

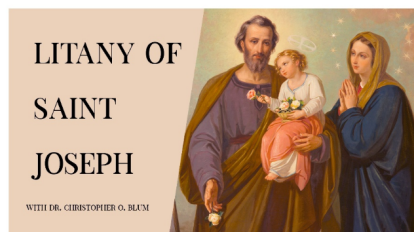


Week of April 30, 2023



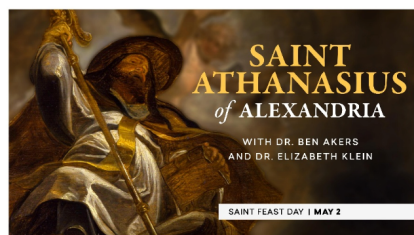
## St. Joseph: Old and New (Part 1 of 4)

Join Taylor Kemp and Dr. Ben Akers as they comment on St. Joseph and his importance in the life of the Church. In this episode, they reflect on the Joseph of the Old and New Testament.



## Litany of Saint Joseph

Join Dr. Christopher O. Blum as he prays the Litany of St. Joseph, asking for his intercession in your life and the lives of your loved ones.



## Saint Athanasius of Alexandria | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they discuss the early Church Father, St. Athanasius. A bishop and Doctor of the Church, St. Athanasius is remembered as the great defender of the Nicene Creed. He was exiled five times from his own diocese under four different emperors. A great teacher, his writings are accessible to both beginners and experts in theology, writing works that serve different needs in the Church.

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# St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

Rev. Father Charles Anyaoku, Pastoral Administrator

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### St. Edward Catholic Church

300 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street

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: 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

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812 N. Main Street

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

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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

Fourth Week of Easter

Saturday, April 29:	4:30pm	Mass <i>For the living &amp; deceased of the parish</i>
Sunday, April 30:	8:00am	Rosary
	8:00am	Confession
	8:30am	Mass <i>+Tony Whitehead</i>
Tuesday, May 2:	6:00pm	Rosary
	6:30pm	Mass <i>+Bill &amp; Mary Handley</i>
	7:00pm	Adoration until midnight
Wednesday, May 3:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass <i>For a safe farming season</i>
Thursday, May 4:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass <i>+Sharon Pierce</i>
Friday, May 5:	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	Mass <i>+Ed Trittschuht</i>
Saturday, May 6:	4:30pm	Mass <i>+Howard &amp; Madonna Goellner</i>
Sunday, May 7:	8:00am	Rosary
	8:00am	Confession
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Weekly Contribution: 4-23-23		Attendance: 4-23-23	
Envelopes:	\$1,619.00	Saturday:	54
Loose:	\$    97.00	Sunday:	62
TOTAL:	\$1,716.00	Total:	116
Weekly Budget		\$1,731.00	

Ministers for May

Saturday, May 6:  
Lector: Jim Fehrenbacher                      Eucharistic Ministers: Robin Lipka, Pat Ridgeway, Volunteer  
Servers: Pierce family                              Ushers: Jerry Price & Mark Winka

Sunday, May 7:  
Lector: Justin Fleener      Commentator: Ted Whitehead      Eucharistic Ministers: Trudi Herdes, Volunteers  
Servers: Kehlin & Kiara Crawford                      Ushers: Jerod Fleener & Alan Huff

**Happy Birthday:**  
Jackie Lueking: May 8      Austin Cartright: May 12                      Ellie Fleener: May 28                      Clara Harvey: May 28  
**Happy Anniversary:**  
Steve & Sherry Fleener – May 5

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, Rick Slaughter, Matt Kuenstler, Sydney Knott, Craig Lane, & 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

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 30, 8:30 am – Peggy Garrison+  
Thursday, May 4, 6:00 pm - Al Detmer+  
Friday, May 5, 8:00 am – Jean Springman+  
Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 7, 10:30 am – Ruth Cavanaugh+

Weekly Contributions

4/30/2023	
Envelopes	\$2,885
Loose	\$59
Total	\$2,944
We Need	\$1,887
Mass Stipends	\$0
Building Fund	\$0
Food Pantry	\$0
Candles	\$0
Catholic Miss.	\$40

Prayer Intentions

Kim Buchanan, Lanora Neavill, Robyn Meagher, Linda States, Donna Turner, Marilyn Butler , Michelle Dalton, CeCe Coorapi, , Noah Gollner, Margaret Thompson, Richard Rennie, Lee Bouldin, Fr. Ray, Marty Hawkins, Rosalie Holstein, Ginny Barrett, Maverick Snodgrass, Spencer Meagher, Judy Maguire.  
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Our Scripture Readings

Sun -    Fourth Sunday of Easter  
          Acts 2:14a, 36-41    1Pt 2:20b-25    Jn 10:1-10  
Mon -    Easter Weekday  
          Acts 11:1-18    Jn 10:11-18  
Tues -    St. Athanasius  
          Acts 11:19-26    Jn 10:22-30  
Wed -    Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles  
          1 Cor 15:1-8    Jn 14:6-14  
Thurs    Easter Weekday  
          Acts 13:13-25    Jn 13:16-20  
Fri -    Easter Weekday  
          Acts 13:26-33    Jn 14:1-6  
Sat -    Easter Weekday  
          Acts 13:44-52    Jn 14:7-14  
Sun -    Fifth Sunday of Easter  
          Acts 6:1-7    1 Pt 2:4-9    Jn 14:1-12

Attendance    92

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