



It is something far beyond our comprehension, but it is true. Not only are we able to receive Jesus in Holy Communion at each Mass as baptized Catholics in the state of grace, but we also have Him available in another very intimate way. He remains with us so that we may come to Him and gaze upon Him, “Face to face,” in the Most Blessed Sacrament, solemnly exposed for adoration.

St. Paul wrote about the transforming power of gazing upon Our Lord: “And we all, with unveiled face beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into His likeness from one degree of glory to another” To spend time with Him is to become more like Him.

We may find it difficult to believe that God has a vested interest in us, but He certainly does! He loves us so much that He died for us. Yet after His resurrection and His glorious ascension to the right hand of the Father, He did not want to leave us as orphans. He has gone before us to prepare a place for us.

Even so, He desires at the same time to be intimately present to us. He desires to show us that He is interested in every detail of our lives. How does He do this? He waits for a visit from us wherever He is present in the Holy Sacrament throughout the world.

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

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

Rev. Father Charles Anyaoku, Pastoral Administrator

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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

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

Fourth Week of Lent

Saturday, March 9:	4:00pm	Confession
	4:30pm	Mass + <i>Eliza Argenbright</i>
Sunday, March 10:	8:00am	Rosary & Confession
	8:30am	Mass <i>For the living & deceased of the parish</i>
Tuesday, March 12:	6:00pm	Rosary
	6:30pm	Mass + <i>Kim Brandis</i>
	7:00pm	Adoration until midnight
Wednesday, March 13:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass + <i>Trent Briscoe</i>
Thursday, March 14:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass + <i>John Anyaoku</i>
Friday, March 15:	8:30am	Adoration until 3:15pm
	12:00noon	Servite Rosary
	3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 16:	4:00pm	Confession
	4:30pm	Mass <i>For the living & deceased of the parish</i>
Sunday, March 17:	8:00am	Rosary & Confession
	8:30am	Mass + <i>Laverne Ruckman</i>

Weekly Contribution: 3-3-24		Attendance: 3-3-24	
Envelope:	\$2,190.00	Saturday:	49
Loose:	\$ 448.00	Sunday:	71
Online:	\$ 150.00	Total:	120
TOTAL:	\$2,788.00 Weekly Budget \$2,270.00		

Ministers for March

<u>Saturday, March 16:</u>	
Lector: Jim Fehrenbacher	Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Fancher, Phil Fancher, Robin Lipka
Servers: Allison & Austin Cartright	Ushers: Jerry Price & Kurt Holkenbrink

<u>Sunday, March 17:</u>	
Lector: Deb Zimmerman	Commentator: Ted Zimmerman
Eucharistic Ministers: Justin Fleener, Trudi Herdes, Ted Whitehead	
Servers: Xander & Sophie Johnson, Landon Thompson	Ushers: Cory Anderson & Alan Huff

Happy Birthday:

Alison Harvey: March 7	Pat Quinn: March 17
Jean Quinn: March 12	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, Sierra Roberts, Bill Casolari, & nursing home residents. *Please let the parish office know if names can be added or removed.*

St. Edward Mass Intentions for the Week
Sunday, March 10, 2024 – Marciella Oppenheimer+
Thursday, March 14, 6:00 PM – Kris Huffstodt+
Friday, March 15, 8:00 – Frank Cavanaugh+
Sunday, March 17, 10:30 AM – Andrea Erickson+

Weekly Contributions
3/3/2024

Envelopes	\$ 1915
Loose	\$ 93
Total	\$ 2008
We Need	\$ 2032
Mass Stipends	\$ 10
Building Fund	\$ 192
Black & Indian Mission	\$20
Food Pantry	\$588

Attendance-
Sunday 10:30 AM 78

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, Tony Evans, Norah Pickens, H.G. French
Let the office know if names need to be added or removed from our prayer list.

Our Scripture Readings

Sun – Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21
Mon – Lenten Weekday
Is 65:17-21 Jn 4:43-54
Tues – Lenten Weekday
Ez 47:1-9, 12 Jn 5:1-16
Wed – Lenten Weekday
Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30
Thurs – Lenten Weekday
Ex 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47
Fri – Lenten Weekday
Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat – Lenten Weekday
Jer 11:18-20 Jn 7:40-53
Sun – Fifth Sunday of Lent
Jer 31:31-34 Heb 5:7-9 JN 12:20-33

St. Edward News

Finance Committee – There will be a meeting of the Finance Committee on Thursday, March 14th after the Penance Service.

St Patrick’s Day Dinner – The St. Patrick’s Day Dinner is on Saturday March 16th at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to this event a signup sheet is on the table in the hall. Corned Beef and Brisket will be served along with the trimmings.

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

Food Pantry – Food Pantry will be on Saturday March 16th beginning at 7:30 a.m. Set up will be on Friday March 15th after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Parish Council Meeting – The Parish Council will meet Thursday March 21st after the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

Save the Date - The St. Edward Men’s Club will be having the annual Sausage Dinner on Sunday, April 14th. This will be carryout only from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. All help will be appreciated and if you are able to help provide a dessert or two. Also there will be a Saturday evening Mass that weekend on April 13th at 6:15 p.m. so that workers will be able to attend Mass.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter Schedule is on the back of this bulletin.

St. Stephen News

The nominees selected last weekend by members of the parish, for the Pastoral Council Election, are Jessica Crawford, Jonathon Akers, Laura Anderson, Robin Lipka

March 16 & 17 - Vote for two of the candidates at Masses

March 23 & 24 - Newly elected members announced/posted

Sympathy is extended to Susan and Justin Fleener on the death of Susan’s father, Paul Eugene Smith on February 27 2024. A memorial service for Mr. Smith was held on Monday, March 4 at McGriff Funeral Home in Louisville. May he rest in peace.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Diana Greuel-Russell who passed away December 30, 2023. 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.

Repair Update: Things are moving along! The new ceiling and lighting fixtures are installed in the kitchen, and the water stains in the kitchen and hallway have been primed. The cabinets have also been reinstalled on the walls. The walls will be repainted to their original color and new flooring will be put down in the kitchen.

CSMA: Thank you to the 25 households that have already pledged their financial support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. So far \$4,318.44 has been pledged by our parish members. Our parish goal is \$7,339. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

Choir Practice for Holy Week is each Monday at 7pm. All are welcome to join.

MINISTERS – Please sign up for Holy Week and Easter liturgies at the table outside the social room.

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

Parish School of Religion: Sunday, March 10 – Class Sunday, March 17 - Class

Mark your calendars: The St. Stephen Parish Easter Egg Hunt and Meal will be Sunday, April 7.

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 for St. Anne’s Altar Society are Berenice Mary Brown, Beth Fancher/Janet Fehrenbacher, Mary Beth Lancaster/Susan Schroeder.

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

St. Stephen 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

Good Friday

St. Edward: Friday, March 29 4:00pm – Stations of the Cross
5:00pm – Good Friday Service

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

Holy Saturday

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

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



Week of March 10, 2024



Fear and Spiritual Warfare w/ Fr. Chad Ripperger | Fearless | Episode 5

Exorcist Fr. Chad Ripperger joins Chris to discuss fear and spiritual warfare. God calls us to walk confidently in his victory over the Evil One, not be slaves to fear. Reject fear's lies and live in the full freedom that comes from claiming the truth of Jesus Christ. Learn from Chris and Fr. Chad how to let Christ's power unshackle your heart and overcome sin in your life.



Restore: Week Four, The Healing Balm of Almsgiving

In week four of Restore, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on almsgiving and how it heals your relationships with others. One of the most powerful ways to heal your brokenness is to give—not only money or clothing, but also your presence and love—to those whom God has placed in your life, even those who have wounded you.



Where are You?

This captivating series explores Catholic themes of redemption, grace, and forgiveness through compelling storytelling and thought-provoking narratives. It offers a profound understanding of the transformative power of forgiveness and its significance in personal growth and spiritual renewal.

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