



St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

Rev. Father Charles Anyaoku, Pastoral Administrator

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Dear Friends in Christ,

As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, I extend to each of you my wishes for a joyous Easter. I am remembering all the people of our diocese as I stand before the altar at Easter and assure you of my prayers asking that the Risen Lord will bless you abundantly.

I encourage each of us to allow the joy of Christ's victory over sin and death to fill our hearts, and then spread that joy when we greet one another with: "Happy Easter!" Like the first Christians who saw the empty tomb in Jerusalem and encountered the Risen Lord, let us spread the incredible news that Jesus shares his triumph with us so that we can live as God's children forever. May the Lord lift every burden or sadness in our hearts and fill all of us with his most incredible gift of peace. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!

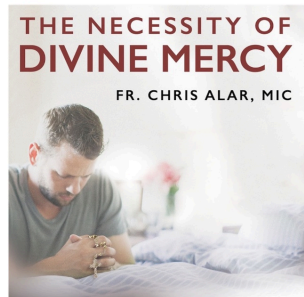
In the Risen Christ,
Bishop Michael McGovern

Farm Blessing:

Bishop Michael McGovern invites you to the Annual Diocesan Spring Blessing of the Farm on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 1:00 PM at the Farm of Paul and Jan Blankenberger. The Farm is located at the Corner of US-Hwy 45 & County Hwy 1850 N in Enfield, Illinois 62835.

You can arrive at their farm by taking US-Hwy 45 South from Interstate-64 at mile marker-exit 110. Travel 9 miles south on US-Hwy 45 to County Hwy. 1850 N. Farm will be on your left.

OR Travel 3 miles North of Enfield, IL on US-Hwy 45 to County Hwy 1850 N. Farm will be on your right. "Farm Blessing" signs will also lead you to the farm. Those attending are invited to bring seed and soil in marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. Food will also be collected for the needy of the area. We look forward to having you join us!



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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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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 Contact Information

Laura Anderson

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

laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com or 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

Saturday, April 8:	8:00pm	Mass	For the living & deceased of the parish
Sunday, April 9:	8:00am	Rosary	& Confession
	8:30am	Mass	For the living & deceased of the parish
Tuesday, April 11:	6:00pm	Rosary	
	6:30pm	Mass	In remembrance of babies lost by miscarriage and their mothers, fathers, and families
	7:00pm	Adoration	until midnight
Wednesday, April 12:	7:30am	Rosary	
	8:00am	Mass	Special Intention
Thursday, April 13:	7:30am	Rosary	
	8:00am	Mass	Special Intention
Friday, April 14:	8:30am	Adoration	until 3:15pm
	12:00noon	Servite	Rosary
	3:00pm	Chaplet	of Divine Mercy
Saturday, April 15:	10am-11am	Confession	
	4:30pm	Mass	+Evelyn Myers
Sunday, April 16:	10:00am	Rosary	
	10:30am	Mass	For the living & deceased of the parish +Jim McCarty
	11:30am	Adoration	until 4pm
	3:00pm	Chaplet	of Divine Mercy

Weekly Contribution: 4-2-23		Attendance: 4-2-23	
Envelopes:	\$2,330.00	Saturday:	57
Loose:	\$ 176.00	Sunday:	90
TOTAL:	\$2,506.00	Total:	147
Weekly Budget \$1,731.00			

Ministers for April

Saturday, April 15:	
Lector: Susan Schroeder	Eucharistic Minister: Robin Lipka
Servers: Pierce family	Ushers: Don Talmant & Mike Winka

Sunday, April 16:		
Lector: Deb Zimmerman	Commentator: Ted Zimmerman	Eucharistic Minister: Ted Whitehead
Servers: Xander & Sophie Johnson, Allison Cartright	Ushers: Alan Huff & Justin Fleener	

Happy Birthday:

Myranda Greenwood: April 8	Cheryl McCarty: April 13	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, & 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 or 618-676-4292.

The next three rotating Altar Society chairmen are Berenice Mary Brown, Linda Etchison/Karen Whitehead, & Berenice Mary Brown.

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Confessions will be held on Saturday, April 15 from 10am-11am. Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 16) will be at 10:30am at St. Stephen's, with adoration following until 4pm. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3:00pm.

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: There will be new fundraisers coming soon! Before they begin, there will be a free giveaway - 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 16th. Thanks to everyone for the continued support of the fundraisers to benefit St. Stephen General Fund! Your contributions make a big difference.

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 starting in April. 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 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 16th 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 23rd 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.