



***Jesus to St. Faustina:***

***“My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy.  
I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls,  
and especially for poor sinners.***

***On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open.  
I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls  
who approach the fount of My mercy.***

***The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion  
shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.***

***On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened.***

***Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.  
My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel,  
will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.***

***Everything that exists has come forth  
from the very depths of My most tender mercy.  
Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate  
My love and mercy throughout eternity.***

***The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness.  
It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter.  
Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.”***

# **St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches**

## **Divine Mercy Sunday**

## **April 16, 2023**

**Rev. Father Charles Anyaoku, Pastoral Administrator**

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### **St. Edward Catholic Church**

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**Fairfield, IL 62837**

**Phone: 618-847-7931**

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

**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**

### **In Case of Emergency Contact:**

**Father Charles: 618-641-8978  
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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)**

**Please send bulletin information to  
[laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com](mailto:laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com) by Wednesday at noon.**

### **Parish Office Contact Information**

**Laura Anderson**

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

**[laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com](mailto:laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com) or [ststephen\\_flora@yahoo.com](mailto:ststephen_flora@yahoo.com)**

**There is also a mailbox in the copy room to use as needed.**

**Parish Secretary: Laura Anderson  
PSR Coordinator: Paul Duquaine  
RCIA 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

The Octave of Easter

St. Edward Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 15:	10am-11am	Confession
	4:30pm	Mass + <i>Evelyn Myers</i>
Sunday, April 16:	10:00am	Rosary & Confession
	10:30am	Mass <i>For the living &amp; deceased of the parish</i> + <i>Jim McCarty</i>
	11:30am	Adoration until 4pm
	3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Tuesday, April 18:	6:00pm	Rosary
	6:30pm	Mass + <i>Kenny, Evelyn, &amp; Connie Myers</i>
	7:00pm	Adoration until midnight
Wednesday, April 19:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass + <i>Charlotte Berry</i>
Thursday, April 20:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass + <i>Al Winka</i>
Friday, April 21:	8:30am	Adoration until 3:15pm
	12:00noon	Servite Rosary
	3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday, April 22:	4:30pm	Mass + <i>James &amp; Esther Quinn</i>
Sunday, April 23:	8:00am	Rosary
	8:00am	Confession
	8:30am	Mass <i>For the living &amp; deceased of the parish</i>

Weekly Contribution: 4-9-23		Attendance: 4-9-23	
Envelopes:	\$3,515.00	Saturday:	65
Loose:	\$ 461.00	Sunday:	130
TOTAL:	\$3,976.00	Holy Land: \$492.00	Total: 195
Weekly Budget \$1,731.00			

Ministers for April

Saturday, April 22:

Lector: Jim Fehrenbacher	Eucharistic Minister: Pat Ridgeway
Servers: Pierce family	Ushers: Kurt Holkenbrink & Mark Winka

Sunday, April 23:

Lector: Jonathan Akers	Commentator: Phil Fancher	Eucharistic Minister: Beth Fancher
Servers: Ethan & Landon Milner	Ushers: Cory Anderson & Ted Whitehead	

Happy Birthday:

Emily Milner: April 17	Janet Winka: April 21	Jane Henson: April 23	Lou Sulsberger: April 23
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Happy Anniversary:	Jim & Diana Fleener – April 8	Jerod & Kim Fleener – April 21
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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 Replogle, Luke Miller, Ralph & Georgianna Weber, Helen Powless, Marie Elwat, Kennah Hiestand, Claire Fopay, 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, Karen Foster, MaryBeth Lancaster, Rick Slaughter, Matt Kuenstler, & nursing home residents. Please let the parish office know if names can be added or removed from this list.

Second Sunday of Easter, April 16, 8:30 am – Sam Ochs+  
Thursday, April 20, 6:00 pm – Bassinger & Keepes Families+  
Friday, April 21, 8:00 am – Murphy & Pittman Families+  
Third Sunday of Easter, April 23, 10:30 am – Rose Detmer+

Weekly Contributions

4/9/2023	
Envelopes	\$1,813
Loose	\$249
Total	\$2,062
We Need	\$1,887
Mass Stipends	\$0
Building Fund	\$100
Food Pantry	\$
Candles	\$20
Holy Land	\$374

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, Vickie Zurliene, Marty Hawkins, Rosalie Holstein, Ginny Barrett, Maverick Snodgrass, Spencer Meagher, Judy Maguire and Jon Lampley  
Let the office know if names need to be added or removed from our prayer list.

Attendance 108

Our Scripture Readings

Sun - Second Sunday of Easter  
Acts 2:42-47 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31  
Mon - Easter Weekday  
Acts 4:23-31 Jn 3:1-8  
Tues - Easter Weekday  
Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15  
Wed - Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:17-26 JN 3:16-21  
Thurs Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36  
Fri - Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:34-42 Jn 5:1-15  
Sat - Easter Weekday  
Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21  
Sun - Third Sunday of Easter  
Acts 2:14, 22-33 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35

# St. Stephen News

**Eucharistic Ministers:** There will be a Eucharistic Minister training on Sunday, April 23 following Mass. Everyone is welcome. Contact Beth Fancher if you are interested or have questions at [bafancher@wabash.net](mailto:bafancher@wabash.net) or 618-676-4292.

**The next three rotating Altar Society chairmen** are Linda Etchison/Karen Whitehead, Berenice Mary Brown, and Donna Myers.

**A new parish directory** is officially in the works! Individual family photos will be taken on Sunday, June 11 and Sunday, June 25 by *Curt+Rach Photography*. There are time slots available from 10am-1pm each Sunday. Sign-up sheets are available outside the social room. St. Stephen Parish is providing each parishioner with the photo session, directory book, and one 8x10 print. If you would like to help offset the cost of the directory, the suggested donation is \$15. Additional photos & prints can be purchased directly from *Curt+Rach*.

**Mark your calendars** for First Communion on Sunday, May 7, and for Confirmation on Saturday, May 20 at 4:30pm. Please join us for both of these celebrations. We will be welcoming 19 confirmandi from St. Stephen in Flora, St. Polycarp in Carmi, St. Edward in Fairfield, and St. John the Baptist in Piopolis. Please keep all the confirmandi in your prayers. Also, **help is needed** the day of Confirmation at the reception meal hosted by St. Stephen. If you are willing to help with the reception, please see Paul or Deb Duquaine. Thank you!

**A parish Easter egg hunt** and potluck meal will be held on Sunday, April 16. The Easter egg hunt will be at 5:00pm, with the potluck at 5:30. Meat and drinks will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

**Fundraising Update:** This Sunday, one lucky parishioner will win 4 tickets to the St. Louis Cardinal Game on Friday, May 5 at 7:15pm CDT against the Detroit Tigers. To enter the drawing, fill out a card with your name and phone number and drop it in the box outside the social room. The drawing will be held at the Easter Potluck on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to everyone for the continued support of the fundraisers to benefit St. Stephen General Fund! Your contributions make a big difference.

**RTIC Cooler + Speaker Raffle:** St. Stephen Parish will be giving away an RTIC Cooler with a built in speaker system built and donated by John McCarty. The prize package contains the cooler, a grilling set, cash, and other fun summer items. The drawing will be held on Saturday, July 1. Chances on the cooler are \$10 each and all proceeds will benefit St. Stephen General Fund. Stop by and check out the cooler outside the social room, and pick up tickets to sell to family and friends! Tickets and money can be returned to the silver drop box. Thank you!

**Our mowing equipment** is experiencing issues requiring repair, and in some cases, replacement. Donations to help defray the costs of these issues are much appreciated, and necessary to keep our church grounds and our cemetery looking beautiful. Please place your donations in an envelope with the word "Grounds" on it and place it in the collection basket, or send it to St. Stephen Church, 812 N Main St, Flora, IL 62839. As always, thank you so much for your generosity.

**Parish Office Hours:** Please note the following changes with Laura's upcoming maternity leave.

- April 24-June 5: No parish office hours, Laura will be working shortened hours from home.
- June 14-21: Office closed for vacation.
- Effective July 1: Wednesday and/or Thursday mornings, exact hours will vary.

*At any time, you can reach Laura using the information on the front of the bulletin.  
All calls/texts/emails will be answered within a week during maternity leave & vacation times.*

# St Edward News

**Parish Council meeting on Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup> after 6:00 pm Mass.** Council member agendas are posted on the bulletin board.

**Parish Work Day will be Saturday April 22nd starting at 9:00 am.** Please bring leaf rakes, leaf blowers, pruning shears and whatever else you think we might need. Please we need all the help we can get on this day to make our Parish grounds look good.

**Confirmation will be on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's.** We have two members of the church being confirmed Peyton Felowitz and Gabby Zurliene. They will be confirmed along with youth from St. Polycarp in Carmi, St. John the Baptist in Piopolis and St. Stephen parish. Please keep all of these youth in your prayers.

**PSR will meet on April 23, April 30<sup>th</sup> and final class for this year will be on May 7<sup>th</sup>.**