



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

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 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
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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

First Week of Lent

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>
Tuesday, February 20:	6:00pm	Rosary
	6:30pm	Mass <i>+Raymond & Bridget Rodriguez</i>
	7:00pm	Adoration until midnight
Wednesday, February 21:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass <i>+Dominic & Mary Talmant</i>
Thursday, February 22:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass <i>+Henry Scaglione</i>
Friday, February 23:	8:30am	Adoration until 3:15pm
	12:00noon	Servite Rosary
	3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, February 24:	4:00pm	Confession
	4:30pm	Mass <i>For the living & deceased of the parish</i>
Sunday, February 25:	8:00am	Rosary & Confession
	8:30am	Mass <i>+Butch Zimmerman & family</i>

Weekly Contribution: 2-11-24		Attendance: 2-11-24	
Envelope:	\$1,560.00	Saturday:	41
Loose:	\$ 260.00	Sunday:	75
TOTAL:	\$1,820.00	Total:	116
Weekly Budget \$2,270.00		Clavinova Fund: \$500	

Ministers for February

<u>Saturday, February 24:</u>			
Lectors: Cheryl McCarty		Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Ridgeway, Krista Weidner, Robin Lipka	
Servers: Allison & Austin Cartright		Ushers: Jerry Price & Mark Winka	
<u>Sunday, February 25:</u>			
Lector: Justin Fleener		Commentator: Beth Sulsberger	
Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Zimmerman, Trudi Herdes, Emily Milner			
Servers: Kehlin & Kiara Crawford		Ushers: Jerod Fleener & Ted Zimmerman	

Happy Birthday:

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

Welcome back, Father Charles! We are thankful for a safe trip!

Schedule and Procedures for Election of Members of the Pastoral Council

- March 2 & 3: Nominations at Mass
- March 9 & 10: Names of nominated will be posted in the Church bulletin and announced
- March 16 & 17: Vote on candidates at Mass
- Members with terms expiring this year who are not eligible to be re-elected due to having served two consecutive three year terms:* Justin Fleener
- Members with terms expiring this year but who are eligible to be re-elected:* Laura Anderson
- Members with unexpired terms:* Mary Beth Lancaster, Andrew Vahling, Cory Anderson, Pat Greenwood

Leak update: All of the mitigation work has been completed (taking out what was wet and damaged.) The reconstruction team will be starting work soon, and anticipate a fairly quick process to get things back in working order. More dates and definite timeline will be available next week.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Super Bowl Square Fundraiser. The fundraiser raised \$1,000 for St. Stephen Parish. Congratulations to our winners: Ted Whitehead, Ken VanBlaricum (2x), and Stan Burton!

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!

Choir Practice for Holy Week will begin Monday, February 19 at 7pm. All are welcome to join.

Envelopes for the Easter flower offering in memory of your loved ones are located at both doors. Thanks.

Parish School of Religion: Sunday, February 18 – Class Sunday, February 25 - 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.

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

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

Other news...

Black & Indian Mission Collection: This weekend our parish will take up the 140th annual National Black & Indian Mission Collection. Your envelope set will have an envelope for this collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.

2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100

This weekend our parish, along with all other parishes in the diocese, will conduct our Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. The CSMA provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our time limitations, to take an active role in the mission of our diocesan Church. Please be as generous as you are able. You can contribute with the envelopes received in the mail or with the envelopes provided at on the tables at either entrance.

The Cupboards Are Bare –
Society of St. Vincent De Paul Needs Your Help!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council reports record numbers of people staying at its OverNite Center and 300+ people per day coming for meals at Cosgrove’s Kitchen. With these increased numbers, there is an urgent need for food. We humbly ask for your prayers for SVDP and its clients and, if you are able, your donation of food (all kinds) that will be cooked and served at the soup kitchen and/or individually packaged food items (cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, instant oatmeal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup) to distribute at the OverNite Center.

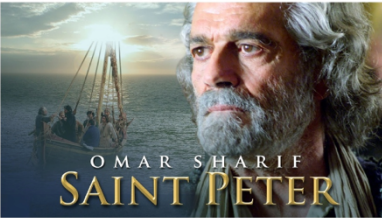
Items can be dropped off at:
St. Vincent de Paul Council Office
8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223 (across from Blessed Sacrament Church)
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
or
SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen
3718 State Street, East St. Louis
Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon

For additional information contact Joe Hubbard or Pat Hoglebe at 618-394-0126. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity which enables St. Vincent de Paul’s ministry to the poorest among us.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the people of God still living in this land and to main a Christian presence where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous!



Week of February 18, 2024



Saint Peter
Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



The Afterlife | Eternal Rest | Episode 2
What happens after the moment of our death? Once the soul has been separated from the body, then what? What is heaven, hell, and purgatory? This session looks at the truth about what awaits the human person on the other side of death.



Week One | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT
In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.

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