

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.

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.

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

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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.

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.

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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, October 3, 4:30 p.m. – Maureen Maher+
Sunday, October 4, 8:30 a.m. mass – Jim Stanford+
Tuesday, October 6, 6:30 p.m. mass – Dominic & Mary Talmant+
Wednesday, October 7, 8:00 a.m. mass – Catholic Extension Donor
Thursday, October 8, 8:00 a.m. mass – James Croy+
Saturday, October 10, 4:30 p.m. mass – John Vernon Heath+
Sunday, October 11, 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 3pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation 8 am Sundays or by request

Ministers for October

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

Saturday, Oct. 17, Lector: Jim Fehrenbacher
Usher: Tony Holkenbrink
Sunday, Oct. 18, Lector: Ted Whitehead
Commentator: Beth Sulsberger Usher: Justin Fleener

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, Diana 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, October 3, 6:00pm—Frank & Patty Brunell+
Sunday, October 4, 10:30am—Garland Keck+
Thursday, October 8, 6:30pm—Blessings Received
Friday, October 9, 8:00am—The living & deceased of St. Edward
Saturday, October 10, 6:00pm—“Special Intention”
Sunday, October 11, 10:30am—Larry McClure+

Weekly Contribution 09/27

Envelopes(20)	\$1,410.00
Loose	27.00
Total	\$1,437.00
We need	\$1,887.00
Building Fund	\$ 32.00
Donation	90.00
Holy Land	120.00

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, 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.

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.

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: *Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest*

Gal 1:6-12 Lk 10:25-37

Tues: *Saint Bruno; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher*

Gal 1:13-24 Lk 10:38-42

Wed: *Our Lady of the Rosary*

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 Lk 11:1-4

Thur: *Weekday*

Gal 3:1-5 Lk 11:5-13

Fri: *Saints Denis & John Leonardi*

Gal 3:7-14 Lk 11:15-26

Sat: *Weekday*

Gal 3:22-29 Lk 11:27-28

Sun: *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 25:6-10a Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22:1-14

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

The annual Rosary Rally will be held at St. Stephen’s at noon on October 10. Sympathy is extended to Tom Greenwood and family on the death of his father, Ranard Greenwood who passed away September 24. A funeral ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. September 30, at Frank & Bright Funeral Home. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until time of service at the funeral home. Interment will follow in Elmwood Cemetery. May his soul rest in peace.

Sympathy is extended to Betty Feldhake and family on the death of her husband, Robert Feldhake who passed away Friday afternoon, September 25, 2020 at his home. Visitation was September 30 at the funeral home. A funeral ceremony was held at 10 a.m. Thursday, October 1 at Frank & Bright Funeral Home with Father Charles Anyaoku officiating. Interment followed in St. Stephen Cemetery. 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.

There will be a St. Anne’s Altar Society meeting after mass on Sunday, October 8.

For info about PSR contact Paul Duquaine for information. 618.843.8508 paulduquaine@icloud.com

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.

Happy Anniversary to: Jim & Sandy Sulsberger Oct 21.

Happy Birthday to: Laura Anderson – Oct. 1, Matthew Winka - Oct. 2, Jesse Harvey – Oct 24, Lois Hout – Oct. 24
Please let Beth Fancher or Trudi Herdes know special dates, birthday, anniversaries or any special events

ST. EDWARD NEWS

OUR CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO LISA KONOPASEK AND HER FAMILY WITH THE PASSING OF HER FATHER, ANDREW MAYO, LAST WEEKEND. PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS. MAY ANDREW AND ALL THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED REST IN PEACE. AMEN

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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)*

ATTENTION USHERS: AS YOU ALL KNOW OCTOBER IS THE MONTH THE DIOCESE WANTS US TO COUNT HOW MANY PARISHIONERS ATTEND MASS AND HOW MANY RECEIVE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. THERE IS A FORM TO FILL OUT IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. 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.

<u>PSR DATES</u>	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
	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

THE MESSENGER IS DOING AN ARTICLE ON OUR PSR PROGRAM THIS SUNDAY. BISHOP MCGOVERN WANTS TO INVOLVE THE SMALLER PARISHES WITH ARTICLES IN THE PAPER. WE WILL LET EVERYONE KNOW WHEN IT WILL BE IN THE MESSENGER FOR VIEWING.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

Meals on Wheels Thank you to all those who helped deliver Meals on Wheels in September. We appreciate all of those who gave their time to this ministry. God Bless each one of you! The service is always looking for help. Contact Beth Fancher or Pat Ridgeway for more information.

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



