

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: 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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2023

Rev. Father Charles Anyaoku, Pastoral Administrator

Rectory Phone: 618-662-6261 Cell Phone: 618-641-8978

Deacon David Mills, Permanent Deacon

St. Edward Catholic Church

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Fairfield, IL 62837
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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
Deacon David Mills: 618-599-4683
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Libby Pond: 618-599-6924

St. Stephen Catholic Church

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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)

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-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

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>
Tuesday, October 17:	6:00pm	Rosary
	6:30pm	Mass <i>For the intentions of the St. Monica Society & the St. Monica Club & Support Group</i>
	7:00pm	Adoration until midnight
Wednesday, October 18:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass <i>+Dominic & Mary Talmant</i>
Thursday, October 19:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass <i>+Maureen Maher</i>
Friday, October 20:	8:30am	Adoration until 3:15pm
	12:00noon	Servite Rosary
	3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday, October 21:	4:00pm	Confession
	4:30pm	Mass <i>+Howard & Madonna Goellner</i>
Sunday, October 22:	8:00am	Rosary
	8:00am	Confession
	8:30am	Mass <i>For the living & deceased of the parish</i>

Weekly Contribution: 10-8-23		Attendance: 10-8-23	
Envelope:	\$1,720.00	Cemetery Fund: \$225	Saturday: 46
Loose:	\$ 381.00		Sunday: 74
TOTAL:	\$2,101.00		Total: 120
Weekly Budget \$2,270.00			

Ministers for October

<u>Saturday, October 21:</u>			
Lectors:	MaryBeth Lancaster	Eucharistic Ministers: Cheryl McCarty, Jim Fehrenbacher, Robin Lipka	
Servers:	Allison & Austin Cartright	Ushers: Jerry Price & Mark Winka	
<u>Sunday, October 22:</u>			
Lector:	Deb Zimmerman	Commentator: Ted Zimmerman	
Eucharistic Ministers: Emily Milner, Ted Whitehead, Trudi Herdes			
Servers: Ethan & Landon Milner, Landon Thompson		Ushers: Cory Anderson & Jerod Fleener	

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 15, 2023 10:30 am – Sam Ochs +
Thursday, October 19, 2023, 6:00 pm
Friday, October 20, 2023, 8:00 am
Sunday, October 22, 2023 10:30 am

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

November 1, 2023: All Saints Solemnity (**Holy Day of Obligation**)
St. Stephen: 7:00am St. Edward: 6:00pm

November 2, 2023: All Souls Day
St. Stephen: 8:00am at church & 12:00 noon at St. Stephen Cemetery
St. Edward: 6:00pm

November 23, 2023: Thanksgiving Day
St. Edward: Wednesday, November 22 at 6pm
St. Stephen: Thursday, November 23 at 8:00am

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.

Income:		\$12,000.42	(.42 donated to make numbers even)
Expenses:	Salt & Strings	\$7,000.42	(includes restocking kitchen supplies for future events)
	IGA	\$ 274.47	(paid by private donation)
Total Expenses:		\$7,000.42	
Total Income:		\$5,000.00	St. Stephen and KC’s each receive: <u>\$2,500.00</u>

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!

Prayer Chain: Please send Trudi Herdes your name, phone number, and email address if you wish to be on the prayer chain. Also, please contact Trudi at 618-838-2720 or dtherdes@bspeedy.com with prayer requests.

Parish School of Religion: Sunday, October 15 – Class Sunday, October 22 - Class

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 to stay.

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

Book Study: Please read chapters 1 & 2 for the Book Study on October 29 from 2-4pm at St. Stephen.

October is typically the month that we work to support our cemetery financially, as the envelope in your box indicates. Please consider contributing to the cemetery by enclosing your donation in the designated envelope, or by using one of the cemetery donation envelopes found on the tables at the church entrances. Thank you!

Thank you to all those who continue to dedicate their time to deliver Meals on Wheels in September: Cheryl McCarty, Janice McCutchen, Linda Etchison, Sulsberger and Ridgeway family members, Mary Beth & Tom Lancaster, Diane Hemphill, Jill Fehrenbacher, Don & Mary Talmant, Jean Gurrettaz and Bernie Brown. We will be delivering meals in March. Want to donate your time (less than 2 hours a day), contact Beth Fancher.

2023 Side by Side Raffle: Please pick up your tickets this weekend from the table outside the social room. 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: Please have all baskets or items turned in 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!

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.

SCRIP Fundraising

SCRIP fundraising, also known as gift card fundraising, has been the #1 fundraiser for nonprofit organizations across the U.S. for more than 25 years. It's easy and convenient. Saint Anne's Altar Society has been using this fundraiser for 15+ years. We are currently hoping to rejuvenate this program by increasing participation. By simply buying gift cards to use for everyday purchases, in addition to buying them to use as gifts when the need arises, you can earn money for St. Anne's. The earnings come directly from the brands you shop, not from your pocket, so your gift cards are worth full value. There are 750+ brands to choose from in the SCRIP program. You can choose from eGift cards and physical gift cards. Reloading cards is also available on a limited number of brands. You can use your physical gift cards in-store or online or access your eGift cards right from your online account. There is no expiration date on SCRIP cards. There is no limit to the earning potential of this program.

There is a list posted on each bulletin board of the gift cards that are available from SCRIP. The list also shows the card types available and the rebate percentage that will go to St. Anne's when you purchase a specific card. These percentages vary from brand to brand. If you would like to have a copy of this list to take home, see Linda Etchison or Karen Whitehead. You can also find this information as well as current specials and availability at <https://www.RaiseRight.com>.

How do I purchase SCRIP cards? Currently there are three ways to purchase SCRIP gift cards.

- 1) We will have a variety of SCRIP cards on hand which can be purchased after weekend Masses or by contacting Linda or Karen. If anyone has requests for brands to keep on hand, please let Linda or Karen know and we will be sure to keep in stock the brands most often used.
- 2) Orders will be placed on Mondays. If you have need of a certain gift card, place your order with Linda (618 214 6768) or Karen (618 572 8206). The orders are placed on Monday and should be in later the same week. They can be picked up the following weekend or as soon as they come in – whatever works best for you.
- 3) You can also order your own cards by becoming a participant. Setting up your personal account is a simple process. If you are interested in this method, text or email Karen Whitehead (618 572 8206) (twkw89@msn.com) to get information on this process and the link which will include the code needed to be able to set up your personal account and earn money for St. Anne's. When you become a participant and order your own cards, you will also pay a small shipping fee if you order the physical card rather than an eCard. Many cards are able to be shipped directly to your home. Some cards are only eligible to be shipped to the coordinator, but you can still order them from your personal account. In addition, there is a small fee depending on the type of payment you choose. If you choose to pay with a credit card, there is a 2.6% fee per transaction. If you choose to pay directly from your bank account, there is only a \$.29 fee per transaction.

SCRIP CARDS ON HAND

Aeropostale	3	\$ 25	CVS	5	\$ 25
Amazon	10	\$ 10	Old Navy	4	\$ 25
Amazon	10	\$ 25	Pizza Hut	2	\$ 10
Amazon	5	\$ 50	Sears	1	\$ 25
Amazon	5	\$100	Staples	2	\$ 25
American Eagle	4	\$ 25	Taco Bell	10	\$ 10
Bath and Body Works	5	\$ 25	Taco Bell	10	\$ 25
Buffalo Wild Wings	11	\$ 10	Walgreens	1	\$100
Buffalo Wild Wings	10	\$ 25			

Beginning October 21st and 22nd, SCRIP cards will be available for purchase in the social room after Mass.



Week of October 15, 2023



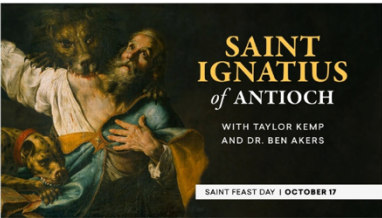
St. Luke the Artist | Sacred Art

In this episode of Sacred Art, Taylor Kemp and Dr. Ben Akers discuss Rogier van der Weyden's painting, "Saint Luke Drawing the Virgin," artistry and what it reveals about St. Luke the Evangelist.



Saint Teresa of Ávila: A Study in Perseverance

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Avila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.



Saint Ignatius of Antioch | Catholic Saints

Learn about St. Ignatius of Antioch, a remarkable saint who died a martyr for his fidelity to Christ in this episode of Catholic Saints with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp.

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