

BOTH ST. STEPHEN AND ST. EDWARD PARISHES WILL BE CELEBRATING SATURDAY MASSES, starting October 3. 4:30 p.m. at St. Stephen 6:00 p.m. at St. Edwards.

October 7 is the Feast of the Holy Rosary, and October is Pro-Life month. Bishop McGovern will pray the Rosary on Wednesday, October 7, at 3:00 PM, in the Cathedral of St. Peter. It will be live-streamed. Please join and pray at: www.cathedralbelle.org

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. If you are interested in attending, please contact Fr. Nick Junker at (618) 722-5035 or e-mail njunker@diobelle.org. 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 Philippian 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?

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.

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.

St. Edward Weekend and Daily Mass Schedule

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

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, 4:30pm
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 26, 5:00 p.m. – Arthur and Mary Judd+
 Sunday, September 27, 8:30 a.m. mass – St. Ann’s Altar Society
 Tuesday, September 29, 6:30 p.m. mass – Jim, Nancy & Marilyn Staples+
 Wednesday, September 30, 8:00 a.m. mass – James Croy+
 Thursday, Oct. 1, 8:00 a.m. mass – For the living & deceased of the parish
 Friday, October 2, 6:30 p.m. – Sharon Pierce+
Saturday, October 3, 4:30 p.m. mass – Maureen Maher+
 Sunday, October 4, 8:30 a.m. mass – Jim Stanford+

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 3pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 8 am Sundays or by request

Ministers for October

Saturday, Oct. 3, Lector: Jim Fehrenbacher
 Usher: Tony Holkenbrink
Sunday, Oct. 4, Lector: Justin Fleener
 Commentator: Phil Fancher Usher: Jerod Fleener

Saturday, Oct. 10, Lector: Cheryl McCarty
 Ushers: Don Talmant, Mike Winka
Sunday, Oct. 11, Lector: Mary Beth Lancaster
 Commentator: Ted Whitehead
 Usher: Dennis Hokenbrink

Weekly Contribution Sept. 20

Envelopes \$ 1,062.00
 Loose \$ 40.00
 Total \$ 1,102.00
 We need \$1,731.00

Retired Diocesan Priests Collect \$150
 Cemetary Fence Fund \$100
 CSMA \$50

Attendance: Saturday NM
Sundav 79

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 26—NO MASS
 Sunday, September 27, 10:30am—John Robison III+
 Thursday, October 1, 6:30pm—Blessings Received
 Friday, October 2, 8:00am—Catholic Extension Donors
 Saturday, October 3, 6:00pm—Frank & Patty Brunell+
 Sunday, October 4, 10:30am—Garland Keck+

Weekly Contribution 09/20

Envelopes(25) \$1,475.00
 Loose 70.00
 Total \$1,545.00
 We need \$1,887.00
 Building Fund \$112.00

September Lectors:

26th—NO MASS
27TH—David Mills

October Lectors:

3rd—Theresa Nordmann
4th—Jen Wellen

10th—Don Zurliene
11th—Gary Snodgrass

17th—Jay Fyie
18th—David Mills

24th—Mike Oppenheimer
25th—Diana 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, Ginny Barrett, Ernie Sork, David Ochs, Donna Turner & all priests who are sick.

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: *Saints Wenceslaus and Lawrence Ruiz*

Jb 1:6-22 Lk 9:46-50

Tues: *Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels*

Dn 7:9-10 Jun 1:47-51

Wed: *Saint Jerome*

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 Lk 9:57-62

Thur: *Saint Therese of the Child Jesus*

Jb 19:21-27 Lk 10:1-12

Fri: *The Holy Guardian Angels*

Jb 38:1,12-21; 40:3-5 Mt 18:1-5, 10

Sat: *Weekday*

Jb 42:1-3,5-6,12-17 Lk 10 17-24

Sun: *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 5:1-7 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43

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

ST. EDWARD NEWS

THERE WILL BE MASS AT ST. EDWARD ON SATURDAY, October 3rd at 6:00pm.

Bishop Michael McGovern will be in our area on Tuesday, October 6, at 7:00pm. All High School Students are invited to greet him during a question and answer session with him at Holy Cross-Wendelin Parish Hall (5782 Ingraham Ln. Newton) Adult chaperones and drivers are welcome to sit in on the discussion.

Congratulations:

Alex & Joan Black 10-9-71 (49yrs) Tim & Jackie Schoenborn 10-10-75 (45yrs)
Don & Denise Zurliene 10-27-79 (41yrs) Bob & Debra Simmers 10-25-86 (34yrs)
Richard & Beverly Rennier 10-18-96 (24yrs) Jeff & Valerie Bunting 10-21-06 (14yrs)
Darin & Jen Wellen 10-28-07 (13yrs)

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.

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.

PSR DATES

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
27 th —9am	4 th —9am	8 th —9am	6 th —9am
	11 th —9am	15 th —9am	13 th —9am
	18 th —9am	22 nd —9am	20 th —9am
	25 th —9am	29 th —9am	27 th —NO CLASS

