

# Graces in Inconceivable Abundance

Our Lord is not in the Blessed Sacrament as dead or asleep, not simply there to receive your love and adoration. But just as the most blessed Virgin had her divine Son’s life, and His holy examples, and words, and actions before her eyes, even so we have her Son’s life and example going on before our eyes, in all their stages, which we can study to our immense profit and advancement in grace. The life of our dear Lord in the Sacred Host is most active. He remains still in the tabernacle, it is true, but graces are flying forth from His Heart in inconceivable abundance. From the tabernacle, Our Lord works miracles both in souls and bodies, as He did of old in Galilee and Judea.

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 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

300 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Fairfield, IL 62837

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[stedwardfairfield.com](http://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  
Laura Anderson: 618-599-6786  
Libby Pond: 618-599-6924

## St. Stephen Catholic Church

812 N. Main Street

Flora, IL 62839

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[ststephen\\_flora@yahoo.com](mailto:ststephen_flora@yahoo.com)

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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](mailto:laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com) or [ststephen\\_flora@yahoo.com](mailto: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

Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

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
Tuesday, October 31:	6:00pm	Rosary
	6:30pm	Mass +Kenny, Evelyn, & Connie Myers
	7:00pm	Adoration until midnight
Wednesday, November 1:	7:00am	ALL SAINTS DAY For the living & deceased of the parish
Thursday, November 2:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	ALL SOULS DAY For all the faithful departed
	12:00noon	Mass at Cemetery For all the faithful departed
Friday, November 3:		No Adoration
	6:00pm	Mass +Dominic & Mary Talmant
Saturday, November 4:	4:00pm	Confession
	4:30pm	Mass Dennis & Marlene Holkenbrink & family
Sunday, November 5:	8:00am	Rosary
	8:00am	Confession
	8:30am	Mass For the living & deceased of the parish

Weekly Contribution: 10-22-23		Attendance: 10-22-23	
Envelope:	\$1,161.00	Cemetery Fund:	\$10
Loose:	\$ 435.00	World Mission:	\$545
TOTAL:	\$1,596.00		
Weekly Budget		\$2,270.00	

Ministers for November

Saturday, November 4:		Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Fehrenbacher, Krista Weidner, Volunteer	
Lectors: Cheryl McCarty		Ushers: Jerry Price & Kurt Holkenbrink	
Servers: Allison & Austin Cartright			
Sunday, November 5:		Cantor: Andrew Vahling	
Lector: Susan Schroeder		Eucharistic Ministers: Emily Milner, Ted Whitehead, Trudi Herdes	
Servers: Ethan & Landon Milner		Ushers: Jerod Fleener & Alan Huff	

Happy Birthday:

Kathy Price: November 2	Josh Winka: November 7	Jim Fleener: November 8
Irene Winka: November 9	Trudi Herdes: November 12	Wyatt Harvey: November 20

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, Josh Winka, & 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 29, 2023 10:30 am- Andrew and Joan Kubacki+  
Wednesday, November 1, 2023 6:00 pm – Deceased of Parish  
Thursday, November 2, 2023, 6:00 pm – Parishioners of St. Edward+  
Friday, November 3, 2023, 8:00 am – Shirley Clark+  
Sunday, November 5, 2023 10:30 am – Tom Zurliene+

Weekly Contributions

10/22/2023	
Envelopes	\$ 2293
Loose	\$ 611
Total	\$2904
We Need	\$ 2032
Mass Stipends	\$0
Building Fund	\$249
Food Pantry	\$ 0
Candles	\$ 3
World Mission	\$ 434

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

Our Scripture Readings

Sun - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Ex 22:20-26 1 Thes 1: 5c-10  
Mt 22: 34-40  
Mon - Weekday  
Rom 8: 12-17 Lk 13:10-17  
Tues - Weekday  
Rom 8: 18-25 Lk 13: 18-21  
Wed - All Saints Day  
Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5: 1-12a  
Thurs- All Souls Day  
Wis 3: 1-9 Rom 5:5-11 Jn 6: 37-40  
Fri - Saint Martin de Porres  
Rom 9: 1-5 Lk 14: 1-6  
Sat - Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop  
Rom 11: 1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 Lk 14: 1, 7-11  
Sun - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Mal 1: 14b – 2:2b, 8-10 1 Thes 2: 7b-9, 13  
Mt 23: 1-12

Attendance 78

## St. Edward News

**Please enter your deceased loved ones to be remembered at the All Souls Masses on November 2. The remembrance book is on the podium next to entrance of the church.**

**Bible Study** – The first chapter of the Bible Study will be included with Chapter 2 **today** from 2 – 4 pm at St. Stephen.

**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 still in need of two coffee cakes. Please have casseroles and coffee cakes by 5:50 am. We will also need help serving on Saturday morning.

**Bishop Dinner for Young Men** – Bishop McGovern has scheduled a St. Andrew Dinner on Sunday, November 5 at the Newman Center at SIU-C. This event is for young men ages 14-32 who are interested in learning more about the priesthood; parents or guardians are also welcome. The event will begin with gathering at 3:30 PM and discussions with the Bishop starting at 3:45 PM. Mass will be at 5:15 PM and dinner will follow with the opportunity for additional discussion. For more info or to RSVP, contact Judy Hoffmann at 618-722-5003 or [jhoffmann@diobelle.org](mailto:jhoffmann@diobelle.org).

**Mission Sunday** – If you forgot to put your World Mission envelope in collection last week, you can put it in the next two Sundays.

**Food Pantry** – The second collection for the food pantry will be next Sunday, November 3.

**From Deacon David** – Deacon Mills has an amazing four day experience at Menard Correctional Center with Kairos prison ministry last weekend. Thank you to everyone who provided a short note of encouragement to the residents at Menard on placemats, posters, and banners. Deacon David and Johanna made 15 dozen chocolate- peanut butter “ Buckeye-style” no bake cookies to complement our parish message and they were accepted with love. An enormous thank you to St. Edward Men's Club for supporting this ministry. Deacon Mills is looking forward to the next Kairos Revival in April and will be busy serving Catholic residents at Big Muddy Correctional Center in Ina over the next few months too.

## 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, 6:00 am

## St. Stephen News

**Calendars:** 2024 Catholic Extension Calendars are available on the tables by both entrances.

**Please bring your own chair** to Mass at the Cemetery on Thursday, November 2.

**Parish Directories** and 8x10 photos will be arriving in November!

**Please enter the names** of your deceased loved ones to be remembered at the All Souls Masses on November 2. The remembrance book is on the podium by the baptismal font.

**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](mailto:dtherdes@bspeedy.com). Thank you!

**Parish School of Religion:** Sunday, October 29 – Class Sunday, November 5 - 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.

**2023 Side by Side Raffle:** 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! Tickets are \$20 each or 6/\$100. The drawing will take place on Saturday, December 16. Please plan to help sell tickets and make the 4<sup>th</sup> 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. **Basket Raffle sales have started after weekend Masses in the social room.** Thank you!

# St. Stephen News

**SCRIP cards are available** for purchase in the social room after weekend Masses. The list below shows what we have on hand. Orders for cards we do not have may be placed in the social room after weekend Masses or by contacting Karen Whitehead (618-572-8206) or Linda Etchison (618-214-6768). Orders are placed each Monday and will be in later the same week.

## SCRIP CARDS ON HAND

Ace Hardware	20	\$ 25			
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
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### Mark your calendars...

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on the following dates:  
Friday, November 3; Friday, November 24; Tuesday, December 26, and Friday, December 29.

The parish office will be open on Wednesdays only in November. Please have bulletin information in by Wednesdays at noon. If you need anything outside of this time, please contact Laura at 618-599-6786.

Saturday, December 2: Cookie Walk & Basket Raffle  
Saturday, December 16: Side by Side Raffle Drawing

Sunday, December 17: Help needed after Mass decorating for Christmas  
*(In addition to decorating, there are quite a few heavy Christmas decorations, so if you can help lift heavy things, your help would be greatly appreciated!)*

## Holy Days and Special Events November & December 2023

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

**Thursday, November 2: All Souls Day**  
St. Stephen: 8:00am (church) 12:00 noon (cemetery)  
St. Edward: 6:00pm

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

**Christmas Party:**  
St. Edward: December 10  
St. Stephen: December 10 (Meal at 5:30pm, Program at 7:00pm)

**Penance Service:**  
St. Edward: December 17 at 6:00pm St. Stephen: December 18 at 6:00pm

**Sunday, December 24: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
St. Stephen: Saturday (Dec 23) at 4:30pm and Sunday (Dec 24) at 8:30am  
St. Edward: 10:30am

**CHRISTMAS (Holy Day of Obligation)**  
Christmas Eve, December 24:  
St. Edward: 6:00pm  
St. Stephen: 10:30pm (Carols) 11:00pm (Mass)  
  
Monday, December 25: Christmas Day  
St. Stephen: 8:30am St. Edward: 10:30am

**Tuesday, December 26: Feast of St. Stephen** St. Stephen: 8:00am  
**Wednesday, December 27: St. John** St. Stephen: 8:00am  
**Thursday, December 28: Holy Innocents** St. Stephen: 8:00am

**Sunday, December 31: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**  
St. Stephen: Saturday (Dec 30) at 4:30pm and Sunday (Dec 31) at 8:30am  
St. Edward: 10:30am

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (Holy Day of Obligation)**  
Sunday, December 31: Eve of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
St. Stephen: 6:00pm  
  
Monday, January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
St. Stephen: 8:30am St. Edward: 10:30am



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### Brother Francis - All Souls Day

In this episode of Brother Francis, kids can learn about All Souls Day and how we take time to remember those who have passed away.

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**From Administrator’s Desk:**

There will be a short Eucharistic adoration immediately after mass. Eucharist is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ for us on the eve of his passion (the Last Supper) that consists of the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ under the appearance of bread and wine. Jesus said at his last supper, “Do this in remembrance of me.” We believe him. We trust him for his faithfulness because he is truly present in the Holy Eucharist . We pray that we may encounter his presence in the holy mass.

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There will be two masses on the Solemnity of All Saints:  
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This weekend, in our liturgical calendar, the Church celebrates the thirtieth Sunday in ordinary time, year A. The gospel of today (Mathew 22:34-40) presents us the greatest Commandments of God: “Love for God and love for neighbor.” The book of Deuteronomy (Dt. 6:4) says “love your God with all your mind, heart and soul”, and the book of the Leviticus 19:18 says “love your neighbor as yourself.” Love of God and love of neighbor are the two legs of our Christian life and we need them both.

Our love for God is shown in a relationship of worship and prayer. In the Catholic Church, we have very concrete criteria of how we show love for God in our prayer and worship as a Church. Fidelity to our Sunday obligation and daily prayer are the thermometers of our love for God. These specific requirements of the Church are reliable measures of our love for God and they prevent us from deceiving ourselves when someone might claim to love God and yet never pray.

Our love for neighbor is shown in compassion to others through Christian Charity and love. Here Jesus calls us to be part of a community of faith, a church, to extend his compassion to others and to be instruments of his peace. (Scriptural references; the story of the Good Samaritan, the neighbor includes anyone who needs your help, Mathew 25:40: “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

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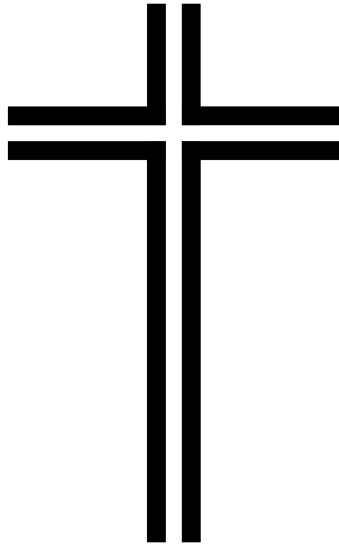
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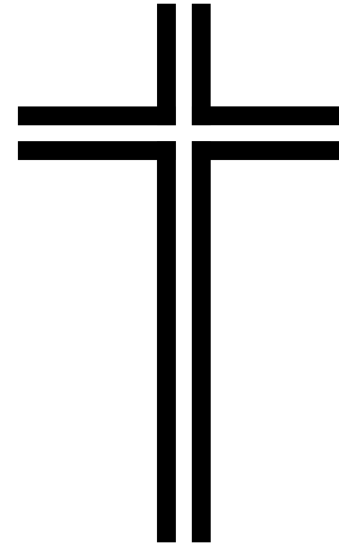


*All Souls Day  
November 2*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.*

*And let the perpetual light shine upon them.*

*And may the souls of all the faithful departed,  
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