL. PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR MASK. THANK YOU.

THIS SUNDAY IS CATECHETICAL SUNDAY. WE SHOW APPRECIATON TO OUR PSR TEACHERS AND CRE’S. HERE AT ST. EDWARD WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO: DIANA ZURLIENE, ROBERT BLACK, JOAN BLACK, JEN WELLEN, LAURA ZURLIENE, AND VALERIE BUNTING. YOUR COMPASSION AND COMMITMENT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

MASS INTENTIONS: WE ARE IN NEED OF MASS INTENTIONS. REMEMBER YOU CAN HAVE A MASS SAID FOR ANY INTENTION OF YOUR CHOICE. PRAYERS FOR A FAMILY MEMBER HAVING A TOUGH TIME, SOMEONE HAVING SURGERY, OR A FAMILY MEMBER THAT HAS PASSED AWAY. PLEASE PUT INTENTIONS IN AN ENVELOPE WITH \$10 PER MASS. THANK YOU.

Last weekend St. Edward Food Pantry had 37 drive thru with 65 people here. Also, we served 62 college kids with food and drink. With a total of 134 people being served.

