



*He who knew us before time began,
who loves us and willed us into being,
and who will be waiting for us
at the moment of our last breath,
is the same One looking upon us from the Sacred Host.*

*God is as really present in the consecrated Host
as He is in the glory of Heaven.
-St. Paschal Baylon*

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

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

Rev. Father Charles Anyaoku, Pastoral Administrator

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Deacon David Mills, Permanent Deacon

St. Edward Catholic Church

300 NW 5th Street

Fairfield, IL 62837

Phone: 618-847-7931

stedwardcatholicchurch01@frontier.com

stedwardfairfield.com

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
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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)

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

Second Week of Lent

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>
Tuesday, February 27:	6:00pm	Rosary
	6:30pm	Mass <i>+Tony Whitehead</i>
	7:00pm	Adoration until midnight
Wednesday, February 28:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass <i>+Dominic & Mary Talmant</i>
Thursday, February 29:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass <i>+Father Alvin Grawe</i>
Friday, March 1:	9:00am	First Friday Adoration until 6:00pm
	12:00noon	Servite Rosary
	3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	5:30pm	Rosary, followed by benediction
	6:00pm	Stations, followed by Mass <i>+Jim, Marilyn, & Nancy Staples</i>
Saturday, March 2:	4:00pm	Confession
	4:30pm	Mass <i>+Helen & Violet Powless</i>
Sunday, March 3:	8:00am	Rosary & Confession
	8:30am	Mass <i>For the living & deceased of the parish</i>

Weekly Contribution: 2-18-24			Attendance: 2-18-24		
Envelope:	\$1,513.00	Super Bowl: \$1,000	Saturday:	48	
Loose:	\$ 271.00	Ash Wed: \$88	Sunday:	66	
TOTAL:	\$1,784.00	Directory: \$65	Total:	114	
Weekly Budget \$2,270.00					

Ministers for March

<u>Saturday, March 2:</u>		
Lector: Beth Sulsberger	Eucharistic Ministers: Robin Lipka, Krista Weidner, Jim Fehrenbacher	
Servers: Allison & Austin Cartright	Ushers: Jerry Price & Kurt Holkenbrink	

Sunday, March 3:

Lector: MaryBeth Lancaster	Commentator: Justin Fleener
Eucharistic Ministers: Trudi Herdes, Beth Fancher, Deb Zimmerman	
Servers: Xander & Sophie Johnson, Kehlin & Kiara Crawford	Ushers: Ted Zimmerman & Alan Huff

Happy Birthday:

Father Charles: February 24	Ted Zimmerman: February 24	Alison Harvey: March 7
Jean Quinn: March 12	Pat Quinn: March 17	Heather Greenwood: March 22

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, Linda Martin, & nursing home residents. *Please let the parish office know if names can be added or removed.*

St. Edward Mass Intentions for the Week
Sunday, February 25, 10:30 AM – Jim Holstein+
Thursday, February 29, 6:00 PM – Jack Ciesielczyk+
Friday, March 1, 8:00 – Robin Neiman+
Sunday, March 3, 10:30 AM – Marilyn Dooling+

Weekly Contributions
2/18/2023

Envelopes	\$ 1710
Loose	\$ 276
Total	\$ 1966
We Need	\$ 2032
Mass Stipends	\$ 20
Building Fund	\$ 170
Black & Indian Mission	\$230

Prayer Intentions

Kim Buchanan, Lanora Neavill, Robyn Meagher, Donna Turner, Marilyn Butler , CeCe Coorapi, , Margaret Thompson, Richard Rennie, Lee Bouldin, Fr. Ray, Marty Hawkins, Spencer Meagher, Judy Maguire, Dick Hibbetts, Donna Williams, Teresa Keyser, Shirley Miller, Glory Almon, Teresa Walker, Bill Arndt, Tony Evans, Norah Pickens
Let the office know if names need to be added or removed from our prayer list.

Our Scripture Readings

Attendance-
Ash Wednesdays 67

Sunday 10:30 AM 68

Sun – Second Sunday of Lent
Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Rom 8: 31b-34
Mk 9: 2-10
Mon – Lenten Weekday
Dn 9: 4b -10 Lk 6: 36-38
Tues – Lenten Weekday
Is 1: 10, 16-20 Mt 23: 1-12
Wed – Lenten Weekday
Jer 18: 18-20 Mt 20: 17-28
Thurs – Lenten Weekday
Jer 17: 5-10 Lk 16: 19-31
Fri – Lenten Weekday
Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46
Sat – Lenten Weekday
Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20 Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32
Sun – Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 20: 1-17 1Cor 1: 22-25 Jn 2: 13-25

St. Edward News

Happy Birthday to Father Charles! We will have cake, punch and a card shower after mass today.

Food Pantry – Thank you to everyone that helped with food pantry on Saturday.

Clothesline – Thank you to Linda Keck, Bernie Taylor, Leslie Robison and Libby Pond for volunteering at the Clotheline for St. Edward Parish in February. If you are interested in volunteering , contact Leslie at 618-842-9602.

Stations of the Cross – Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 6:00 PM during Lent.

Book Study – Deacon David’s book study will meet today at 2:00 PM at St. Stephen.

CSMA- Thank you to the **12** households that have pledged to support the CSMA. So far **\$3495.00** has been pledged. Our goal this year is \$6180. If you did not receive a pledge card, envelopes are on the table in the hall. Please be as generous as you are able, no gift is too small.

As many know, Sarah Pickens’ daughter was involved in an accident. There is a Go Fund Me account on Facebook and we are sure she would enjoy hearing from members of her St. Edward Family. Her address is Norah Pickens
437 12th Street
Tell City, IN 47586

LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING A PRIEST

Bishop Michael McGovern will host a St. Andrew Dinner for young men interested in learning more about the Catholic priesthood on Sunday, March 10. The St. Andrew Dinner will be held at Gibault Catholic High School in Waterloo. All young men ages 14-32 are invited to attend; parents or guardians are also welcome to join us. The event will begin at 4:30 PM with gathering and introductions and Evening Prayer and will be followed by dinner and conversation. This is a terrific opportunity to gather information for discerning a call to the priesthood; there will also be time for questions and conversation with Fr. Joel Seipp, Vocation Director. Please contact Judy Hoffmann at (618) 722.5003, or email to: jhoffmann@diobelle.org **by March 5** to RSVP or obtain more details.

St. Stephen News

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: Reconstruction work has started! The work is expected to be completed within the next week.

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 25 – Class Sunday, March 3 - Class

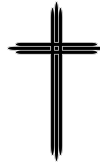
If any high school student has an interest in participating in the Catholic Youth Organization please contact Alison Harvey at 618-676-7750.

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

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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



2024 Lent, Holy Week, & Easter Season Schedule

Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent at 6:00pm

Penance Service:

St. Stephen	Monday, March 11	6:00pm
St. Edward	Thursday, March 14	6:00pm

Palm Sunday:

St. Stephen	Saturday, March 23	4:30pm
	Sunday, March 24	8:30am
St. Edward	Sunday, March 24	10:30am

Chrism Mass Belleville

Tuesday, March 26

Holy Thursday

St. Stephen	Thursday, March 28	6:00pm – Mass 7:30pm – Midnight: Adoration
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Good Friday

St. Edward:	Friday, March 29	4:00pm – Stations of the Cross 5:00pm – Good Friday Service
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St. Stephen:	Friday, March 29	3:00pm – Stations of the Cross 7:15pm – Good Friday Service
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Holy Saturday

St. Stephen:	Saturday, March 30	8:00pm – Easter Vigil
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Easter Sunday

St. Stephen	Sunday, March 31	8:30am
St. Edward	Sunday, March 31	10:30am

Divine Mercy Sunday - St. Stephen

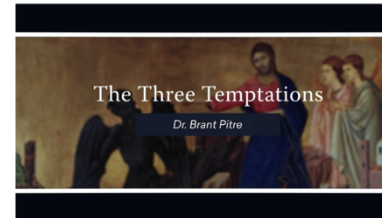
Confession:	Saturday, April 6	10am-11am
Adoration in Church	Sunday, April 7	After Mass – 4pm with Chaplet at 3pm

First Communion

St. Stephen	Sunday, May 5	8:30am
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Week of February 25, 2024



The Three Temptations with Dr. Brant Pitre

Reflect with Dr. Brant Pitre on the temptations of Jesus in the desert as he gets to the heart of the meaning of Lent.



The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 3

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.



Talking Back: Scripture's to Answer Common Fears | Fearless | Episode 3

How can the Word of God help us face fear and win back victory from the Enemy's control? Chris continues his conversation with Fr. Dave Pivonka about how people of faith address fear. Scripture provides concrete ways to wield the power of God's Word against the fear of need, abandonment, vulnerability, condemnation, and more. Unlock the means for the Lord to free you from all fear.

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