

Our Lord's Presence

Our Divine Lord, present in the sacrament of His love, is the central object of the devotion and worship of the Holy Catholic Church. From His Sacred Heart, present in the tabernacle, go forth streams of grace upon human souls that lift them up in prayer and adoration to the throne of God. The very words we use, a “visit to the Blessed Sacrament,” reminds us that we go to a living person, and that He is no other than our blessed Savior.

From: *Manual for Eucharistic Adoration* of the Saint Joseph Adoration Monastery



Eucharistic Revival: Let's Make it Matter at our Sister Parishes

The American Catholic Church is engaged in a multi-year Eucharistic Revival. 2023-2024 is the second year and focuses on grassroots “Year of Parish Revival.” In this spirit, Deacon David Mills invites parishioners of St. Edward-Fairfield and St. Stephen-Flora to participate in an eight month book study of *“Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist”* by Brant Pitre leading up to Easter next March 2024. Critics acclaimed Pitre, *“Inspiring and informative, this groundbreaking work illuminates one of the greatest mysteries of the Christian faith: the mystery of Jesus’ presence in “the breaking of the bread.”*

Meetings will take place on Sunday afternoons from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. It will begin with Eucharistic Adoration set to the Liturgy of the Hours in the church and transition to a group discussion in the parish hall. There are eight chapters in Pitre’s book and here’s the proposed schedule: 9/24 at St. Edward, 10/29 at St. Stephen, 11/19 at St. Edward, 12/17 at St. Stephen, 1/28 at St. Edward, 2/25 at St. Stephen, 3/24 at St. Edward, and 4/28 at St. Stephen.

Light refreshments will be served and Deacon Mills will facilitate a focused conversation from established study guides with the participants in a small group format. Results from the focused conversations about Pitre’s book will be documented and shared.

Pitre’s book was gifted to parishioners a couple of years ago, so copies should be readily available. If you are willing to donate your copy for the use of this book study please drop them off at your parish office.

In order to plan for both refreshments and books, Deacon Mills is asking for parishioners to RSVP by Sunday, 9/10 by contacting him directly via phone or email: 618-599-4683 or dm.doc.mills@gmail.com. Please include your name, parish, mobile phone number, email address, and whether or not you need Pitre’s book in all messages. A message thread will be created from information gathered to keep our book club informed and on the same page moving forward.

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 2023

Rev. Father Charles Anyaoku, Pastoral Administrator

Rectory Phone: 618-662-6261 Cell Phone: 618-641-8978

Deacon David Mills, Permanent Deacon

St. Edward Catholic Church

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Fairfield, IL 62837
Phone: 618-847-7931
stedwardcatholicchurch01@frontier.com
stedwardfairfield.com

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

Parish Secretary: Libby Pond
PSR Coordinator: Jen Wellen
RCIA Co-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
Deacon David Mills: 618-599-4683
Laura Anderson: 618-599-6786
Libby Pond: 618-599-6924

St. Stephen Catholic Church

812 N. Main Street
Flora, IL 62839
Rectory: 618-662-6261 Office: 618-662-8121
ststephen_flora@yahoo.com
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)

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
Wednesday & Thursday Mornings
Submit bulletin information by Wednesday at noon.

Parish Secretary: Laura Anderson
PSR Coordinator: Paul Duquaine
RCIA Co-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

Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 19:	4:30pm	Mass	+Robert & Agnes Feldhake
Sunday, August 20:	8:00am	Rosary	
	8:00am	Confession	
	8:30am	Mass	+For the living & deceased of the parish
Tuesday, August 22:	6:00pm	Rosary	
	6:30pm	Mass	+Tony Whitehead
	7:00pm	Adoration until midnight	
Wednesday, August 23:	7:30am	Rosary	
	8:00am	Mass	+Ed Trittschuh
Thursday, August 24:	7:30am	Rosary	
	8:00am	Mass	Catholic Extension Donors
	8:30am	Confession	
Friday, August 25:	8:30am	Adoration until 3:15pm	
	12:00noon	Servite Rosary	
	3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy	
Saturday, August 26:	4:30pm	Mass	+Helen Powless
Sunday, August 27:	8:00am	Rosary	
	8:00am	Confession	
	8:30am	Mass	For the living & deceased of the parish

Weekly Contribution:	8-6-23	8-13-23	Attendance: 8-12-23
Envelope:	\$ 2080.00	\$1,745.00	Saturday: 61
Loose:	\$ 178.00	\$ 333.00	Sunday: 50
TOTAL:	\$2,258.00	\$2,078.00	Total: 120
Food Pantry:	\$ 379.00		

Weekly Budget \$1,731.00

Ministers for August

Saturday, August 26:	
Lectors: Susan Schroeder	Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Sulsberger, Cheryl McCarty, Emily Milner
Servers: Ethan & Landon Milner	Ushers: Don Talmant & Mike Winka
Sunday, August 27:	
Lector: MaryBeth Lancaster	Commentator: Ted Whitehead
Eucharistic Ministers: Jonathan Akers, Deb Zimmerman, Andrew Vahling	
Servers: Kehlin & Kiara Crawford	Ushers: Alan Huff & Ted Zimmerman

Happy Birthday:

Kim Fleener: August 20	Phil Fancher: August 22	Beth Fancher: August 27	Jessica Crawford: August 29
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Happy Annlversary:

Jim & Jill Fehrenbacher – August 21	Tom & MaryBeth Lancaster – August 23
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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 Repogle, Luke Miller, Ralph & Georgianna Weber, Marie Elwat, Kennah Hiestand, 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, Matt Kuenstler, Sydney Knott, Shallon Booth, Smitty, Pat Ridgeway, Mary McPeak, Asher Stevens, Josh Burroughs, & 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, August 20, 2023 10:30 am- Jerry Zurliene+
Thursday, August 24, 2023, 6:00 pm – Garrison Family+
Friday, August 25, 2023, 8:00 am – Tom Colvin+
Sunday, August 27, 2023 10:30 am-Robin Neiman +

Weekly Contributions

8/13/2023	
Envelopes	\$1447
Loose	\$71
Total	\$1518
We Need	\$1,873
Mass Stipends	\$20
Building Fund	\$200
Food Pantry	\$0
Candles	\$20

Assumption of Mary	\$120
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Attendance	79
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Prayer Intentions

Kim Buchanan, Lanora Neavill, Robyn Meagher, Donna Turner, Marilyn Butler , Michelle Dalton, CeCe Coorapi, , Margaret Thompson, Richard Rennier, Lee Bouldin, Fr. Ray, Marty Hawkins, Spencer Meagher, Judy Maguire, Fr. Jim Daugherty, Ray Glover
Let the office know if names need to be added or removed from our prayer list.

Our Scripture Readings

Sun - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6-7 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28
Mon - St. Pius X, Pope
Jgs 2:11-19 Mt 19:16-22
Tues - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Jgs 6: 11-24a Mt 19: 23-30
Wed - Weekday
Jgs 9: 6-15 Mt 20: 1-16
Thurs- St. Bartholonew, Apostle
Rv 21: 9b-14 Jn 1: 45-51
Fri - Weekday
Ru 1: 1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 Mt 22: 34-40
Sat - Weekday
Ru 2: 1-3, 8-11 Mt 23: 1-12
Sun - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 22: 19-23 Rom 11: 33-36
Mt 16: 13-20

St. Stephen News

Parish School of Religion: **PSR will begin Sunday, September 10.** It is time for registration for the 2023-2024 PSR year. Parents are asked to register their kids with Deb or Paul Duquaine. Thank you!

Meals on Wheels: We are scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels in September. This is a wonderful ministry and only takes an hour a day. You can sign up for one day, a week, or more. The sign up sheet is on the table outside the social room. Two people work better as a team to deliver the meals. We deliver Monday through Friday at 10:30am. If you are interested pelase sign up or call Beth Fancher at 618-676-4292 for more information about the program. Thank you for giving your time. We volunteer twice a year in September and in March.

The next rotating chairmen are MaryBeth Lancaster/Susan Schroeder, Berenice Mary Brown, & Donna Myers

St. Anne’s Altar Society willl have a meeting on Sunday, September 3 after mass.
St. Stephen Parish Council will have a meeting on Wednesday, August 23rd.

Summer Cash Raffle: Guadalupe Project’s annual Summer Cash Raffle is underway. Two \$100 winners will be drawn each week from Memorial Day – Labor Day, with a \$500 and \$1,000 Grand Prizes drawn after Labor Day. Winners will be announced each Wednesday on WNOI 103.9. Tickets are \$20 each. Week 12 Winners are Sue Gintz & Andrew Vahling. Thank you!

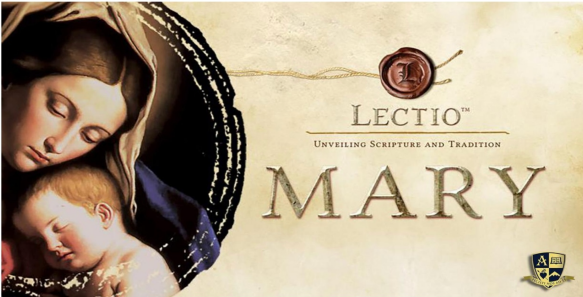
Facebook: Remember to like and follow St. Stephen’s page on Facebook!

CSMA: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove’s Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make your gift to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.

Anniversaries: Bishop McGovern will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving for married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries of 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and all years beyond. The Mass will be on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at 1:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Peter. If you will be celebrating a milestone anniversary this year, please let the parish office know so that your name can be submitted to the diocese. Thank you!

Young Adults: Bishop McGovern is offering a Mass for young adults on Sunday, September 10 at the Cathedral of St. Peter at 5:00pm. Following mass, there will be a social downstairs. We will offer sandwiches, snacks, and refreshments. We will also have a table available for SEEK Registration, future events, and upcoming opportunities you don’t want to miss out on.

Homeschooling Families: Bishop McGovern will be hosting a Homeschool Family Mass at St. Clare in O’Fallon on Wednesday, September 13 at 11:00am. A complimentary luncheon will follow the Mass. Families are encouraged to bring used or new homeschooling materials to sell or exchange. Please drop off books in the fellowship hall before Mass, marked with name and price, or “free.” Thank you!



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St. Edward News

As of this week, Libby Pond will be serving as church secretary and Teresa Williams will be the church housekeeper.

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Mass for Young Adults – Bishop McGovern is hosting a mass for young adults on Sunday, September 10 at the Cathedral of St. Peter at 5 pm. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

Out of the Office – Libby will be out of the office this week (was preplanned before this job), in case of an emergency or any other issue contact Father Charles at 618-641-8978.

New Roof – The new roof for the rectory was installed on Tuesday. It is a welcomed improvement.

- Upcoming Events**
Sunday, Aug 20 – First PSR class
Sunday, Sept. 17 – Celebration Dinner for Fr. Mark Reyling Silver Jubilee
Sunday, September 24 – Deacon David’s book study 2 – 4 pm in St. Edward Hall.