

Our Lord's Presence

Jesus is with us in the Blessed Sacrament as a consequence of the Resurrection and Ascension; and His sacramental presence is a constant reminder of those mysteries. He is in the same actual state, now, in the tabernacle, as He was on the morning of His resurrection, and when He was parted from His apostles on Ascension Day. He comes to us from the glory of heaven, fresh from the bosom of His father, full of beauty, of blessedness, and joy, full of the new wine of the Father's love, crowned and sceptered, and Sovereign of the Kingdom of God, and desiring to confer all this blessedness, glory, and royalty on all who will open to Him their hearts. Blessed are we, who have Him with us night and day! In Him we have all we want, for in the Holy Eucharist He gives us all He ever was, and is, and is to be.

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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 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

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

Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 2:	4:00pm	Confession
	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>
Tuesday, September 5:	6:00pm	Rosary
	6:30pm	Mass <i>In remembrance of babies lost by miscarriage and for their families</i>
	7:00pm	Adoration until midnight
Wednesday, September 6:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass <i>Catholic Extension Donors</i>
Thursday, September 7:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass <i>+Dominic & Mary Talmant</i>
Friday, September 8:	8:30am	Adoration until 3:15pm
	12:00noon	Servite Rosary
	3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday, September 9:	4:00pm	Confession
	4:30pm	Mass <i>For the living & deceased of the parish</i>
Sunday, September 10:	8:00am	Rosary
	8:00am	Confession
	8:30am	Mass <i>+Al Winka</i>

Weekly Contribution: 8-27-23		Attendance: 8-27-23	
Envelope:	\$1,545.00	Saturday:	50
Loose:	\$ 225.00	Sunday:	64
TOTAL:	\$1,770.00	Total:	114
Weekly Budget \$2,270.00 <small>(New 2023-2024 Budget)</small>			

Ministers for September

<u>Saturday, September 9:</u>	
Lectors: Cheryl McCarty	Eucharistic Ministers: Krista Weidner, Volunteers
Servers: Volunteers	Ushers: Don Talmant & Mike Winka
<u>Sunday, September 10:</u>	
Lector: Susan Schroeder	Commentator: Phil Fancher
Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Fancher, Beth Sulsberger, Emily Milner	
Servers: Ethan & Landon Milner, Wyatt & Waylon Harvey	
Ushers: Ted Whitehead & Dennis Holkenbrink	

Happy Birthday:

Andrew Vahling: September 1	Diane Becker: September 21	Steve Fleener: September 23	Kole Greenwood: September 25
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Happy Anniversary:

Diane & Wayne Becker – September 5	Kaleb & Heather Greenwood – September 8
Jesse & Alison Harvey: September 10	Pat & Tom Greenwood – September 19

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, 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 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. Edward News

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

CSMA – The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Colgrove’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.

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.

St. Stephen News

Congratulations to Kyle and Kylie Koester on the birth of their daughter, Whitley! We pray for Whitley Koester who is to be baptized on Saturday September 30, 2023, that the spirit of God will guide her as she grows with God’s wisdom and love.

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!

New Confession Times: Father Charles will be available before each weekend Mass for Confession – Saturdays at 4:00pm and Sundays at 8:00am.

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. Starts at 11:30/ Lunch at Noon. Bring side dishes and desserts, meat will be provided. Games for kids, Cornhole for Adults!

Vicarlate Meeting: St. Stephen Parish will be hosting all priests and deacons on 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 14 Winners are Jim & Betty Erbacher & Susan Burton. Thank you!

Young Adults Invited: Bishop Michael McGovern invites young Catholic adults, ages 18-35, to join him at a Reception on Sunday, Sep 10, at 6:00 PM, in the Undercroft of the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 W. Harrison Street, Belleville, IL. All are invited to attend the regularly scheduled 5:00 PM Mass in the Cathedral church.

Bishop Michael McGovern invites all families that home school children to celebrate Mass together on Wednesday, September 13, at 11:00 AM at St. Clare Church, O’Fallon, IL. Lunch will be available afterward.

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.

Parish Council Update

St. Stephen Parish Council met on August 23, 2023.

- ❖ The new parish directories should be arriving in late October or early November!
- ❖ PSR is starting September 10 with 15+ students and a new curriculum.
- ❖ The book study with Deacon Mills on *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist* begins on September 24 at St. Edward and will alternate between parishes. All are encouraged to sign up and attend!
- ❖ The parish picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 17. Mass will be at 8:30 and lunch at noon. The inflatable slide is back by popular demand and there will be yard games and more for the kids! Please plan to help set up tables after Mass and come for lunch at noon. Meat and drinks will be provided – parishioners are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.
- ❖ The parish will be providing a meal to the Flora Wolves Football team on October 12. All are welcome to help set up, serve, and clean up after the meal.
- ❖ There will be a joint celebration with St. Edward's parish on Sunday, October 15. All are invited to the 10:30am Mass at St. Edward and to join in the lunch that will follow.
- ❖ New confession times are: Saturday at 4:00pm and Sunday at 8:00am.
- ❖ The Finance Council is working on adjusting the internal financial controls at the parish to comply with diocesan financial requirements. There will be a few changes coming in October to make the processes at the parish more secure.
- ❖ The Finance Council has approved the 2023-2024 Budget that will be presented to parishioners in September.
- ❖ The Building and Grounds Committee has several updates:
 - The boiler room door will be repaired and painted.
 - The stained glass windows at the back of church have been inspected by a window specialist. Water has been getting in the window causing some damage. Work is scheduled for next spring to repair the windows.
 - The sign at the front of church and the sign east of town will be repaired and updated soon.
 - The stained glass by the north door was damaged and the committee is working to get someone to repair it.
 - **If you notice any issues with the building or grounds in need of repair or attention, please fill out a card and place it in the blue drop box marked "Maintenance Needs" at any time. This will bring the issue to the attention of the building and grounds committee and it will be addressed as soon as possible.**

The next parish council meeting will be September 27, 2023 at 6:30pm.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of September 03, 2023



The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Sacred Art

By studying Sacred Art, we fuel our prayer and contemplation. In this episode, Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Taylor Kemp to examine the theological nuances contained in Bartolome Murillo's depiction of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In this episode, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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