



What do we do in adoration?

No two holy hours – as hours spent in adoration are often called- are alike. Our Lord acts upon our souls in manifold ways. Perhaps we may be inspired by a line of Sacred Scripture on which we meditate.

We may be experiencing a great sorrow or worry, and He helps us to bring it before Him, to be trusting and open with our gentle Savior about our fears and struggles. We may feel exhausted and check our watch every two minutes, but even then, He is working.

When it is hard to pray, we have the gift of showing our love through self-sacrifice. We will be surprised at the fruits that will come from this prayer of patient, persevering love.

When we come to adoration, we don't have to check our real lives at the door and open a prayer book to be able to commune with the One who knows us better than we know ourselves. He wants to meet us where we are. Giving in to distractions and letting our minds wander is very different from taking the realities of our day, the problems we face, and talking them over with the One who is waiting for us to be honest with Him.

Often, though, we need something to help us focus our attention on the great treasure of Our Lord's Real Presence. We may need a springboard to dive into prayer or something to pull from when our minds begin to wander.

Devotions such as the Rosary or the reading of Scripture can be a great aid to quieting our minds and focusing our attention on our Eucharistic Lord and the mysteries of His love.

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

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: 2/25 at St. Stephen, 3/24 at St. Edward, 4/28 at St. Stephen.

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2024

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St. Edward Catholic Church

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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
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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
618-599-6786 (cell) or 618-662-8121 (office)
laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com or ststephen_flora@yahoo.com
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

Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 10:	4:00pm	Confession
	4:30pm	Mass <i>For the living & deceased of the parish</i>
Sunday, February 11:	8:00am	Rosary & Confession
	8:30am	Mass + <i>James Croy</i>
Tuesday, February 13:	7:00pm	Adoration until midnight
Wednesday, February 14: ASH WEDNESDAY	7:00am	Mass <i>Special Intention</i>
	7:00pm	Mass + <i>Dominic & Mary Talmant</i>
Friday, February 16:	8:30am	Adoration until 3:15pm
	12:00noon	Servite Rosary
	3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday, February 17:	4:00pm	Confession
	4:30pm	Mass <i>For the living & deceased of the parish</i>
Sunday, February 18:	8:00am	Rosary & Confession
	8:30am	Mass + <i>John Anyaoku</i>

Weekly Contribution: 2-4-24			Attendance: 2-4-24	
Envelope:	\$1,910.00	Food Pantry: \$467.00	Saturday:	40
Loose:	\$ 158.00		Sunday:	69
TOTAL:	\$2,068.00		Total:	109
Weekly Budget		\$2,270.00		

Ministers for February

<u>Saturday, February 17:</u>	
Lectors: MaryBeth Lancaster	Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Fancher, Phil Fancher, Cheryl McCarty
Servers: Volunteers	Ushers: Mike Winka & Wayne Becker
<u>Sunday, February 18:</u>	
Lector: Deb Zimmerman	Commentator: Ted Zimmerman
Eucharistic Ministers: Justin Fleener, Andrew Vahling, Ted Whitehead	
Servers: Wyatt & Waylon Harvey	Ushers: Cory Anderson & Alan Huff

Happy Birthday:

Mark Winka: February 3	Paul Birk: February 3	Landon Milner: February 8
Kehlin Crawford: February 10	Jerod Fleener: February 12	Diana Fleener: February 13
Krista Weidner: February 14	Dorothy Uebinger: February 17	Pat Greenwood: February 18
Father Charles: February 24	Ted Zimmerman – February 24	

Happy Anniversary: Donna & Terry Myers – February 4: Happy 57th Wedding Anniversary!!

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, Michael Persinger, & 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 28, 10:30 AM – Garland Keck+
Thursday, February 1, 6:00 PM – NO MASS
Friday, February 2, 8:00 – NO MASS
Sunday, February 4, 10:30 AM – Brandon Sellars+

Weekly Contributions

Envelopes	\$ 2193
Loose	\$ 100
Total	\$ 2293
We Need	\$ 2032
Mass Stipends	\$ 0
Building Fund	\$ 164
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 35
Candles	\$ 30
1 st Offering	\$15

Attendance-

Sunday 10:30 AM 73

Prayer Intentions

Kim Buchanan, Lanora Neavill, Robyn Meagher, Donna Turner, Marilyn Butler , Michelle Dalton, CeCe Coorapi, , Margaret Thompson, Richard Rennie, 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 – Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Dt 18:15-20 1 Cor 7: 32-35 Mk 1: 21-28
Mon – Weekday
2 Sm 15: 13-14, 30; 16: 5 – 13 Mk 5: 1-20
Tues – Weekday
2 Sm 18: 9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19: 3
Mk 5: 21-43
Wed – St. John Bosco, Priest
2 Sm 24: 2, 9-17 Mk 6: 1-6
Thurs – Weekday
1 Kgs 2: 1-4, 10-12 Mk 6:7-13
Fri – The Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3: 1-4 Heb 2: 14-18 Lk 2: 22-40
Sat – Saint Blaise, Bishop , Martyr
1 Kgs 3: 4-13 Mk 6: 30-34
Sun – Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23
Mk 1: 29-39

St. Edward News

Food Pantry – Next Sunday, we will have a second collection for the food pantry.

Bingo Bingo Bingo - St Edward will have a Bingo and Soup party next Sunday, February 4. Don and Dennis are supplying soup. Everyone attending are asked to bring snack foods or desserts. We will eat at 5:00 PM and play Bingo after eating. Everyone is welcome to attend for fun and fellowship.

Old Palms – Teresa has set out a basket for old palms from Palm Sunday. Please bring any in by next weekend, they will be used for ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Father Charles is in Nigeria until the middle of February visiting his family. There will be no weekday masses during his absence. If you are in need of a priest, please contact Deacon David at 618-599-4683 or Libby at 618-599-6924.

Upcoming Dates

Deacon David Book Study – Today – 2:00 PM at St. Edward
Bingo and Soup Dinner – February 4 – 5:00 PM
Ash Wednesday – February 14 – 5:00 PM St. Edward and 7:00 AM & 7:00 PM St. Stephen

Food Pantry Set Up - February 16 – 8:30 AM
Stations of the Cross – February 16 – 6:00 PM
Food Pantry Distribution- February 17 – 7:30 AM
Parish Council – February 22 – after the 6:00 PM mass

St. Stephen News

This weekend Monsignor Carl Scherrer will be filling in for Fr. Charles. Welcome to St. Stephen Parish!

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.

Parish Directories have arrived! Directories are provided free to those who had their picture taken or submitted a picture to the directory. Please pick yours up from the table in the back of church. A suggested optional donation to offset the cost of the directories is \$15.00. A limited supply of additional copies is available for purchase from the parish office.

Super Bowl Squares: The 3rd Annual Super Bowl Squares Fundraiser is underway! One hundred squares will be sold and are \$20 each. The board will be filled at random on Super Bowl Sunday. The prizes are as follows: 1st Quarter - \$100, 2nd Quarter - \$200, 3rd Quarter, \$300, and 4th Quarter, \$400. Squares are available after Masses. All proceeds will benefit St. Stephen’s General Fund. Thank you!

Ash Wednesday is February 14, 2023. Masses will be at 7:00am and 7:00pm at St. Stephen, and 5:00pm at St. Edward.

We are scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels in March. Delivering meals is in Flora on Monday thru Friday, and only takes about an hour. Please consider helping with this wonderful ministry, by signing up on the sheet outside the Social Room. Most times there is a team of two people. Please call Beth Fancher, 618-676-4292, if you have questions about delivering meals or would like information about the program. Thank you for your support. Our church delivers meals in March and in September.

Altar Society: We will be cancelling/postponing the Bingo we had planned for February due to kitchen damage. We will be having an Altar Society meeting after Mass on Feb 25. Please all attend!

Parish School of Religion: Sunday, February 4 – Class Sunday, February 11 - Class

If any high school student has an interest in participating in the Catholic Youth Organization please contact Alison Harvey at 618-676-7750.

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

New white drop boxes are located by the north and south entrances to church. These will hopefully serve as a convenient and timely way to drop off papers, notes, bills, or other items that need turned in to the parish office. Paper and pens are also available if you need to leave a note for the office. The boxes will be checked each Wednesday.

SCRIP: During the upcoming weeks SCRIP cards will be available by contacting Linda Etchison (618 214 6768) or Karen Whitehead (618 572 8206) rather than in the social room after weekend Masses. Arrangements will be made for you to pick up your cards. Remember using SCRIP for your everyday purchases is a great way to support St. Anne's Altar Society. See the complete list of available cards below.

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



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Masses will be at 7:00am and 7:00pm at St. Stephen, and 5:00pm at St. Edward.

We are to celebrate Lent with Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.

PRAYER *“For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.”* -St. Therese of Lisieux (CCC 2558) During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to practice self-control through fasting. Dive into God's word in Scripture this Lent or pray the rosary with your family.

FASTING Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are **obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics**. In addition, *Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence*. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, **the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59**. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. *The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards*. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

ALMSGIVING The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on “almsgiving,” which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is “a witness to fraternal charity” and “a work of justice pleasing to God.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2462).

Particular Opportunities for Almsgiving during Lent: There are several special opportunities for almsgiving through donations to Church ministries for which collections are conducted during the Lenten season including: Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe, National Black and Indiana Mission Collection, Catholic Relief Services Collection, Pontifical Good Friday Collection for Care for Christians in the Holy Land, CRS Rice Bowl.



Week of February 11, 2024



Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



The Story of Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 1

Where did death come from? What does death mean for the human person? Is it simply just part of life, or is it something else? In this first session, we discuss the story of death and God's response to it: defeating death by dying and rising from the dead.



The Spirituality of Lent

Looking to take Lent more seriously this year? Join Tim Gray for ideas for a Lenten spirituality.

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