

The Real Presence

The most powerful thing we can do on this earth with our time is to spend it in Eucharistic adoration. Nothing can do more to change the world, to bring about peace, to convert hearts, to make reparation for the many evils committed. Spending time in prayer may seem, on the outside, to be a passive thing; however, it is anything but that! Our world is in desperate need of hope, of renewal, of a “turning back” to the things of God. By visiting Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we take the best weapon for the battles of our age and contribute to the healing of our culture.

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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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 2023

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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
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Libby Pond
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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
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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-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 21:	4:00pm	Confession
	4:30pm	Mass +Howard & Madonna Goellner
Sunday, October 22:	8:00am	Rosary
	8:00am	Confession
	8:30am	Mass For the living & deceased of the parish
Tuesday, October 24:	6:00pm	Rosary
	6:30pm	Mass +Tony Whitehead
	7:00pm	Adoration until midnight
Wednesday, October 25:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass Catholic Extension Donors
Thursday, October 26:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass +Al Winka
Friday, October 27:	8:30am	Adoration until 3:15pm
	12:00noon	Servite Rosary
	3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday, October 28:	4:00pm	Confession
	4:30pm	Mass +Greg Shevokas
Sunday, October 29:	8:00am	Rosary
	8:00am	Confession
	8:30am	Mass For the living & deceased of the parish

Weekly Contribution: 10-15-23

Envelope:	\$1,673.00	Cemetery Fund: \$200
Loose:	\$ 196.00	
TOTAL:	\$1,869.00	
Weekly Budget	\$2,270.00	

Attendance: 10-15-23

Saturday:	57
Sunday:	58
Total:	115

Ministers for October

Saturday, October 28:		Eucharistic Ministers: Robin Lipka, Pat Ridgeway, & Cheryl McCarty	
Lectors: Jim Fehrenbacher		Ushers: Don Talmant & Mike Winka	
Sunday, October 29:			
Lector: Justin Fleener		Commentator: Phil Fancher	
Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Zimmerman, Andrew Vahling, Beth Fancher			
Servers: Xander & Sophie Johnson		Ushers: Cory Anderson & Ted Zimmerman	

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 Replogle, 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 22, 2023 10:30 am- Garland Keck+
Thursday, October 26, 2023, 6:00 pm –Joan Meisner+
Friday, October 27, 2023, 8:00 am – John Robison III+
Sunday, October 29, 2023 10:30 am – Andrew and Joan Kubacki +

Weekly Contributions

10/15/2023

Envelopes	\$ 1612
Loose	\$ 240
Total	\$1852
We Need	\$ 2032
Mass Stipends	\$10
Building Fund	\$145
Food Pantry	\$ 0
Candles	\$ 0

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

Our Scripture Readings

Sun - Twentieth-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 45:1, 4-6 1 Thes 1: 1-5b
Mt 22: 15-21
Mon - Weekday
Rom 4:20-25 Lk 1: 69-75
Tues - Weekday
Rom 5: 12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 Lk 12:35-38
Wed - Weekday
Rom 6: 12-18 Lk 12: 39-48
Thurs- Weekday
Rom 6: 19-23 Lk 12: 49-53
Fri - Weekday
Rom 7: 18-25a Lk 12: 54-59
Sat - Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
Eph 2: 19-22 Lk 6: 12-16
Sun - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 22: 20-26 1 Thes 1: 5c-10 Mt 22: 34-40

Attendance 88

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.

Feast Day Celebration - Thank you to everyone that attended and helped make our feast day celebration a success. Thanks especially to Don and Dennis for cooking the stew. We had a total of 85 in attendance with about 25 from St. Stephen. It was a great day of food and fellowship.

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.

CSMA – The homebound, sick and seniors living in the southernmost part of the state are assured they will have food to eat thanks to **Daystar Community Program’s** mobile food pantry, which delivers groceries on a regular basis to those not able to visit Daystar’s on-site food pantry. **YOUR GIFT TO THE** Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal makes Daystar’s truly life-saving ministry possible. If you haven’t already done so, please donate today and help Daystar to serve truly the poorest of the poor; they are counting on **YOU!**

Mission Sunday – Mission Sunday is today, October 22. If you forgot your envelope, it can be put in the collection next week.

Food Pantry – Last weekend, the food pantry served 36 families and 77 individuals. Thanks again to everyone that makes this possible.

Parish Council – The parish council will meet on Thursday, October 26 after 6:00 pm mass. Minutes are on the bulletin board. Financial reports will be available at the meeting.

Upcoming Dates

- All Saints Day Mass – Wednesday, November 1 6:00 pm
- All Souls Day Mass – Thursday, November 2 6:00 pm
- Veteran’s Day Breakfast – Saturday, November 4

St. Stephen News

November 2023 – Important Dates:			
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 that attended the Feast Day Celebration at St. Edward Parish, and to all who brought food and contributed to the celebration!

Sympathy is extended to Deb Duquaine and family on the death of her father, Laverne Ruckman who passed away on Monday October 16, 2023. His funeral ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday October 23 at Frank & Bright Funeral Home followed by interment in Oskaloosa Cemetery . A visitation will be held from 5-7 on Sunday 10-22-23 at the funeral home. May Laverne rest in peace.

Congratulations to our own Bill Degner who is the recipient of the Louisville Rotary Club’s Bob Bunnell Community Service Award. Bill lives in Louisville and has been picking up trash in Louisville and the surrounding roadways, usually three bags full each day. He humbly doesn’t see it as something special, but his community does appreciate his volunteer work. We are proud of you Bill!

Offertory Envelopes: As a reminder, the special collection envelopes come first in your box set, followed by the weekly envelope. Envelopes marked “My Stewardship Offering” are used for the collection for St. Stephen Parish, and the donations in the special collection envelopes are sent to the causes indicated on that envelope.

World Mission Sunday: There is a second collection for the missions today. There is an envelope in your set for this collection.

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 22 – Class Sunday, October 29 - 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.

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.

St. Stephen News

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 as soon as possible 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!

SCRIP sales start this weekend after Mass in the social room

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			

From Administrator’s Desk

THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY IN OUR PARISH, DIOCESE AND WHOLE WORLD.

WE PRAY FOR ALL PRIESTS, MISSIONARIES, SEMINARIES.

The first reading, Isaiah 45:1,4-6, introduces us to Cyrus the Persian, a ruler who ends up being a surprising, yet still very effective, instrument used by the Lord to bring freedom to the chosen people. Cyrus, a foreigner and not a Jew is loyal to his political and military duty, but he achieves what the Lord arranges for him accomplish because he allows God to work through him.

In the second reading, 1 Thessalonians 1 :1-5b, Paul and his companions are inspired by loyalty to their mission to proclaim the Good News. But as serious as they are about their own mission, their hearts are open and generous enough to appreciate how other people – the Christians in Thessalonica, specifically – are involved in that same work of proclaiming the Gospel in their own way and in their own place.

In the Gospel, Mathew 22:15-21, we hear what Jesus does when he knows he is walking into a trap. This trap presents what could be an unresolvable challenge to personal loyalty. What is owed to Caesar and what is owe to God? In response, Jesus speaks the truth in a simple way. He asks those around him to consider the standards by which they owe things to an authority, in other words where their loyalties lie. Jesus helps them – and us – acknowledge that while we owe loyalty ultimately to God, we often must honor that by respecting our duties toward others.

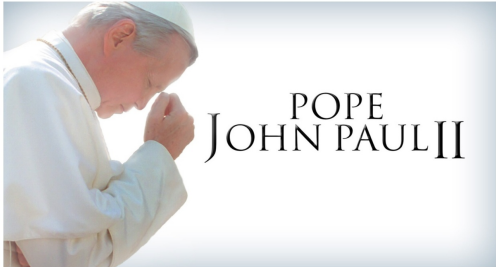
Discipleship requires us to consider to whom I belong; where my loyalties lie; and whom I must serve. Surely each of us is called and strives to remain faithful to some duties in our own place – towards our families, jobs, neighborhoods, and friends. But if we to take our faith seriously, we are also concerned about others who are far away from us. These connections to others pull on us especially when we see them in light of our personal relationship with Jesus.

As Christians, we are invested with duties of love for people we have met and to places we have never been, which is the theme at the heart of the readings for today world mission Sunday. That is part of the work of mission: to deepen the connections that already exist between me and someone far away from me to whom I am united in Christ. Perhaps this person is already a Christian and so we are mystically united by our common baptism.

Announcements

We have a second collection today in support of mission dioceses which include mission seminaries and the education of children in mission schools.

- Fr. Charles Anyaoku




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