



Graces are Flying Forth from His Heart

Our Lord is not in the Blessed Sacrament as dead or asleep, not simply there to receive your love and adoration. But just as the most blessed Virgin had her divine Son's life, and His holy examples, and words, and actions before her eyes, even so we have her Son's life and example going on before our eyes, in all their stages, which we can study to our immense profit and advancement in grace. The life of our dear Lord in the Sacred Host is most active. He remains still in the tabernacle, it is true, but graces are flying forth from His Heart in inconceivable abundance. From the tabernacle, Our Lord works miracles both in souls and bodies, as He did of old in Galilee and Judea.

Our divine Lord, thus present in the sacrament of His love, is the central object of the devotion and worship of the Holy Catholic Church. From His Sacred Heart, present in the tabernacle, go forth streams of grace upon human souls that lift them up in prayer and adoration to the throne of God. The very words we use, a "visit to the Blessed Sacrament," reminds us that we go to a living person, and that He is no other than our blessed Savior.

From: *Manual for Eucharistic Adoration* of the Saint Joseph Adoration Monastery

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Stephen Parish:

Tuesdays from 7:00pm-12:00midnight

Fridays from 8:30am-3:15pm

Eucharistic Revival: Let's Make it Matter at our Sister Parishes

The American Catholic Church is engaged in a multi-year Eucharistic Revival. 2023-2024 is the second year and focuses on grassroots "Year of Parish Revival." In this spirit, Deacon David Mills invites parishioners of St. Edward-Fairfield and St. Stephen-Flora to participate in an 8 month book study of "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist" by Brant Pitre leading up to Easter next March. Meetings will take place on Sunday afternoons from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. It will begin with Eucharistic Adoration set to the Liturgy of the Hours in the church and transition to a group discussion in the parish hall. Book Study Schedule: 1/28 at St. Edward, 2/25 at St. Stephen, 3/24 at St. Edward, 4/28 at St. Stephen.

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

December 31, 2023

Rev. Father Charles Anyaoku, Pastoral Administrator

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Deacon David Mills, Permanent Deacon

St. Edward Catholic Church

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Fairfield, IL 62837

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New Parishioners register at Parish Office
Please send bulletin information to the parish office
by noon on Wednesdays.

Parish Secretary: Libby Pond
PSR Coordinator: Jen Wellen
RCIA Co-Coordinator: Ginny Barrett
Music Director: Linda Keck

Trustees: Don Zurliene
Jay Fyie

Finance Council: David Cavanaugh
Jay Fyie
Don Zurliene
Teresa Williams
Jen Wellen
Ken Nordmann

Parish Council: Diana Zurliene
Linda Keck
David Cavanaugh
Tim Schoenborn
Libby Pond
Kent Ochs
Mike Oppenheimer
Scott Merkle

In Case of Emergency Contact:

Father Charles: 618-641-8978
Deacon David Mills: 618-599-4683
Laura Anderson: 618-599-6786
Libby Pond: 618-599-6924

St. Stephen Catholic Church

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Flora, IL 62839

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Bulletins and special reminders can be sent to
your cell phone or email via Flocknote.
Contact the parish office to sign up.

New Parishioners register with Fr. Charles,
Parish Office or Dorothy Uebinger (662-3711)

Prayer Requests: Contact Trudi Herdes

Parish Office Contact Information

Laura Anderson

618-599-6786 (cell) or 618-662-8121 (office)

laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com or ststephen_flora@yahoo.com

Submit bulletin information in email by Wednesday at noon.

Parish Secretary: Laura Anderson
PSR Coordinator: Paul Duquaine
RCIA Co-Coordinator: Cheryl McCarty
Music Director: Diane Briscoe

Trustees: Randy Wells
Susan Schroeder

Finance Council: Jesse Harvey
Trudi Herdes
Dorothy Uebinger
Krista Weidner
Deb Zimmerman
Ted Zimmerman

Parish Council: Cory Anderson
Laura Anderson
Justin Fleener
Pat Greenwood
Mary Beth Lancaster
Andrew Vahling

St. Stephen Liturgical Schedule

Octave of Christmas

Saturday, December 30:	4:00pm	Confession
	4:30pm	Mass + <i>Jerry Kohrmann</i>
Sunday, December 31:	8:00am	Rosary & Confession
	8:30am	Mass <i>For the Living & Deceased of the Paris</i>
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:		
Vigil Mass – Sunday, Dec. 31:	6:00pm	Mass + <i>Howard & Madonna Goellner</i>
New Year’s Day, January 1:	8:30am	Mass <i>For the Living & Deceased of the Parish</i>
Tuesday, January 2:	7:00pm	Adoration until midnight
Friday, January 5:	9:00am	First Friday Adoration until 6:00pm
	12:00noon	Servite Rosary
	3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	5:30pm	Rosary
	6:00pm	Mass + <i>Jim, Marilyn, & Nancy Staples</i>
Saturday, January 6:	4:00pm	Confession
	4:30pm	Mass + <i>Greg Shevokas</i>
Sunday, January 7:	8:00am	Rosary & Confession
	8:30am	Mass <i>For the Living & Deceased of the Parish</i>

Weekly Contribution: 12-24-23	12-26-23	Attendance: 12-17-23
Envelope: \$1,263.00	\$2,520.00	Saturday: 61
Loose: \$ 248.00	388.00	Sunday: 47
TOTAL: \$1,511.00	\$2,908.00	Total: 115
Weekly Budget	\$2,270.00	

Ministers for December

<u>Saturday, January 6:</u>		
Lectors: Cheryl McCarty	Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Sulsberger, Krista Weidner, Robin Lipka	
Servers: Allison & Austin Cartright	Ushers: Jerry Price & Kurt Holkenbrink	
<u>Sunday, January 7:</u>		
Lector: Justin Fleener	Cantor: Andrew Vahling	
Eucharistic Ministers: Ted Whitehead, Beth Fancher, & Phil Fancher		
Servers: Xander & Sophie Johnson & Landon Thompson	Ushers: Jerod Fleener & Alan Huff	

Happy Birthday:

Jessica Vahling: January 5	Jean Guerrettaz: January 9	Hudson Greenwood: January 10
Deb Zimmerman: January 12	Tom Lancaster: January 16	Joann Stanford: January 17
Tom Greenwood: January 17	Marilyn Stanford: January 19	Sherry Fleener: January 26

Happy Anniversary: Ryan & Julie Harris – January 20

Prayer Intentions

Linda Griffy, Bill Marks, Nicole Wheaton, Velma Oliver, Clara Wilson, Ray Vaughn, LaVonne Kemmerer, Patience McKnight, Mildred Garrison, Irene Winka, Mary Wilson, Celeste Repogle, Luke Miller, Ralph & Georgianna Weber, Marie Elwat, Kennah Hiestand, Harrison Hilliard, Becky Dulaney, Mary Patridge, Chris Niebrugge, Margaret Bateman, Helen Wilkins, Fern Ketzner, Paul Birk, Gerald Klein, Dale Jennings, Bob Porter, Lisa Schimp, Jane Henson, Tammy Lough, John D., Bobby Wilkin, Emma Winslow, Justin Traub, Lois Lewis, Galen Gill, Matt Kuenstler, Sydney Knott, Shallon Booth, Smitty, Robert Tatman, Josh Winka, repose of the souls in the Troksh family, Rodney Keck, & nursing home residents. Please let the parish office know if names can be added or removed.

St. Edward Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, December 31, 2023 10:30 AM Peggy Garrison+
Monday, January 1, 2024 10:30 AM – Marcielle Oppenheimer+
Thursday, January 4 , 6:00 PM – NO MASS
Friday, January 5, 8:00 AM- NO MASS
Sunday, January 7, 10:30 AM – Sam Ochs+

Weekly Contributions

12/24/2023

Envelopes	\$ 1850
Loose	\$ 207
Total	\$2057
We Need	\$ 2032
Mass Stipends	\$30
Building Fund	\$10,202
Food Pantry	\$ 100
Candles	\$ 30

Christmas Needy	\$485
Christmas Collection	\$1335
CSMA	\$400

Attendance-

Sunday 10:30 AM	60
Christmas Eve	87
Christmas Day	26

Prayer Intentions

Kim Buchanan, Lanora Neavill, Robyn Meagher, Donna Turner, Marilyn Butler , Michelle Dalton, CeCe Coorapi, , Margaret Thompson, Richard Rennier, Lee Bouldin, Fr. Ray, Marty Hawkins, Spencer Meagher, Judy Maguire, Fr. Jim Daugherty, Ray Glover, Dick Hibbetts, Donna Williams, Teresa Keyser, Shirley Miller, Glory Almon, Teresa Walker, Bill Arndt, Jackie Schoenborn, Micheal Gregory, tony Evans
Let the office know if names need to be added or removed from our prayer list.

Our Scripture Readings

Sun - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14 Col 3: 12-21
Lk 2: 22-40
Mon - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Nm 6: 22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2: 16-21
Tues - Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops, Doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2: 22-28 Jn 1: 19-28
Wed - The Most Holy Name of Jesus
1 Jn 2: 29-3:6 Jn 1: 29-34
Thurs- Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
1 Jn 3: 7-10 Jn 1: 35-42
Fri - Saint John Neumann, Bishop
1 Jn 3: 11-21 Jn 1: 43-51
Sat - Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5: 5-13 Mk 1: 7-11
Sun - The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60: 1-6 Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2: 1-12

St. Edward News

Thank You to everyone that made the Christmas Masses last weekend a very memorable event, thanks to the musicians, choir, lectures and servers.

Food Pantry – FYI – Our next food pantry will be on Saturday, January 20. **Next Sunday we will have the second collection for the food pantry.**

Catholic Extension Calendars – The Catholic Extension Calendars have arrived and are available for pick up. We again thank Johnson and Vaughn Funeral Home for donating the funds for these calendars for our parish.

Collection Envelopes – Collection envelopes for 2024 are available on the table in the hall.

PSR – PSR classes with resume January 7, 2024

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Calendar - If you or any of your family’s birthdays or anniversaries were not on our monthly calendars last year and you would like them added, contact the office.

St. Stephen News

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In the case of an emergency during Father’s absence, please call Father Jose, pastor at St. Theresa Parish in Salem at 314-853-2305 or 618-548-2305.

Extra copies of *Beautiful Eucharist*, the church’s Christmas gift this year, are on the tables at either entrance. Please help yourself to extra copies to share with family and friends.

Parish School of Religion: Sunday, December 24 – NO Class Sunday, January 7 - Class

Complimentary 8x10 prints of the photos taken for the directory are on the table in the back of church. Directories will be available after the first of the year.

Please pick up your 2024 Contribution Envelopes from the tables in the back of church.

The next rotating chairmen are Berenice Mary Brown & Donna Myers.

CSMA: To date, St. Stephen Parishioners have contributed \$5,705.44 of our \$6,990.00 goal. To make a donation, use the envelopes received in the mail or extras located on the tables at the back of church.

SCRIP cards are for sale in the social room after Mass. Please see the updated list below for what we have on hand. We have added several businesses. St. Anne’s is also in the process of contacting local businesses to participate in this program and have added Los Tres Caminos. Please watch as more become available.

SCRIP CARDS ON HAND

Ace Hardware	\$25	Panera	\$10, \$25, \$50
Aeropostale	\$25	Phillips 66	\$25
Amazon	\$10, \$25, \$50, \$100	Pizza Hut	\$10
American Eagle	\$25	Sears	\$25
Bath and Body Works	\$25	Staples	\$25
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$10, \$25	Starbucks	\$5, \$10, \$25
Casey’s	\$25, \$50	Subway	\$10, \$50
CVS	\$25	Taco Bell	\$10, \$25
Dairy Queen	\$10	Target	\$10, \$25, \$50
Great Harvest	\$25	VISA	\$25, \$50, \$100
Kohls	\$25, \$100	Walgreens	\$100
Los Tres Caminos	\$25, \$50	Walmart	\$10
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