



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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 24, 2024

Rev. Father Charles Anyaoku, Pastoral Administrator

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Deacon David Mills, Permanent Deacon

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
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

Holy Week

Saturday, March 23:	4:00pm	Confession
	4:30pm	Mass + <i>Betty & Ranard Greenwood</i>
Sunday, March 24: PALM SUNDAY	8:00am	Rosary & Confession
	8:30am	Mass + <i>John Rudolphi</i>
Tuesday, March 26:	6:00pm	Rosary
	6:30pm	Mass + <i>Tony Whitehead</i>
	7:00pm	Adoration until midnight
Wednesday, March 27:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass <i>Special Intention</i>
Thursday, March 28:	6:00pm	HOLY THURSDAY
	7:30pm	Adoration until Midnight
Friday, March 29:	3:00pm	Stations of the Cross
	7:15pm	GOOD FRIDAY
Saturday, March 30:	8:00pm	HOLY SATURDAY Easter Vigil
Sunday, March 31: EASTER SUNDAY	8:00am	Rosary & Confession
	8:30am	Mass <i>For the living & deceased of the Parish</i>

Weekly Contribution: 3-17-24			Attendance: 3-17-24	
Envelope:	\$2,200.00	Catholic Relief Services: \$30	Saturday:	54
Loose:	\$ 205.00	Cemetery: \$50	<u>Sunday:</u>	<u>72</u>
<u>Online:</u>	<u>\$ 150.00</u>		Total:	126
TOTAL:	\$2,555.00	<i>Weekly Budget \$2,270.00</i>		

Ministers for March

Thank you for signing up to help during Holy Week!

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, Wayne Deaton, & 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 24, 10:30 AM – Kate Hoover+
Holy Thursday – Mass at St. Stephen 6:00 PM
Friday, March 29 – Stations of the Cross 4:00 PM
Good Friday Service 5:00 PM
Easter Sunday, March 31, 10:30 AM –Fr. Jim Dougherty +

Weekly Contributions
3/17/2024

Envelopes	\$ 1633
Loose	\$ 221
Total	\$ 1854
We Need	\$ 2032
Mass Stipends	\$ 10
Building Fund	\$ 177
CRS	\$ 20
Candles	\$ 35
Easter Flowers	\$ 355
St. Patrick’s dinner	\$578
Food Pantry	\$20

Attendance-
Sunday 10:30 AM 87

Prayer Intentions

Kim Buchanan, Lanora Neavill, Robyn Meagher, Donna Turner, Marilyn Butler , CeCe Coorapi, , Margaret Thompson, Richard Rennier, Lee Bouldin, Fr. Ray, Marty Hawkins, Judy Maguire, Dick Hibbetts, Donna Williams, Teresa Keyser, Shirley Miller, Glory Almon, Teresa Walker, Tony Evans, Norah Pickens, H.G. French, Shawn Nessa

Our Scripture Readings

Sun – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Mk 11: 1-10 Is 50: 4-7 Phil 2: 6-11
Mk 14: 1 – 15: 47
Mon – Monday of Holy Week
Is 42: 1-7 Jn 12: 1-11
Tues – Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49: 1-6 Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38
Wed – Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50: 4-9a Mt 26: 14-25
Thurs – Holy Thursday of the Lord’s Supper
Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14 1Cor 11: 23-26 Jn 13: 1-15
Fri – Friday of the Passion of the Lord
Is 52: 13 – 53: 12 Heb 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9
Jn 18: 1 – 19: 42
Sat – The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
Gn 1: 1-2:2 Gn 22: 1-18 Ex 14:15-15:1
Is 54: 5-14 Is 55:1-11 Bar 3: 9-15, 32-4:4
Ez 36: 16-17a, 18-28 Is 12: 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
Rom 6: 3-11 Mk 16: 1-7
Sun – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10: 34a, 37-43 Col 3: 1-4 Jn 20: 1-9

St. Edward News

Holy Week Schedule for St. Edward

Good Friday – March 29 – Stations of the Cross 4:00 PM

Good Friday Service 5:00 PM

Easter Sunday – March 31 – Mass 10:30 AM

St. Edward Parish Family extends our sympathy to Ginny and Don Barrett and family on the passing of her brother, Spencer Meagher. Let perpetual light shine upon him and may he rest in peace.

Rice Bowl for CRS – If you did not take a rice bowl at the beginning of Lent, you can just put your contribution in an envelope and mark it as “Rice Bowl”. Remember 25% of money collected stays here for our food pantry.

Clothesline – St. Edward dates for Clothesline workers in April are Wednesday, April 10 and Friday April 26. If you can work either day (shifts 9-12:30 and 12:30 -4) please contact Leslie.

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.

Easter Egg Hunt – The Saint Edward Easter Egg Hunt will be on Sunday, March 31 at 9:45 AM. There will be no PSR on this day (Easter Sunday).

CSMA – We are currently at 87% of our \$6180 goal for the Catholic Services and Ministry Appeal. Twenty-two families have pledged \$5395. If you did not receive a donation card in the mail, there are envelopes in the hall. No amount is too small, please make every effort to donate. Thank you for your generosity.

Pilgrimage to Greece – Dec 1-11, 2024. By traveling in the footsteps of St. Paul as he organized churches throughout new territory, pilgrims will be invited to reflect on what their own knowledge of Christ is calling them to do and what it means to be part of the Church today. We will also see the ministry that Catholic Relief Services does on our behalf with migrants and refugees in southern Greece. Pilgrimage sites include: Thessalonica, Corinth, Philippi, Athens, and more. For More information and a registration brochure, go to www.GoCatholicTravel.com/24061.

St. Stephen News

Sympathy is extended to Phil Henson and family on the death of Jane Henson who passed away March 13 2024 at her home. Visitation was Friday March 22, 2024 from 5-8 p.m. at Frank and Bright Funeral Home and again from noon to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday March 23, 2024 at St. Stephen Catholic Church. Her funeral Mass was at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at St. Stephen Catholic Church followed by interment at St. Stephen cemetery. May Jane’s soul rest in peace.

Pastoral Council Election: The parish re-elected Laura Anderson to serve another term and elected Jonathon Akers, both to serve on the Pastoral Council for the next three years. Congratulations and thank you to Laura and Jonathon for accepting! Thank you to Justin Fleener for serving on the council for the past six years! Thank you to the members of the parish and to the ushers for your participation in the election process!

CSMA: Thank you to the 26 households that have already pledged their financial support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. So far \$4,368.44 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!

Rummage Sale: Please start gathering clean, gently used items for the annual rummage sale on April 19 and 20. Drop off times will be announced closer to the date. If you would like to help or have questions please contact Alison Harvey at 618-676-7750. Thank you.

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 24 - NO Class Sunday, March 31 – NO Class

Mark your calendars: The St. Stephen Parish Easter Egg Hunt and Meal will be Sunday, April 7. The Easter egg hunt will be at 5:00pm, with the potluck at 5:30. Meat and drinks will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

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.

In keeping with the Eucharistic Revival that is currently taking place in the Catholic Church, there will be Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass on each Sunday that PSR is in session. All students and teachers are asked to come to the front following the final song. If students are not at Mass, please come to the church as soon as you arrive. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to stay.

A fun way to support Guadalupe Project – March Madness Squares! If you enjoyed the Super Bowl Square fundraiser, you will love March Madness Squares! Our board of squares will be filled at random and numbers will be assigned once the board is filled. The board will be used for each game of the NCAA Men’s Tournament beginning with the Sweet 16. The prizes will be: Sweet 16 - \$50, Elite 8 - \$100, Final 4 - \$500, and Championship - \$1,000. Squares are \$50 each. See Ted Whitehead or Cory Anderson to purchase a square. All proceeds will be donated to Guadalupe Project.

Good Friday Collection: Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Holy Land Collection which will be held on Good Friday. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education to our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. The collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. In times of crisis, the Pontifical Holy Land Collection also provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

SCRIP: Remember these cards are great for everyday purchases! SCRIP is available after most weekend Masses and by contacting Linda Etchison (618 214 6768) or Karen Whitehead (618 572 8206) Remember using SCRIP for your everyday purchases is a great way to support St. Anne’s Altar Society. The complete list of cards available is on each bulletin board.

SCRIP CARDS ON HAND			
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
Los Tres Caminos	\$25, \$50	Target	\$10, \$25, \$50
McDonalds	\$10, \$25	VISA	\$25, \$50, \$100
Menards	\$25, \$100	Walgreens	\$100
Old Navy	\$25	Walmart	\$10
Panera	\$10, \$25, \$50	Walmart/Sams	\$25, \$50, \$100

2024 Lent, Holy Week, & Easter Season Schedule

Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent at 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	11:30am
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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
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
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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 March 24, 2024



Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Embraced in Mercy: The Rite Explained

Whether you go to Confession regularly or a decade ago, this session guides you step-by-step through the deeper meaning of every aspect of the Rite—what it is, why we do it, and how it impacts your life.



Holy Thursday | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney

Explore Holy Thursday contradictions with the Tierney family: joyful Eucharist and sacramental priesthood vs. somber start of Jesus' passion. Get family activity ideas, music suggestions, and a Holy Thursday seder-inspired feast featuring lamb, knishes, bitter herb salad, homemade applesauce, flatbread, and wine/grape juice. Don't miss a messy but special dessert.

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