

Lent 2023 Program at St. Stephen & St. Edward Parishes



Lent is an important season in the Church’s liturgical year, the time when we take stock of where we are in our faith and prepare for the death and Resurrection of our Savior. Often we lose sight of the point of this season because we get caught up in ourselves—how hard it is to fast, how bad we are at fasting—and we end up just waiting for the season to be over at Easter. Because of this, we sometimes arrive at Easter with our lives no different than they were on Ash Wednesday.

As a parish, we are seeking to prepare for Jesus’ death and Resurrection and experience true transformation in our lives during this powerful season. One way we’re doing this is by participating in a new program from Ascension Press—*The Ascension Lenten Companion*. This resource explores the Gospel readings for each Sunday of this Lent to help us prepare better for Mass and grow closer to Jesus each day. The program includes engaging videos by Fr. Toups and an inspirational journal with daily meditations, prayer prompts, space for journaling, original sacred artwork, and weekly videos that keep us on track.

This program is an opportunity for our whole community to enter into the season of Lent intentionally and receive the grace God wants to give us during this holy season. **If you did not receive a copy, there are extras at the back of church. Please help yourself. Watch your email for weekly videos via Flocknote to accompany the book. The daily reflections began Ash Wednesday and will continue to Easter Sunday. Wishing you all a blessed Lenten season!**

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches

First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023

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

*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)

Please send bulletin information to
laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com by Wednesday at noon.

Parish Office Hours:
Monday: 8:00am – 1:00pm
Wednesday: 8:30am – 12:30pm

Parish Secretary:	Diana Zurliene
PSR Coordinator:	Jen Wellen
RCIA 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

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

Trustees:	Randy Wells Susan Schroeder
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Finance Council:	Jesse Harvey Trudi Herdes Dorothy Uebinger Krista Weidner Deb Zimmerman Ted Zimmerman
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Parish Council:	Cory Anderson Laura Anderson Jessica Crawford Justin Fleener Mary Beth Lancaster Andrew Vahling
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In Case of Emergency Contact:

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St. Stephen Liturgical Schedule

First Week of Lent

Saturday, February 25:	4:30pm	Mass + <i>Agnes & Robert Feldhake</i>
Sunday, February 26:	8:00am	Rosary
	8:00am	Confession
	8:30am	Mass <i>For the living & deceased of the parish</i>
Tuesday, February 28:	6:00pm	Rosary
	6:30pm	Mass + <i>Bill & Mary Handley</i>
	7:00pm	Adoration until midnight
Wednesday, March 1:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass + <i>John & Adele Niebrugge</i>
Thursday, March 2:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass <i>Catholic Extension Donors</i>
Friday, March 3:	9:00am	First Friday Adoration until 6:00pm
	12:00noon	Servite Rosary
	3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	5:30pm	Rosary, followed by benediction
	6:00pm	Stations, followed by Mass + <i>Jim, Marilyn, & Nancy Staples</i>
Saturday, March 4:	4:30pm	Mass + <i>Howard & Madonna Goellner</i>
Sunday, March 5:	8:00am	Rosary
	8:00am	Confession
	8:30am	Mass <i>For the living & deceased of the parish</i>

Weekly Contribution: 2-19-23		Attendance: 2-19-23	
Envelopes:	\$1,503.00	Saturday:	42
Loose:	\$ 98.00	Sunday:	67
TOTAL:	\$1,601.00	Total:	109
Weekly Budget \$1,731.00			

Ministers for March

Saturday, March 4:

Lector: Jim Fehrenbacher	Eucharistic Minister: Robin Lipka
Servers: Pierce Family	Ushers: Jerry Price & Mark Winka

Sunday, March 5:

Lector: Ted Whitehead	Commentator: Beth Sulsberger	Eucharistic Minister: Beth Fancher
Servers: Kehlin & Kiara Crawford, Landon Thompson	Ushers: Jerod Fleener & Alan Huff	

Happy Birthday:

Alison Harvey: March 7	Jean Quinn: March 12	Pat Quinn: March 17
Heather Greenwood: March 22	Janice McCutchen: March 31	

Prayer Intentions

Linda Griffy, Bill Marks, Nicole Wheaton, Velma Oliver, Clara Wilson, Ray Vaughn, LaVonne Kemmerer, Patience McKnight, Mildred Garrison, Irene Winka, Mary Wilson, Marilyn Wheaton, Celeste Replogle, Luke Miller, Ralph & Georgianna Weber, Helen Powless, Marie Elwat, Kennah Hiestand, Claire Karasch, Claire Fopay, Harrison Hilliard, Becky Dulaney, Mary Patridge,, Chris Niebrugge, Margaret Bateman, Dave & 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, Ray Rutland, Karen Foster, & nursing home residents. *Please let the parish office know if names can be added or removed from this list.*

St. Edward Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, February 19th, 10:30 am – Jerry Zurliene+
Thursday, March 2, 6:00 pm –Rick Titzer+
Friday, March 3, 8:00 am – Kris Huffstodt+
Sunday, March 5, 10:30 am – John Robison II+

Weekly Contributions

2/19/2023	
Envelopes	\$2,345
Loose	\$41
Total	\$2,386
We Need	\$1,887

Mass Stipends	\$10
Building Fund	\$152
Food Pantry	\$0
Candles	\$12

Attendance 63

Prayer Intentions

Kim Buchanan, Lanora Neavill, Robyn Meagher, Linda States, Donna Turner, Marilyn Butler , Michelle Dalton, CeCe Coorapi, , Noah Gollner, Margaret Thompson, Richard Rennier, Lee Bouldin, Fr. Ray, Dennis Zurliene, Cheryl Braden, Marty Hawkins, Rosalie Holstein, Theresa Nordmann, Vickie Zurliene, Ginny Barrett, Maverick Snodgrass, and Spencer Meagher
Let the office know if names need to be added or removed from our prayer list.

Our Scripture Readings

Sun - First Sundayof Lent
 Gn 2:7-9,3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11

Mon - Lenten weekday
 Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Mt 25:31-46

Tues - Lenten Weekday
 Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15

Wed - Lenten Weekday
 Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32

Thurs Lenten Weekday
 Est C :12, 14-16, 23-25 Mt 7:7-12

Fri - Lenten weekday
 Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26

Sat - Lenten Weekday
 Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48

Sun - Second Sunday of Lent
 Gn 12:1-4a 2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9

St. Stephen News

Happy Birthday, Father Charles! Father celebrated his birthday on February 24th. All are invited to a birthday celebration for Father after Mass this Sunday, February 26th in the social room.

From Father Charles: I urge you brothers and sisters to participate actively in this yearly season of Lent with prayer. Each of us will receive a book at beginning of this Lenten season, that will accompany us throughout this Lenten season. Please avail yourself this ample opportunity to study it and also to reflect on how Jesus went through suffering for the salvation of mankind.

Lenten Resources: If you did not get a copy of *The Ascension Lenten Companion*, there are extra copies at the back of church. This book is being supplied by the parish so that we can all journey through Lent together. Weekly videos accompany the daily reflections in the book, and will be sent out via Flocknote. Please plan to make use of this resource! Also available by either entrance are the *Little Books* for Lent, as well as the Lenten edition of *Word Among Us*.

PSR Calendar: Sunday, February 26: Class Sunday, March 5: Class

Eucharistic Ministers: There will be a Eucharistic Minister class held soon. Contact Beth Fancher if you are interested or have questions at bafancher@wabash.net or 618-676-4292.

Planning Ahead: Mass intentions will be booked for the months of April, May, & June by March 20, 2023. If you have any special date requests for Mass intentions for these months, please have them turned in to the parish office by March 20, 2023. Cards & envelopes are available on the tables by both entrances and can be dropped in the collection basket. Thank you!

The next 3 rotating Altar Society chairmen are Donna Myers, Jill Fehrenbacher, & Bernice Mary Brown.

Easter Flowers: If you would like to donate toward Easter Flowers, there are envelopes on the tables at both exits. Thank you!

Meals on Wheels: March is the month we deliver Meals on Wheels. We deliver meals every weekday throughout the month. There are two routes which start delivery at 10:30 and will take about an hour each day. This is a wonderful ministry, and we appreciate all the help we can get. The sign-up sheet is at the south door in the hall outside the social room. Please sign-up for a day or a week. Any questions call Beth Fancher at 618-676-4292.

CSMA: Thank you to the 12 households that have already pledged to support the mission of the church to teach, preach, minister, and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. So far, \$2,310.44 has been pledged by our parish members. Our parish goal is \$6,990.00. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

Lent 2023 Fasting & Abstinence: Everyone is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent from age 14 onwards. *This year, at the direction of Bishop McGovern, since the memorial of Saint Patrick falls on Friday, March 17, the obligation to abstain from meat on that Friday is removed.* Everyone is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Because Lent is a special season for all Christians, we should not lightly excuse ourselves from these penitential practices.

St Edward News

Thank you to the 15 households that have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. So far \$3620 has been pledged by our parish members. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

Today after mass we will celebrate Fr. Charles’ birthday.

Next Sunday, March 5 there will be our monthly second collection for the food pantry.

Save the Date: Our annual Parish St. Patrick’s Day dinner will be held on March 18th at 6:00 pm in the hall.

If you did not get a Rice bowl for Catholic Relief Services, they are still available. Our parish food pantry gets 25% of all money donated.

Save the date: Friday, March 10, we will set up for food pantry after the 8 am mass. Food distribution will be Saturday, March 11 at 7:30 am.

Thank you to everyone who attended the prayer service or sent up prayers for Dennis, Vickie and Ginny last week. A special thank you to Ken and Theresa for leading us in the Rosary.

Continue to pray for Dennis, Vickie and Ginny as they all recover from surgery.