

From Parish Administrative Desk

Sharing the word of God today (Third Sunday of Easter. Year A)  
“They recognized him in the breaking of bread”

*First Reading (Acts 2:14.22-28). Preaching to the Jews assembled in Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost, Peter interprets the Jewish scriptures in the light of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection. In our passage we should note two points. Firstly, the crucifixion of Jesus was not a tragic accident of fate. It was foreseen and provided for in the eternal purpose of God. Secondly, the centrality of the resurrection in the early preaching cannot be overstated. The crucifixion and death of Jesus are viewed as only a prelude to the mighty act of God in raising him up.*

*Second Reading (1 Pet 1:17-21). This reading contains a strong reference to the resurrection. It reminds the Christian what his redemption cost- nothing less than the life and death of Jesus Christ. Since the Christian is destined to share in the glory of Christ, his life must be characterized by holiness.*

*Gospel (Lk 24:13 -35). The Emmaus story is more than a story. It is a sophisticated eucharistic catechesis: a ‘liturgy of the word’ followed by a ‘liturgy of the Eucharist’. The expression ‘breaking of bread’ is a technical term for the Eucharist. The gestures and words used are those of the Last Supper and of the Eucharist: He ‘took the bread ... blessed it ... broke it ... and gave it to them.’ No doubt this reflected the Eucharistic practice of Lukan Church.*

*The message of the Emmaus Gospel is that whoever you are, where you are in life, the Risen Christ is near you. We come to recognize his presence in the “breaking of the bread,” in the Mass, throughout our life. That is why it’s so important to stay close to the Mass in difficult times as well as in good times.*

Notes:  
*Please remember to pray for David Mills as he prepares his diaconate ordination on June 3<sup>rd</sup> .*

*We pray for candidates of confirmation as they prepare to receive the sacrament of confirmation on May 20<sup>th</sup>*

*We pray for candidates of first Holy Communion as they prepare to receive their first Holy Communion on May 7<sup>th</sup>*

- Fr. Charles Anyaoku

# St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches

## Third Sunday of Easter

### April 23, 2023

Rev. Father Charles Anyaoku, Pastoral Administrator  
Rectory Phone: 618-662-6261 Cell Phone: 618-641-8978

**St. Edward Catholic Church**  
300 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Fairfield, IL 62837  
Phone: 618-847-7931  
[stedwardcatholicchurch01@frontier.com](mailto:stedwardcatholicchurch01@frontier.com)  
[stedwardfairfield.com](http://stedwardfairfield.com)

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  
Laura Anderson: 618-599-6786  
Diana Zurliene: 618-516-1808

**St. Stephen Catholic Church**  
812 N. Main Street  
Flora, IL 62839  
Rectory: 618-662-6261 Office: 618-662-8121  
[ststephen\\_flora@yahoo.com](mailto:ststephen_flora@yahoo.com)  
[ststephenflora.com](http://ststephenflora.com)

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

Third Week of Easter

Saturday, April 22:	4:30pm	Mass	+James & Esther Quinn
Sunday, April 23:	8:00am	Rosary	
	8:00am	Confession	
	8:30am	Mass	For the living & deceased of the parish
Tuesday, April 25:	6:00pm	Rosary	
	6:30pm	Mass	Special Intention
	7:00pm	Adoration until midnight	
Wednesday, April 26:	7:30am	Rosary	
	8:00am	Mass	Catholic Extension Donors
Thursday, April 27:	7:30am	Rosary	
	8:00am	Mass	Special Intention
Friday, April 28:	8:30am	Adoration until 3:15pm	
	12:00noon	Servite Rosary	
	3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy	
Saturday, April 29:	4:30pm	Mass	For the living & deceased of the parish
Sunday, April 30:	8:00am	Rosary	
	8:00am	Confession	
	8:30am	Mass	+Tony Whitehead

Weekly Contribution: 4-16-23		Attendance: 4-16-23	
Envelopes:	\$1,784.00	Saturday:	64
Loose:	\$ 147.00	Sunday:	52
TOTAL:	\$1,931.00	Total:	116
Weekly Budget \$1,731.00			

Ministers for April

<u>Saturday, April 29:</u>		
Lector: Cheryl McCarty	Eucharistic Minister: Krista Weidner	
Servers: Pierce family	Ushers: Don Talmant & Mike Winka	
<u>Sunday, April 30:</u>		
Lector: MaryBeth Lancaster	Commentator: Justin Fleener	Eucharistic Minister: Deb Zimmerman
Servers: Allison Cartright, Xander & Sophie Johnson		Ushers: Jerod Fleener & Ted Zimmerman

Happy Birthday:			
Emily Milner: April 17	Janet Winka: April 21	Jane Henson: April 23	Lou Sulsberger: April 23
Happy Anniversary:		Jim & Diana Fleener – April 8	
		Jerod & Kim Fleener – April 21	

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, Sydney Knott, & 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

Easter Sunday, April 9, 10:30 am – Garland Keck+  
Thursday, April 13, 6:00 pm – Don Thomas+  
Friday, April 14, 5:00 pm – Rick Titzer+  
Second Sunday of Easter, April 16, 8:30 am – Sam Ochs+

Weekly Contributions

4/2/2023	
Envelopes	\$2,608
Loose	\$34
Total	\$2,642
We Need	\$1,887
Mass Stipends	\$0
Building Fund	\$140
Food Pantry	\$558
Candles	\$0
Holy Land	\$30
Easter Flowers	\$120

Attendance 92

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 and Jon Lampley  
Let the office know if names need to be added or removed from our prayer list.

Our Scripture Readings

Sun - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord  
Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9  
Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14—27:66  
Mon - Monday Within the Octave of Easter  
Acts 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15  
Tues - Tuesday Within the Octave of Easter  
Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18  
Wed - Wednesday Within the Octave of Easter  
Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35  
Thurs Thursday Within the Octave of Easter  
Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48  
Fri - Friday Within the Octave of Easter  
4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14  
Sat - Saturday Within the Octave of Easter  
Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15  
Sun - Second Sunday of Easter  
Acts 2:42-47 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

# 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.

**Choir Practice** for First Communion and Confirmation will be on April 24 at 7pm.

**Sunday, April 30, 2023** is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please pick up a prayer card from the tables at either entrance and spend some time in prayer for an increase in vocations.

**The next three rotating Altar Society chairmen** are Linda Etchison/Karen Whitehead, Berenice Mary Brown, & 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 outside the social room. More information coming soon!

**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. If you are able to help with the reception meal after Confirmation, please see Paul or Deb Duquaine. Thank you!

**Thank you** to everyone who participated in this year’s Easter Egg Hunt and potluck meal. There was a great turnout. Congratulations to the winners of the various egg hunts: Waylon Harvey, Gabe Porter, and Owen Holkenbrink. All the kids did a great job! Congratulations to Heather Greenwood who won the St. Louis Cardinal ticket giveaway!

**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.

**Guadalupe Project** will be beginning a new e-mail newsletter. If you would like to sign up to receive news and updates from Guadalupe Project, please send an email to [guadalupe.project.2014@gmail.com](mailto:guadalupe.project.2014@gmail.com) from the email address you would like the newsletter sent to.

**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

**Next Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>** is St. Edward’s annual sausage dinner. Please we need all available help especially for cleanup and the delicious desserts you so graciously provide. Serving will be from **11:00 to 1:00**.

**Due to the sausage dinner next Sunday’s Mass** will be at 8:30 am instead of 10:30.

**Parish Work Day** will be Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Please read the back of the bulletin** for Bishop McGovern’s Easter message and the announcement concerning the Spring Blessing of the Farm. There is a flyer on the bulletin board in the hall about the Blessing of the Farm.

**There will be no PSR next week** due to the sausage dinner.