



How Should I Spend My Time in Adoration?

No two holy hours – as hours spent in adoration are often called- are alike. Our Lord acts upon our souls in manifold ways. Perhaps we may be inspired by a line of Sacred Scripture on which we meditate.

We may be experiencing a great sorrow or worry, and He helps us to bring it before Him, to be trusting and open with our gentle Savior about our fears and struggles. We may feel exhausted and check our watch every two minutes, but even then, He is working.

When it is hard to pray, we have the gift of showing our love through self-sacrifice. We will be surprised at the fruits that will come from this prayer of patient, persevering love.

When we come to adoration, we don’t have to check our real lives at the door and open a prayer book to be able to commune with the One who knows us better than we know ourselves. He wants to meet us where we are. Giving in to distractions and letting our minds wander is very different from taking the realities of our day, the problems we face, and talking them over with the One who is waiting for us to be honest with Him.

Often, though, we need something to help us focus our attention on the great treasure of Our Lord’s Real Presence. We may need a springboard to dive into prayer or something to pull from when our minds begin to wander.

Devotions such as the Rosary or the reading of Scripture can be a great aid to quieting our minds and focusing our attention on our Eucharistic Lord and the mysteries of His love.
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: 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

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 19, 2023

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

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Fairfield, IL 62837
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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

In Case of Emergency Contact:

Father Charles: 618-641-8978
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Laura Anderson: 618-599-6786
Libby Pond: 618-599-6924

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Flora, IL 62839
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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)

Prayer Requests: Contact Trudi Herdes

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

Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 18:	4:00pm	Confession
	4:30pm	Mass <i>For the living & deceased of the parish</i>
Sunday, November 19:	8:00am	Rosary
	8:00am	Confession
	8:30am	Mass +Noah Guerrettaz
Tuesday, November 21:	6:00pm	Rosary
	6:30pm	Mass +Tony Whitehead
	7:00pm	Adoration until midnight
Wednesday, November 22:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass <i>For the intentions of the St. Monica Society & St. Monica Club & Support Group</i>
Thursday, November 23:	8:00am	Mass <i>In thanksgiving for God's blessings on all parishioners</i>
Friday, November 24:		No Adoration
Saturday, November 25:	4:00pm	Confession
	4:30pm	Mass +Helen & Violet Powless
Sunday, November 26:	8:00am	Rosary
	8:00am	Confession
	8:30am	Mass <i>For the living & deceased of the parish</i>

Weekly Contribution: 11-12-23

Envelope:	\$1,870.00	
Loose:	\$ 182.00	Cemetery: \$155.00
TOTAL:	\$2,052.00	
Weekly Budget	\$2,270.00	

Attendance: 11-12-23

Saturday:	73
Sunday:	55
Total:	128

Ministers for November

<u>Saturday, November 25:</u>	
Lectors: Beth Sulsberger	Eucharistic Ministers: Robin Lipka, Pat Ridgeway, Krista Weidner
Servers: Volunteers	Ushers: Don Talmant & Mike Winka
<u>Sunday, November 26:</u>	
Lector: Jonathon Akers	Commentator: Ted Whitehead
Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Zimmerman, Justin Fleener, Beth Fancher	
Servers: Wyatt & Waylon Harvey	Ushers: Alan Huff & Ted Zimmerman

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, 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, November 19, 2023 10:30 am – John Robison III+
Wednesday, November 22, 2023 6:00 PM – Thanksgiving for Blessing Received
Sunday, November 26, 2023 10:30 am – Rick Buchanan+

Weekly Contributions

11/12/2023

Envelopes	\$ 1752
Loose	\$ 19
Total	\$1771
We Need	\$ 2032
Mass Stipends	\$0
Building Fund	\$150
Food Pantry	\$ 35
Candles	\$ 30

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, Teresa Keyser, Shirley Miller
Let the office know if names need to be added or removed from our prayer list.

Our Scripture Readings

Sun - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 6: 12-16 1 Thes 4: 13-18
Mt 23: 1-12
Mon - Weekday
1 Mc 1: 10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63
Lk 18: 35-43
Tues - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Mc 6: 18-31 Mt 12: 46-50
Wed - Saint Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr
2 Mc 7: 1, 20-31 Lk 19: 11-28
Thurs- Weekday (Thanksgiving Day)
1 Mc 2: 15-29 Lk 19: 41-44
Fri - Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
1 Mc 4: 36-37, 52-59 Lk 19: 45-48
Sat - Weekday
1 Mc 6: 1-13 Lk 20: 27-40
Sun - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Ez 34: 11-12, 15-17 1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28
Mt 25: 31-46

Attendance 67

St. Edward News

Advent Bags – We will be wrapping Advent gifts for the shut-ins on Wednesday, November 30 at 5:00 PM.

Zurliene Thanksgiving – The Zurliene Faimily will be celebrating Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 23 (Thanksgiving Day) in the St. Edward Hall. If you have no other plans for Thanksgiving, they invite any parishioners to bring a side dish and join them for a meal and fellowship. Meal will be around noon.

Book Study – Today at St. Edward Hall, 2:00 -4:00 PM.

Upcoming Events –

- Thanksgiving Masses: St. Edward- Wednesday, Nov 22 6:00 PM
- St. Stephen-Thursday, Nov 23 8:00 AM
- Parish Council – Thursday, Nov 30 after 6:00 PM Mass
- Finance Council – Thursday, Dec 7 after 6:00 PM Mass
- Feast of Immaculate Conception Masses:
- St. Edward, Friday December 8 – 8:00 AM
- St. Stephen, Friday, December 8 – 6:00 PM
- Parish Christmas Brunch – Sunday, Dec 10 after mass.

From an administrator’s desk,

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In today’s Gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the talent to remind us that we must be ready to render a good account of our talents. God has endowed each one of us with different talents. Each, according to our various capacities. So, as faithful servants, he expects to render a good account of the’ talents’ we have received

Jesus challenges us to be prudent and productive with our talents. Most importantly, he admonishes us to live in anticipation of His inevitable return. We must not wait for this return in idleness. Rather, we must be active and industrious with the talents we have received. So, we must use our talents to the glory of God.

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Peace be with you all and happy Sunday!

St. Stephen News

Bulletin Announcements: Please submit all bulletin announcements in writing via email, exactly as you would like them to appear in the bulletin. This will ensure accurate announcements and streamline the process of printing the bulletin. Email all announcements to Laura (laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com) by Wednesdays at noon. Thank you!

The Cookie Walk/ Basket Raffle is coming up: Saturday, December 2, 2023!

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

Parish School of Religion: Sunday, November 19 – Class Sunday, November 26 – No Class

Penny Wars: Three PSR Classes (2nd Grade, 3rd & 4th Grade, 5th & 6th Grade) will have a penny war competition now until Christmas. The money raised will go to Guadalupe Project. Please send your extra change and the class that raises the most money wins. That class will then have an ice cream party. The jars will be kept outside the social room. Thank you.

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.

2023 Side by Side Raffle: This year, St. Stephen and Guadalupe Project will be giving away a 2023 CF Moto UForce 1000. are \$20 each or 6/\$100. The drawing will take place on Saturday, December 16. Please plan to help sell tickets and make the 4th Annual Side by Side Raffle the best one yet!

Basket Raffle: *We are still accepting baskets or items for baskets.* 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!

Tree of Joy: If you are aware of a family who is struggling and will need a little help to provide Christmas for the children, please pick up an application for each child in the family, have a parent/guardian complete it, and return it to Cheryl McCarty by November 20. Applications are on the tables by the doors. Thank you!

Donations are being accepted for the purchase of a clavinova for music ministry. This purchase will help ensure music when an organist is not available.

Mark your calendars...

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on the following dates:
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, 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!)

St. Stephen News

SCRIP cards are for sale in the social room after Mass. Please see the updated list below for what we have on hand. We have added several businesses. St. Anne’s is also in the process of contacting local businesses to participate in this program and have added Los Tres Caminos. Please watch as more become available.

SCRIP CARDS ON HAND

Ace Hardware	\$25	Panera	\$10, \$25, \$50
Aeropostale	\$25	Phillips 66	\$25
Amazon	\$10, \$25, \$50, \$100	Pizza Hut	\$10
American Eagle	\$25	Sears	\$25
Bath and Body Works	\$25	Staples	\$25
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$10, \$25	Starbucks	\$5, \$10, \$25
Casey’s	\$25, \$50	Subway	\$10, \$25
CVS	\$25	Taco Bell	\$10, \$25
Dairy Queen	\$10	Target	\$10, \$25, \$50
Great Harvest	\$25	VISA	\$25, \$50, \$100
Kohls	\$25, \$100	Walgreens	\$100
Los Tres Caminos	\$25, \$50	Walmart	\$10
McDonalds	\$10, \$25	Walmart/Sam’s	\$25, \$50, \$100
Menards	\$25, \$100		
Old Navy	\$25		

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Holy Days and Special Events November & December 2023

Thursday, November 23: Thanksgiving Day

St. Edward: Wednesday, November 22 at 6pm

St. Stephen: Thursday, November 23 at 8:00am

Friday, December 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

St. Edward: 8:00am

St. Stephen: 6:00pm

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: 4th 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: 5:00pm

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

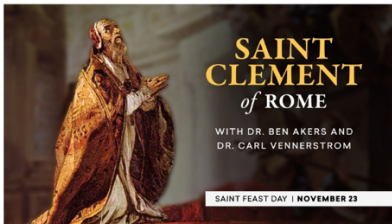
Monday, January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

St. Stephen: 8:30am

St. Edward: 10:30am

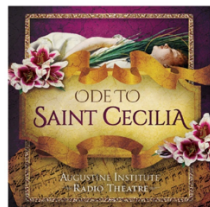
THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of November 19, 2023



St. Clement of Rome | Catholic Saints

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Carl Vannerstrom as they discuss Pope St. Clement of Rome, who was an early Church Father and the third successor to St. Peter.



Ode to Saint Cecilia

The lives of the saints are epic stories and particular expressions of God's grace in humanity. Celebrate St. Cecilia with this audio drama by the Augustine Institute Radio Theatre.



Our Mother Mary

What is Mariology? Learn about this fascinating topic in this interview with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

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Would you like to help advertise the upcoming Walk/Raffle? Well, you can very easily! Just share the following information with your friends, use e-mail and Facebook too!

CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK & BASKET RAFFLE

DECEMBER 2, 2023

9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

**ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
812 N. MAIN STREET – FLORA**

Homemade holiday cookies and candy! \$11 a pound. You'll have the opportunity to take the "walk" and pick your own cookies and candy!

Cookies of all kinds – Christmas candies – Specialty items

The perfect time to pick up special holiday treats and participate in the basket raffle.

Come in and select your own cookies or call 662-8121 to place an order Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1/3 of all proceeds from the sale of cookies/candies will go to the Clay County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry. A portion of the proceeds from the basket raffle will be donated to Guadalupe Project.