

Our Lord's Presence

Before the tabernacle great saints have communed with God upon the heights which we may never reach; there, too sinners have come, and touched by the grace that goes out from Him, found the contrite and humbled heart which He will never despise. Think of the millions of the faithful who day by day come into the house of God to pray. Think of the religious to whom this presence is as the air they breathe, the very life and sustenance of their souls. No one shall ever know all that this adorable sacrament is for human souls, raising all our hearts to that one Heart which is the center and source of grace and love.

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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 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
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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

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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)

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

Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 26:	4:30pm	Mass	+ <i>Helen Powless</i>
Sunday, August 27:	8:00am	Rosary & Confession	
	8:30am	Mass	<i>For the living & deceased of the parish</i>
Tuesday, August 29:	6:00pm	Rosary	
	6:30pm	Mass	+ <i>Bill & Mary Handley</i>
	7:00pm	Adoration until midnight	
Wednesday, August 30:	7:30am	Rosary	
	8:00am	Mass	<i>Catholic Extension Donors</i>
Thursday, August 31:	7:30am	Rosary	
	8:00am	Mass	+ <i>Dominic & Mary Talmant</i>
Friday, September 1:	9:00am	First Friday – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	12:00noon	Servite Rosary	
	3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy	
	5:30pm	Rosary, followed by Benediction	
	6:00pm	Mass	+ <i>Jim, Marilyn, & Nancy Staples</i>
Saturday, September 2:	4:30pm	Mass	<i>For the living & deceased of the parish</i>
Sunday, September 3:	8:00am	Rosary	
	8:00am	Confession	
	8:30am	Mass	+ <i>Dick Zimmerman</i>

Weekly Contribution: 8-20-23	8-15-23 (Assumption)	Attendance: 8-20-23
Envelope: \$1,855.00	\$ 205.00	Saturday: 59
Loose: \$ 302.00	\$ 96.00	Sunday: 63
TOTAL: \$2,157.00	\$ 301.00	Total: 122
Weekly Budget	\$2,270.00	

Ministers for September

<u>Saturday, September 2:</u>	
Lectors: Beth Sulsberger	Eucharistic Ministers: Robin Lipka, Krista Weidner, Jim Fehrenbacher
Servers: Allison & Austin Cartright	Ushers: Jerry Price & Kurt Holkenbrink
<u>Sunday, September 3:</u>	
Lector: MaryBeth Lancaster	Commentator: Justin Fleener
Eucharistic Ministers: Trudi Herdes, Andrew Vahling, Ted Whitehead	
Servers: Kehlin & Kiara Crawford, Landon Thompson	Ushers: Jerod Fleener & Alan Huff

Happy Birthday:			
Kim Fleener: August 20	Phil Fancher: August 22	Beth Fancher: August 27	Jessica Crawford: August 29
Happy Anniversary:			
Jim & Jill Fehrenbacher – August 21		Tom & MaryBeth Lancaster – August 23	

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, 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, & 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 27, 2023 10:30 am-Robin Neiman+
Thursday, August 31, 2023, 6:00 pm – Peggy Garrison+
Friday, September 1, 2023, 8:00 am – Janice Smith+
Sunday, September 3, 2023 10:30 am – Preston Matthews+

Weekly Contributions

8/20/2023	
Envelopes	\$1798
Loose	\$148
Total	\$1946
We Need	\$1,873
Mass Stipends	\$
Building Fund	\$109
Food Pantry	\$0
Candles	\$

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 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 22: 19-23 Rom 11: 33-36 Mt 16: 13-20

Mon - St. Augustine, Bishop
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Mt 23:13-22

Tues - The Passion of St. John the Baptist
1 Thes 2:1-8 Mk 6:17-29

Wed - Weekday
1 Thes 2:9-13 Mt 23:27-32

Thurs- Weekday
1 Thes 3:7-13 Mt 24:42-51

Fri - Weekday
1 Thes 4:1-8 Mt 25:1-13

Sat - Weekday
1 Thes 4:9-11 Mt 25:14-30

Sun - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:7-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27

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 please 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 Berenice Mary Brown & Donna Myers

St. Anne’s Altar Society will have a meeting on Sunday, September 3 after mass.

St. Stephen Parish Picnic will be Sunday, September 17. Mass will be at 8:30am as usual that morning. There will be an inflatable slide and yard games for the kids. Help will be needed after Mass to set up tables and chairs for the picnic. Lunch will be served at 12:00noon. Meat & drinks will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert. Please plan to attend.

Vicarlate Meeting: St. Stephen Parish will be hosting a meeting of all priests and deacons from our vicariate on Wednesday, September 27.

St. Stephen will be hosting the Flora Wolves Football Team on October 12. Set up will begin at 4:00pm with food being served at 5:00pm. All are welcome to help with setup and cleanup. Thank you!

Mark your calendars for a joint celebration with our sister parish St. Edward in Fairfield. All members of St. Stephen and St. Edward Parishes are invited to join together on Sunday, October 15 at the 10:30 Mass at St. Edward. It will be followed by a luncheon for all parishioners of both parishes. Please plan to attend.

Summer Cash Raffle: Week 13 Winners are Pete Butcher & Lynn Rudy. Thank you!

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

Anniversaries: Bishop McGovern will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving for married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries. 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. Thank you!

Anonymous Angels: St. Anne’s Altar Society is inviting members of the parish to join in caring for the needs of our parish by becoming an “Anonymous Angel of the Altar.” A parish member can become an angel simply by making a yearly donation to St. Anne’s to help with the charitable projects for which we are responsible. St. Anne’s Altar Society purchases altar breads, altar cloths and flowers for the altar, as well as supplying the votive candles. They also provide the funeral dinners for families of the parish or families of those buried at St. Stephen’s Cemetery. In addition to this they provide supplies for the kitchen and contribute to the purchase of gifts for First Communion, Confirmation, and Graduation classes and for new mothers and the newly married from our parish. If you decide to become an Anonymous Angel of the Altar, you may do so by putting your donation into an envelope labeled “Angel of the Altar” and dropping it into the collection basket or mailing it to St. Stephen’s (Checks made out to St. Anne’s Altar Society). If you wish to have a receipt, please indicate and one will be provided for you. The members of St. Anne’s Altar Society will keep their Anonymous Angels of the Altar and their intentions in their prayers.

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St. Edward News

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. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make your gift to the CSMA 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 Sunday, October 15 at 1:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville. If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries, please text or call Libby at 599-6924 by Monday, Aug 28 so that she can notify the diocese.

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.

Book Study – Please read the back page of the bulletin for information on the Book Study that Deacon David will be presenting for eight months. He will alternate the monthly meetings between St. Edward and St. Stephen parishes.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Sept. 3 – No PSR Labor Day Weekend

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.