

Upcoming Mass Times at St. Edward and St. Stephen

*Christmas Eve, December 24: St. Edward: 7p.m.
St. Stephen: 11p.m., with Christmas carols starting at 10:30p.m.

*Christmas Day, December 25: St. Stephen: 8:30a.m., St. Edward: 10:30a.m.

*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, December 31: St. Stephen: 5p.m.,
St. Edward: 7p.m.

*January 1: St. Stephen: 8:30a.m., St. Edward: 10:30am

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.

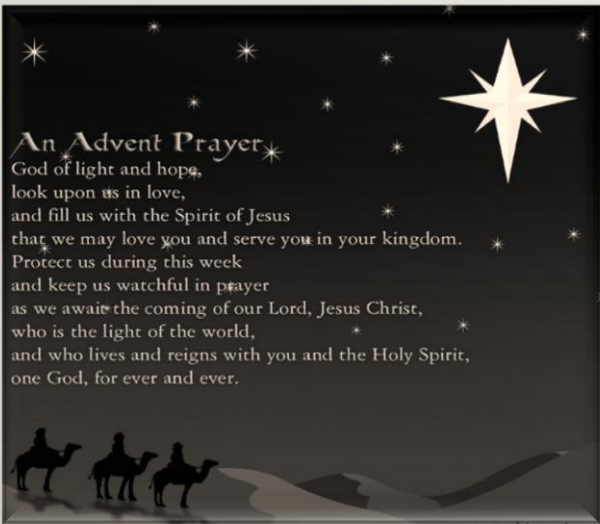
May we who have to cancel our Trips remember those that have no safe place to go.

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. Stephen Weekend and Daily Mass Schedule

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

Thursday, 8:00 a.m.

Saturdays 4:30 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. 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.

First Sunday of Advent



November 29, 2020

ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 28, 4:30 p.m. mass – Clem Hilmes+

Sunday, November 29, 8:30 a.m. mass – Ron Waters+

Tuesday, December 1, 6:30 p.m. mass – Connie Myer +

Wednesday, December 2, 8:00 a.m. mass – Dominic & Mary Talmant

Thursday, December 3, 8:00 a.m. mass – For the living & deceased of the parish

Saturday, December 5, 4:30 p.m. mass – Jim McCarty+

Sunday, December 6, 8:30 a.m. mass – St. Ann's Altar Society+

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 8 am Sundays or by request. Adoration on Tuesday from 7 pm until midnight and Fridays from 8:30 am until 3:15 pm with Servite Rotary at noon and Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3 pm.

Ministers for December

Saturday, December 5, Lector Jim Fehrenbacher
Usher Tony Holkenbrink

Sunday, December 6, Lector Justin Fleener
Commentator Phil Fancher Usher Jerold Fleener, Alan Huff

Saturday, December 12, Lector Cheryl McCarty
Usher Don Talmant, Mike Winka

Sunday, December 13, Lector Mary Beth Lancaster
Commentator Ted Whitehead Usher Dennis Holkenbrink

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 Mary bWilson, 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, **Collin Price, Bruce Cook, Ralph Weber, Diana Fleener, Chris Niebrugge, Darrell Ford, Brenda Watkins**

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

Weekly Contribution November 22

Envelopes \$ 1,715.00
Loose \$ 221.00
Total \$ 1,936.00
We need \$ 1,731.00

Campaign for Human Development \$140

Attendance: Sat 45 Sun 50

First Sunday of Advent



November 29, 2020

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 28, 6:00pm—John Robison III+

Sunday, November 29, 10:30am—Garland Keck+

Thursday, December 3, 6:30pm—Alice Zurliene+

Friday, December 4, 8:00am—Blessings Received

Saturday, December 5, 6:00pm—Andrea Erickson+

Sunday, December 6, 10:30am—The living & deceased of St. Edward
+

Contribution 11/22

Envelopes(21) \$1,267.00
Loose 30.00
Total \$1,297.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$ 87.00
CCHD 80.00

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, Becky Wisher, Donna Turner, Don Barrett, all priests who are sick.

November Lectors:

Nov. 28: Diana Zurliene
Nov. 29: Nick Zurliene

December Lectors:

Dec. 5: Mike Oppenheimer
Dec. 6: Jen Wellen
Dec. 12: Don Zurliene
Dec. 13: Gary Snodgrass
Dec. 19: Jay Fyie
Dec 20: Tom Konopasek

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

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: *Saint Andrew, Apostle*

Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22

Tues: *Advent Weekday*

Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24

Wed: *Advent Weekday*

Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37

Thur: *Saint Francis Xavier, Priest*

Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21,24-27

Fri: *Saint John Damascene, Priest*

Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31

Sat: *Advent Weekday*

Is 30:19-21 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a,6-8

Sun: *Second Sunday of Advent*

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

2021 CALENDARS ARE IN, HELP YOURSELF. LECTOR WORKBOOKS ARE HERE AND BEGIN THIS WEEKEND. Books are in the Sacristy or see Beth Fancher.

November is the month dedicated to all souls departed. Your deceased loved ones can be remembered by entering their names in the Remembrance Book on the stand next to the baptistry in the front of church.

St. Stephen Parish and Guadalupe Project are holding a Fundraising Raffle.

The winner will go home with a **2021 Can-Am Defender, HD5, 44, including top, windshield, street legal kit, tax and title.** The prize is worth well over \$12,000.

Only 2,000 tickets will be sold. \$20 a ticket or 6 for \$100. Extra tickets are available in the social room. Tickets and money can be put in the collection basket or give to Paul Duquaine or Laura Anderson. Proceeds will be split evenly between St.



Stephen's Church general operating fund and Guadalupe Project. So help us sell these tickets. **The drawing will be held on December 5.**

St. Stephen Parish and Guadalupe Project Annual Basket Raffle

Winners will be announced on December 5. Check with Laura Anderson about the different ways you can help with this fundraiser.



The 2020 Cookie Walk has been cancelled. Help St. Anne's Altar Society by donating to the annual monetary fundraiser. When deciding on a donation please consider the amount you would have spent at the rummage sale, cookie walk and monetary donation fundraiser. We greatly appreciate all donations. Place donation in collection basket, marked for donation.

****PSR Parents...Keep up the good work, practice prayers with kids and check your mailbox. For information about PSR contact Paul Duquaine. 618.843.8508**

paulduquaine@icloud.com, PSR Coordinator****

From Father Charles Desk: **Month of November is a period we pray for all departed faithful**

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to Me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent Me. And this is the will of the one who sent Me, that I should not lose anything of what He gave Me, but that I should raise it on the last day" (John 6:37-39).

We are not only meant to see God, but also to partake in His glory. The Holy Souls in Purgatory, though, have not yet entered their heavenly home. They have an incomparable hope in knowing that they will – but they are not yet pure and holy enough for their temporary atonement for sin to be over. Since they can no longer help themselves, we can help them through prayer, almsgiving and other sacrifices, and remembering them in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Let us make a practice of offering the lovely prayer of St. Gertrude the Great: "Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious Blood of Jesus, with all the Masses being said this day all over the world for the Souls in Purgatory."

ST. EDWARD NEWS

PSR DATES

DECEMBER

6th—9am

13th—9am

20th—9am

27th—NO CLASS

January

3rd—NO CLASS

10th—9am

17th—9am

24th—9am

31st—9am

February

7th—9am

14th—NO CLASS

21st—9am

28th—9am

First Sunday of Advent

Be Alert! Watch! We begin this new liturgical year as the old one ends: alert, on the watch, looking to the end time (that is, the return of Jesus Christ) while still living in this middle time of grace. In our watching, we make the words at the center of the Isaiah reading our own: "Would that you might meet us doing right." Let us be faithful gatekeepers—of our thoughts and of our acts—actively looking for the face of the Lord.

~How will I maintain hope as I wait for Jesus Christ?

~What will I say?

~What will I do? The Works of Mercy can be a start.

Just a reminder: If anyone is wanting to do some volunteer work, the Clothesline has re-opened and we are needing volunteers to represent St. Edward Catholic Church. If you have any questions please contact Leslie Robison. Thanks

The "Little Blue Advent Books" are available in the hall along with "The Word among us" which is a book with the Catholic Mass and Daily Meditations for the Advent Season. O Come, Emmanuel.

PASTORAL COUNCIL WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD AT 7:00PM. THE MINUTES ARE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE HALL.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS: DONNA LAWLER, DENISE ZURLIENE, SARAH DEVOUS, JODI HUNT, KATHY DEVOUS, BEN OPPENHEIMER, STACIE BOYER, AMANDA QUICK, TANYA ALMON, ASHLEY JACOBS, HUNTER KONOPASEK, MEGAN BLACK, BEN POND, JEFF MURHY, JEFF ZURLIENE, JASON DEVOUS, JENNIFER DEVOUS, PAUL PEREZ, TROY KECK, TAMARA MURPHY, FR. MARK REYLING, KEN NORDMANN

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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.

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 Birthday to: Kathy Price – Nov. 2, Josh Winka – Nov.7, Jim Fleener – Nov. 8, Irene Winka – Nov. 9, Trudi Herdes – Nov. 12, Wyatt Harvey – Nov. 20.

Please let Beth Fancher or Trudi Herdes know of special dates, birthday, anniversaries or any special events.

Next three Altar Society chairmen are: Beth Fancher, Jill Fehrenbacher, Mary Beth Lancaster/Susan Schroeder.

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.



A Message from the Very Reverend John C. Iffert, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

WHAT DOES TIER 3 MITIGATION MEAN FOR OUR PARISHES AND SCHOOLS?

As of now, the Catholic Conference of Illinois advises that parishes and Catholic schools are permitted to continue in-person worship and learning, even under the Tier 3 requirements that go into effect on Friday, November 20. This presumes that our parishes are diligently complying with current protocols and schools are operating under approved Covid-19 prevention plans.

Reopening protocols are available at www.diobelle.org. Key components of these protocols that must be followed include:

- Limit attendance to 20% of church capacity or 100 worshippers, whichever is smaller
- Register worshippers and maintain attendance records to assist in contact tracing
- Ask screening questions before admittance
- Wear well-fitted face masks that always cover our mouth and nose
- Sanitize hands when entering the building and before receiving Holy Communion
- Always maintain social distancing of at least six feet
- Sanitize pews and commonly touched surfaces between Masses/services

We encourage everyone to dedicate themselves to these precautions as a work of charity and mercy that we do for love of our neighbors.

Those who have elevated health risks should consider staying home and participating online or by watching Mass on television.

If you have any symptoms or have been exposed to someone who likely has Covid-19, please worship from home and be especially cautious.

Remember, during this pandemic, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is dispensed. It is not a sin to miss Mass if we do so because of a concern about contracting or spreading coronavirus. Please pray daily and diligently for an end to this pandemic.

A special word about weddings and funerals. Although funerals are specifically mentioned in the Tier 3 mediation guidelines, funeral Masses and funeral liturgies in church buildings can operate under our protocols for Mass. The 20 percent occupancy rule (maximum of 100 people) applies to any act of public worship. Please follow all the other protocols, including the presence of sufficient staff or volunteers to screen and usher the worshippers, sanitize commonly touched surfaces, etc. Special care should be taken to maintain social distancing before and after the funeral liturgy, as people enter and leave the church building. Gatherings such as wakes or funeral luncheons, are subject to Tier 3 mediation limits on gatherings (10 persons) and are not advised at this time. This same guidance applies to weddings.