



Don't forget to read *Beautiful Eucharist*! If you did not receive a copy, pick one up from the tables at either entrance. If you'd like extra copies for family and friends, please help yourself – there are plenty!

Nothing will transform your life quite like a personal encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist. When we encounter Jesus, he changes us in powerful and unexpected ways. He heals us, brings us peace and clarity, models how to relate with others, and teaches us the lessons we need to learn to navigate the everyday situations of our lives. In the Eucharist we meet with the same Jesus who healed the blind, forgave sins, and rose from the dead. Are you ready to discover how he can transform your life too?

*Beautiful Eucharist* is a stunning collection of life-changing reflections about Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and wonderfully present in our lives. Some of the most beloved authors of our times have come together to witness to their personal encounters with Jesus in the Eucharist, provide eye-opening insight into the Mass, and inspire every reader to grow closer to God, one step at a time.

Father Mike Schmitz, Peter Kreeft, Lisa Hendey, Matthew Kelly, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Fulton Sheen, Sister Helena Burns, Allen Hunt, Matt Warner and others have each contributed deeply personal reflections.

The perfect companion for the National Eucharistic Revival called for by the United States Bishops, *Beautiful Eucharist* will help you encounter Jesus like never before. Whether you need to repair a broken relationship, long for peace, hope to reignite your faith, or want more joy in everyday life, this book will bring you face-to-face with the one person who has all the answers.

The world needs the healing and hope only Jesus can provide. He is waiting in the Eucharist to transform families, Churches, communities, and the culture as a whole. And all of that begins with your own life-changing encounter with him today.

*Beautiful Eucharist* is an invitation to encounter the life-giving presence of Jesus in the Eucharist so you can be a life-giving presence in the world.

**Eucharistic Adoration at St. Stephen Parish:**  
Tuesdays from 7:00pm-12:00midnight  
Fridays from 8:30am-3:15pm

**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 8 month book study of "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist" by Brant Pitre leading up to Easter next March. 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. Book Study Schedule: 1/28 at St. Edward, 2/25 at St. Stephen, 3/24 at St. Edward, 4/28 at St. Stephen.

**St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**January 7, 2024**

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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

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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)

Prayer Requests: Contact Trudi Herdes

**Parish Office Contact Information**

Laura Anderson, Secretary  
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Submit bulletin information in email by Wednesday at noon.  
**Wednesday:** 10:15am-12:15pm  
**Thursday:** 9:00am-12:00 noon  
Hours are either in parish office or remote.  
Contact via cell or email if you need to visit office.

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

First Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 6:	4:00pm	Confession
	4:30pm	Mass +Greg Shevokas
Sunday, January 7:	8:00am	Rosary & Confession
	8:30am	Mass For the Living & Deceased of the Parish
Tuesday, January 9:	7:00pm	Adoration until midnight
Friday, January 12:	8:30am	Adoration until 3:15pm
	12:00noon	Servite Rosary
	3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday, January 13:	4:00pm	Confession
	4:30pm	Mass For the Living & Deceased of the Parish
Sunday, January 14:	8:00am	Rosary & Confession
	8:30am	Mass +George & Catherine Myers

Weekly Contribution: 12-31-23

Envelope:	\$3,330.00	Immaculate Conception: \$5.00
Loose:	\$ 210.00	Annual Christmas for Needy: \$20.00
TOTAL:	\$3,540.00	Retirement for Religious: \$20.00
Weekly Budget	\$2,270.00	

Attendance: 12-31-23

Saturday:	60
Sunday:	62
Total:	122

Ministers for January

Saturday, January 13:	
Lectors: Jim Fehrenbacher	Eucharistic Ministers: Robin Lipka, Pat Ridgeway, Cheryl McCarty
Servers: Allison & Austin Cartright	Ushers: Don Talmant & Mike Winka
Sunday, January 14:	
Lector: Deb Zimmerman	Commentator: Ted Zimmerman
Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Fancher, Beth Sulsberger, Trudi Herdes	
Servers: Wyatt & Waylon Harvey	Ushers: Ted Whitehead & Dennis Holkenbrink

Happy Birthday:

Jessica Vahling: January 5	Jean Guerrettaz: January 9	Hudson Greenwood: January 10
Deb Zimmerman: January 12	Tom Lancaster: January 16	Joann Stanford: January 17
Tom Greenwood: January 17	Marilyn Stanford: January 19	Sherry Fleener: January 26

Happy Anniversary: Ryan & Julie Harris – January 20

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, Robert Tatman, Josh Winka, repose of the souls in the Troksh family, Rodney Keck, & nursing home residents. Please let the parish office know if names can be added or removed.

St. Edward Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, January 7, 10:30 AM- Sam Ochs+  
Thursday, January 11 , 6:00 PM – NO MASS  
Friday, January 12, 8:00 AM- NO MASS  
Sunday, January 14, 10:30 AM – Rick Titzer+

Weekly Contributions

12/31/2024

Envelopes	\$ 1945
Loose	\$ 158
Total	\$2103
We Need	\$ 2032
Mass Stipends	
Building Fund	\$222
Food Pantry	\$ 100
Candles	\$ 30
Solemnity of Mary	\$207

Christmas Collection \$85

First Offering \$80

Attendance-

Sunday 10:30 AM	69
Monday 1/1/24	19

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, Dick Hibbetts, Donna Williams, Teresa Keyser, Shirley Miller, Glory Almon, Teresa Walker, Bill Arndt, Jackie Schoenborn, Micheal Gregory, Tony Evans  
Let the office know if names need to be added or removed from our prayer list.

Our Scripture Readings

Sun - The Epiphany of the Lord  
Is 60: 1-6 Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6  
Mt 2: 1-12  
Mon - The Baptism of the Lord  
Is 42: 1-4, 6-7 Acts 10: 34-38 Mk 1: 7-11  
Tues - Weekday  
1 Sm 1: 9-20 Mk 1: 21-28  
Wed - Weekday  
1 Sm 3: 1-10, 19-20 Mk 1: 29-39  
Thurs- Weekday  
1 Sm 4: 1-11 Mk 1: 40-45  
Fri - Weekday  
1 Sm 8: 4-7, 10-22a Mk 2: 1-12  
Sat - Weekday  
1 Sm 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10:1a Mk 2: 13-17  
Sun - Second Sunday of Ordinary Time  
1 Sm 3: 3b-10, 19 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20  
Jn 1: 35-42

St. Edward News

Today we welcome Father Anthony as our celebrant.

**Food Pantry** – FYI – Our next food pantry will be on Saturday, January 20. **There will be a second collection today of the food pantry.**

**Catholic Extension Calendars** – The Catholic Extension Calendars have arrived and are available for pick up. We again thank Johnson and Vaughn Funeral Home for donating the funds for these calendars for our parish.

**Collection Envelopes** – Collection envelopes for 2024 are available on the table in the hall.

**Yearly Contribution Statements** - The 2023 yearly contribution statements are on the table in the hall.

**Old Palms** – Teresa has set out a basket for old palms from Palm Sunday. Please bring any in the next few weeks, these will be used for ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Father Charles will be leaving Tuesday, January 2 to travel to Nigeria to visit with his family. We wish him safe travels. There will be no weekday masses during his vacation. The Sundays in January, we will welcome Father Anthony Mwanzia Kitema as our celebrant. If you are in need of a priest during Father’s absence, please contact Libby at 618-599-6924 or Deacon David at 618-599-4683.

**Calendar** - If you or any of your family’s birthdays or anniversaries were not on our monthly calendars last year and you would like them added, contact the office.

**Start your New Year off great by Subscribing to the Messenger!** Subscribe online for the paper or E-edition by going to [www.bellevilemessenger.org](http://www.bellevilemessenger.org) or use your envelope provided in your collection box.

St. Stephen News

This weekend Father Antony Kitema will be filling in for Father Charles. Welcome to St. Stephen Parish!

**Sympathy is extended** to the family of Diana Greuel-Russell who passed away December 30. Diana was sister to Rosalie Weidner, Kathy Price, and Pat Greenwood. A memorial Mass will be held for her at 10 a.m on March 16, 2024 at St. Stephen Catholic Church with interment following in St. Stephen Cemetery. A rosary service will begin at 9:30 a.m. preceding the memorial Mass. May her soul rest in peace.

**In the case of an emergency** during Father’s absence, please call Father Jose, pastor at St. Theresa Parish in Salem at 314-853-2305 or 618-548-2305.

**Extra coples** of *Beautiful Eucharist*, the church’s Christmas gift this year, are on the tables at either entrance. Please help yourself to extra copies to share with family and friends.

**Parish School of Religion:** Sunday, January 7 – Class Sunday, January 14 - Class

**Complimentary 8x10** prints of the photos taken for the directory are on the table in the back of church.

**Please pick up** your 2024 Contribution Envelopes from the tables in the back of church.

**The next rotating chairmen** are Berenice Mary Brown & Donna Myers.

**CSMA:** To date, St. Stephen Parishioners have contributed \$5,705.44 of our \$6,990.00 goal. To make a donation, use the envelopes received in the mail or extras located on the tables at the back of church.

**2024 Parish Office Hours:**

<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Thursday:</b>
10:15am-12:15pm	9:00am-12:00 noon

Additional hours will vary. Hours are either in parish office or remote.  
Contact Laura via cell or email if you need a specific time to visit the office. Thanks!

**Thanks to all who have been purchasing SCRIP cards.** Please consider using SCRIP for everyday purchases. See below the cards we have on hand. Many more are available - see the list on either bulletin board.

SCRIP CARDS ON HAND

Ace Hardware	\$25	Panera	\$10, \$25, \$50
Aeropostale	\$25	Phillips 66	\$25
Amazon	\$10, \$25, \$50, \$100	Pizza Hut	\$10
American Eagle	\$25	Sears	\$25
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$10, \$25	Staples	\$25
Casey’s	\$25, \$50	Starbucks	\$5, \$10, 25
CVS	\$25	Subway	\$10, \$50
Dairy Queen	\$10, \$25	Taco Bell	\$10, \$25
Kohls	\$25	Target	\$10, \$25, \$50
Los Tres Caminos	\$25, \$50	VISA	\$25, \$50, \$100
McDonalds	\$10, \$25	Walgreens	\$100
Menards	\$25, \$100	Walmart	\$10
Old Navy	\$25	Walmart/Sams	\$25, \$50, \$100