

The Real Presence

- God is as really present in the consecrated Host as He is in the glory of Heaven.
 - St. Paschal Baylon
- The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth.
 - St. Teresa of Calcutta
- You may be sure that of all the moments in your life, the time you spend before the divine Sacrament will be that which will give you more strength during life and more consolation at the hour of your death and during eternity.
 - St. Alphonsus Liguori

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: 9/24 at St. Edward, 10/29 at St. Stephen, 11/19 at St. Edward, 12/17 at St. Stephen, 1/28 at St. Edward, 2/25 at St. Stephen, 3/24 at St. Edward, 4/28 at St. Stephen.

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time **October 8, 2023**

Rev. Father Charles Anyaoku, Pastoral Administrator
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Deacon David Mills, Permanent Deacon

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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)

Parish Office Contact Information
Laura Anderson
618-599-6786 (cell) or 618-662-8121 (office)
laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com or ststephen_flora@yahoo.com
Wednesday & Thursday Mornings
Submit bulletin information by Wednesday at noon.

Parish Secretary: Laura Anderson
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

Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 7:	4:00pm	Confession
	4:30pm	Mass <i>For the living & deceased of the parish</i>
Sunday, October 8:	8:00am	Rosary
	8:00am	Confession
	8:30am	Mass <i>+Carroll & Virginia Sulsberger</i>
Tuesday, October 10:	6:00pm	Rosary
	6:30pm	Mass <i>+Ruth & Clement F. Marley</i>
	7:00pm	Adoration until midnight
Wednesday, October 11:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass <i>In remembrance of babies lost by miscarriage and for their families</i>
Thursday, October 12:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass <i>For Father Charles and all priests</i>
Friday, October 13:	8:30am	Adoration until 3:15pm
	12:00noon	Servite Rosary
	3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday, October 14:	4:00pm	Confession
	4:30pm	Mass <i>For the living & deceased of the parish</i>
Sunday, October 15:	8:00am	Rosary
	8:00am	Confession
	8:30am	Mass <i>+James Croy</i>

Weekly Contribution: 10-1-23		Attendance: 10-1-23
Envelope:	\$1,595.00	Saturday: 66
Loose:	\$ 224.00	Sunday: 61
TOTAL:	\$1,819.00	Total: 127
Weekly Budget \$2,270.00		

Ministers for October

Saturday, October 14:
Lectors: Cheryl McCarty Eucharistic Ministers: Krista Weidner, Pat Ridgeway, Volunteer
Servers: Allison & Austin Cartright Ushers: Don Talmant & Mike Winka
Sunday, October 15:
Lector: Beth Sulsberger Commentator: Phil Fancher
Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Fancher, Justin Fleener, Trudi Herdes
Servers: Xander & Sophie Johnson Ushers: Ted Whitehead & Dennis Holkenbrink

Happy Birthday:
Laura Anderson: October 1 Matthew Winka: October 2 Justin Fleener: October 7 Beth Sulsberger: October 15
Jesse Harvey: October 24 Lois Hout: October 24 **Happy Anniversary:** Jim & Sandy Sulsberger – October 21

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, Gracie Ginder, Eva Herdes, Robert Tatman, & nursing home residents. *Please let the parish office know if names can be added or removed.*

St. Edward Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, October 8, 2023 10:30 am- Kate Hoover & Kris Huffstodt+
Thursday, October 12, 2023, 6:00 pm –Rick Titzer+
Friday, October 13, 2023, 8:00 am – Phyllis Ragain+
Sunday, October 15, 2023 10:30 am – Sam Ochs +

Weekly Contributions

10/1/2023
Envelopes \$2113
Loose \$70
Total \$2183
We Need \$2032
Mass Stipends \$370
Building Fund \$257
Food Pantry \$552
Candles \$20
Donation in memory of
Kate Hoover \$190
Other Donations \$200

Attendance 79

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, David Mills
Let the office know if names need to be added or removed from our prayer list.

Our Scripture Readings

Sun - Twentieth-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 5: 1-7 Phil 4: 6-9
Mt 21: 33-43
Mon - Weekday
Jon 1: 1-2: 2, 11 Lk 10: 25-37
Tues - Weekday
Jon 3: 1-10 Lk 10: 38-42
Wed - Saint John XXIII, Pope
Jon 4: 1-11 Lk 11: 1-4
Thurs- Weekday
Mal 3: 13-20b Lk 11: 5-13
Fri - Weekday
Jl 1: 13-15; 2: 1-2 Lk 11: 15-26
Sat - St. Callistus I, Pope, Martyr
Jl 4: 12-21 Lk 11L 27-28
Sun - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 25: 6-10a Phil 4: 12-14, 19-20 Mt 22: 1-14

St. Edward News

Bible Study – The first chapter of the Bible Study will be included with chapter 2 on October 29 from 2 – 4 pm at St. Stephen.

St. Edward Feast Day – Feast day celebration has been set for Sunday, October 15 after 10:30 mass. We will be celebrating with parishioners from St. Stephen. The church will provide beef stew, biscuits and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

Harvest Party – The St. Edward Harvest will be Sunday, October 22, 5:00-7:00pm. Sign-up sheets will be available in the coming weeks.

Veteran's Day Breakfast – St. Edward will again host the Veteran's Day Breakfast before the parade. Parade is set for Saturday, November 4. We are asking parishioners to bring breakfast casseroles (8x13 pan), any variety and coffee cakes. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the hall. We will also need help serving on that Saturday morning.

Food Pantry Dates: Next weekend is the food pantry. Set up will be Friday after 8:00 am mass. We are in need of individuals to help with set up as several of our regular helpers are busy or out of town. Distribution will be Saturday morning beginning at 7:00 am. We will set up for the feast day celebration after food pantry.

CSMA – On behalf of Bishop Michael McGovern and diocesan ministries and programs, a most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry appeal. If you have not done so yet, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges- in any amount- are needed and can be made through your parish or at www.diobelle.org (click “ Giving to the Diocese”). Your generosity supports 17 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year's appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.

St. Joseph in Olney – would like to invite everyone to their 2023 Smorgasbord and Bazaar on Sunday, October 15 from 11 AM to 1:30 PM.

St. Stephen News

Next Sunday: All members of St. Stephen and St. Edward Parishes are invited to join together on Sunday, October 15 at the 10:30 Mass at St. Edward. Mass will be followed by a luncheon for all parishioners of both parishes. Beef stew & biscuits will be served. Parishioners are welcome to bring side dishes or desserts. *Please sign up on the table in the hallway or let MaryBeth Lancaster (618-322-2986) know if you plan to attend.*

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2023 Chicken BBQ. It takes a lot of work to make the event happen every year and everyone's contributions do not go unnoticed. The final report from the BBQ will be available next week, but preliminary numbers show it to be another successful year! Congratulations to Carolyn Bible who won this year's drawing for \$100 Walmart card. Thank you!

Extra chicken from the Chicken BBQ is in the freezer in the kitchen. There are three pieces of chicken in each freezer bag. Bags are \$15 each, and the money can be left in the kitchen. Thanks!

Dessert pans and containers from the BBQ are in the kitchen. If you brought desserts in one of your dishes, please pick them up. Thanks!

Prayer Chain: A new list for St. Stephen's prayer chain is being compiled. Please send Trudi Herdes your name, phone number, and email address if you wish to be on the prayer chain. Also, please contact Trudi with any prayer requests. Trudi can be reached at 618-838-2720 or dtherdes@bspeedy.com. Thank you!

Parish School of Religion: Sunday, October 8 – Class Sunday, October 15 - Class

A new bulletin for children will now be available at St. Stephen Parish! Be sure your child picks up a copy.

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 immediately following Mass on each Sunday that PSR is in session. All students and teachers are asked to come to the front pews immediately following the final song. If students are not at Mass on Sunday, please come to the church as soon as you arrive. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to stay.

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

Altar Society Rotating Chairmen may pick up their new folders from the shelf next to the mailboxes in the copy room.

St. Stephen will be hosting the Flora Wolves Football Team on October 12. **NOTE TIME CHANGE:** Set up will begin at 5:00pm with food being served at 6:00pm. All are welcome to help with setup and cleanup.

2023 Side by Side Raffle: The 2023 Side by Side Raffle is underway. Tickets will be available to all parishioners soon. This year, St. Stephen and Guadalupe Project will be giving away a 2023 CF Moto UForce 1000. This side by side is the biggest one that has been given away so far! Please plan to help sell tickets and make the 4th Annual Side by Side Raffle the best one yet!

Basket Raffle: The holidays are fast approaching! This year, we would like to have all of the baskets ready for display by October 22 so that we can sell tickets at some different events throughout the month of November. Proceeds from the Basket Raffle benefit St. Anne's Altar Society and Guadalupe Project. Baskets & items can be placed in the social room any time. Thank you!

Guadalupe Project has moved! A grand re-opening celebration will be held on **October 15 from 1:00-3:00pm**, and all are invited to come see the new location and celebrate the milestone. Guadalupe Project is now located in the former Power & Grace Tumbling building – 213 East North Avenue in Flora.

October is Respect Life Month. Join Catholics nationwide praying a special novena for the protection of human life from conception to natural death October 13-21. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at respectlife.org! Copies of the novena are available on the tables by both entrances.

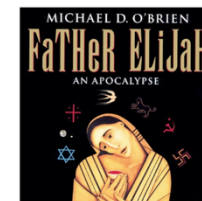
THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of October 08, 2023



John XXIII: The Pope of Peace

This movie tells the life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as pope. Elected supposedly as an "interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.



Father Elijah: An Apocalypse by Michael D. O'Brien

This audiobook explores the state of the world and the faith through the story of Father Elijah, a Carmelite priest sent on a mission for the Vatican that leads to crises and conflicts ultimately affecting the fate of the Church.



Every Park Needs a Lark | Episode 1 | Benjamin Cello

This episode of Benjamin Cello reveals that every part of creation has a purpose and brings beauty into the world.

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