

Sit at His Feet

In our self-centered culture and classic American emphasis on work, we often feel we must accomplish something during our times of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. We rate our experience by how “good” our prayer was, how heartfelt our devotion was, or how focused we could remain. Yet prayer and contemplation are fundamentally God’s work, in which we are invited to participate.

We need only to give Him the opening, and He will do the rest. By coming to adoration, we are handing Him the key to our hearts, allowing the rays of His love and grace to bathe our souls in the light of His Presence, as the rays of the sun bathe our bodies in light. If we can take the time to pull away from the busyness and distractions of life and just sit at His feet, He will lead us.

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-First Sunday in Ordinary Time November 5, 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 5th Street
Fairfield, IL 62837
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stedwardcatholicchurch01@frontier.com
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
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

Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 4:	4:00pm	Confession
	4:30pm	Mass <i>Dennis & Marlene Holkenbrink & family</i>
Sunday, November 5:	8:00am	Rosary
	8:00am	Confession
	8:30am	Mass <i>For the living & deceased of the parish</i>
Tuesday, November 7:	6:00pm	Rosary
	6:30pm	Mass <i>In remembrance of babies lost by miscarriage and for their families</i>
	7:00pm	Adoration until midnight
Wednesday, November 8:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass <i>Catholic Extension Donors</i>
Thursday, November 9:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass <i>+Dominic & Mary Talmant</i>
Friday, November 10:	8:30am	Adoration until 3:15pm
	12:00noon	Servite Rosary
	3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday, November 11:	4:00pm	Confession
	4:30pm	Mass <i>For the living & deceased of the parish</i>
Sunday, November 12:	8:00am	Rosary
	8:00am	Confession
	8:30am	Mass <i>+Al Uebinger & Dottie Brooks</i>

Weekly Contribution: 10-29-23		Attendance: 10-29-23
Envelope:	\$1,370.00	Saturday: 52
Loose:	\$ 191.00	Sunday: 67
TOTAL:	\$1,561.00	Total: 119
Weekly Budget \$2,270.00		

Ministers for November

<u>Saturday, November 11:</u>	
Lectors: Susan Schroeder	Eucharistic Ministers: Robin Lipka, Pat Ridgeway, Beth Sulsberger
Servers: Allison & Austin Cartright	Ushers: Don Talmant & Mike Winka
<u>Sunday, November 12:</u>	
Lector: MaryBeth Lancaster	Commentator: Justin Fleener
Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Fancher, Andrew Vahling, Jonathon Akers	
Servers: Xander & Sophie Johnson	Ushers: Ted whitehead & Dennis Holkenbrink

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 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, 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 5, 2023 10:30 am – Tom Zurliene+
Thursday, November 9, 2023, 6:00 pm
Friday, November 10, 2023, 8:00 am
Sunday, November 12, 2023 10:30 am

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.

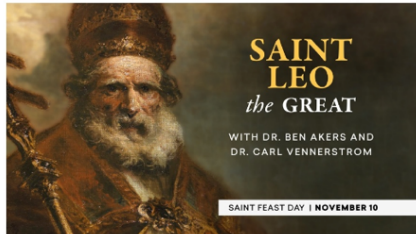
Our Scripture Readings

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

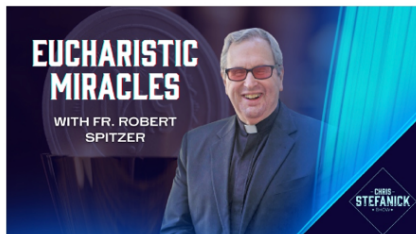


Week of November 05, 2023



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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  IGNATIUS PRESS

St. Stephen News

There will be a Cookie Walk Preparation Meeting for Altar Society after Mass this Sunday, November 5. We encourage anyone to come help!

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

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

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, November 5 – Class Sunday, November 12 - 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.

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 4th Annual Side by Side Raffle the best one yet!

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

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. See the list below for what we have on hand. There are many other cards available to order, see the complete list on either bulletin board. REMEMBER – buying SCRIP Cards to make your everyday purchases is a great way to support St. Anne's Altar Society and all it does for the parish.

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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From Administrator's Desk:

1. Each year on November 2nd, the church invites us to pray for the souls of the faithful departed and also to prepare for our own death.
2. It is important that we maintain a relationship of love and faith with the deceased and that we view death and the afterlife in the light of the scriptures.
3. By remembering those who have gone before us, we are connected with the history of human existence.
4. At the end of life, death can deprive us of what is mortal, but it can never deprive us of what is divine. Having been stripped of mortality we will be clothed in a robe of immortality.
5. Commemoration of all souls allows us to be grateful for the life we have been given, for the people who have shared our lives and who have loved and supported us through -out our lives. St Ambrose wrote:" We loved them in life, let us not forget them in death. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Therefore I urge you to book masses for them because the Holy Mass is for both the living and deceased.

- Father Charles Anyaoku

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

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: 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

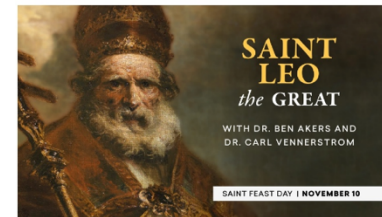
St. Stephen: 6:00pm

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

St. Stephen: 8:30am St. Edward: 10:30am

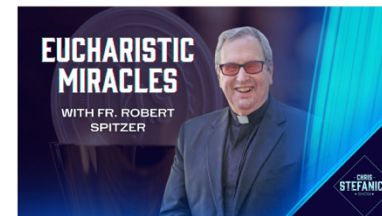
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