

The Real Presence / Adoration
How Do I Adore?

The same Jesus we read about in the Bible, hear about in the readings of Mass, and watch movies about is the very same Jesus we receive and adore in the Most Blessed Sacrament, Body, Blood, Soul, & Divinity. Stop for a moment and spend some time thinking about what this really means.

- ❖ *I adore Jesus’ Body in the Sacred Host.*
- ❖ *At Mass I consume His Sacred Body.*
- ❖ *I drink His Blood.*
- ❖ *I receive His Soul into my soul.*
- ❖ *Somehow, I receive His Divinity.*
- ❖ *Yes, this is not only possible, it is TRUE.*
- ❖ *How could He design to be so intimate with me, a poor sinner?*
- ❖ *Why would He design to be so intimate with me, a poor sinner?*

It is important to remember that feelings of love, fervor, and devotion are not essential for adoration. Adoration is not a sentiment. Fr. John Hardon, in his Modern Catholic Dictionary defines adoration as “the act of religion by which God is recognized as alone worthy of supreme honor because He is infinitely perfect, has supreme dominion over humans, and the right of human total dependence on the Creator. It is at once an act of mind and will, expressing itself in appropriate prayers, postures of praise, and acts of reverence and sacrifice.

Adoration, therefore, begins when we walk in the door of the church or adoration chapel. When we genuflect before the Blessed Sacrament, kneel in the pew, and show Him our respect by giving Him our full attention, we adore Him. When we turn off our cell phone and maintain a reverent silence in the chapel, we adore Him. When we make simple acts of faith in His Real Presence, we adore Him. When we place ourselves before Him as empty vessels to be filled with His love, we adore Him.

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.

Adapted from: Manual for Eucharistic Adoration of the Saint Joseph Adoration Monastery

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 18, 2022

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New Parishioners register at Parish Office
Please send bulletin information to the parish office
by noon on Wednesdays.

Parish Secretary: Diana Zurliene
PSR Coordinator: Jen Wellen
RCIA 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

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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)

Please send bulletin information to
laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com by Wednesday at noon.

Parish Office Contact Information
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There is also a mailbox in the copy room to use as needed.

Parish Secretary: Laura Anderson
PSR Coordinator: Paul Duquaine
RCIA 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

Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, June 17:	4:30pm	Mass +Greg Shevokas
Sunday, June 18:	8:00am	Rosary
	8:00am	Confession
	8:30am	Mass <i>For the living & deceased of the parish</i>
Tuesday, June 20:	6:00pm	Rosary
	6:30pm	Mass +Kenny, Evelyn, & Connie Myers
	7:00pm	Adoration until midnight
Wednesday, June 21:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass +Charlotte Berry
Thursday, June 22:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass +Jim Niebrugge
Friday, June 23:	8:30am	Adoration until 3:15pm
	12:00noon	Servite Rosary
	3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday, June 24:	4:30pm	Mass <i>For the living & deceased of the parish</i>
Sunday, June 25:	8:00am	Rosary
	8:00am	Confession
	8:30am	Mass +Marilyn Wheaton

Weekly Contribution: 6-11-23		Attendance: 6-11-23	
Envelope:	\$1,838.00	Saturday:	53
Loose:	\$ 183.00	Sunday:	68
TOTAL:	\$2,021.00	Total:	121
Weekly Budget		\$1,731.00	

Ministers for June

Saturday, June 24:		Eucharistic Ministers: Robin Lipka, Cheryl McCarty, Pat Ridgeway	
Lectors: Beth Sulsberger		Ushers: Don Talmant & Mike Winka	
Servers: Pierce Family			
Sunday, June 25:		Commentator: Justin Fleener	
Lector: Jonathon Akers			
Eucharistic Ministers: Ted Whitehead, Emily Milner, Trudi Herdes			
Servers: Kehlin & Kiara Crawford			

Happy Birthday:				
Randy Wells: June 12	Mike Winka: June 15	Julie Harris: June 18	Fern Ketzner: June 24	Jerry Price: June 29
Happy Anniversary:				
Steve & Sherry Fleener – June 5		Pat & Jean Quinn – June 14		
Phil & Beth Fancher – June 17		Carolyn & Jerry Bible – June 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, Claire Fopay, 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, Karen Foster, Rick Slaughter, Matt Kuenstler, Sydney Knott, Danielle Stevens, Homer Britton, Shallon Booth, & nursing home residents.
Please let the parish office know if names can be added or removed from this list.

St. Edward Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, June 18, 10:30 am – Shirley Clark+
Thursday, June 22, 6:00 pm – Bassinger/Keepes Families
Friday, June 23, 8:00 am – Murphy/Pittman Families
Sunday, June 25, 10:30 am – Sam Ochs+

Weekly Contributions

4/30/2023	
Envelopes	\$1,395
Loose	\$110
Total	\$1,505
We Need	\$1,887
Mass Stipends	\$0
Building Fund	\$112
Food Pantry	\$0
Candles	\$0
Catholic Miss.	\$115

Prayer Intentions

Kim Buchanan, Lanora Neavill, Robyn Meagher, Linda States, Donna Turner, Marilyn Butler , Michelle Dalton, CeCe Coorapi, , Noah Gollner, Margaret Thompson, Richard Rennier, Lee Bouldin, Fr. Ray, Marty Hawkins, Rosalie Holstein, Ginny Barrett, Maverick Snodgrass, Spencer Meagher, Judy Maguire.
Let the office know if names need to be added or removed from our prayer list.

Our Scripture Readings

Sun -	Fifth Sunday of Easter
	Acts 6:1-7 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12
Mon -	Easter Weekday
	Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-4, 15-16
Tues -	Easter Weekday
	Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13ab,21
Wed -	Easter Weekday
	Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8
Thurs	Easter Weekday
	Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11
Fri -	Easter Weekday
	Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17
Sat -	Easter Weekday
	Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21
Sun -	Sixth Sunday of Easter
	Acts 8:5-8 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21

St. Stephen News

Sympathy is extended to Marilyn Stanford and family on the passing of Marilyn’s brother, Jerry Kohrmann of Godfrey, IL. Jerry passed away on May 22nd.

FOUND: A prescription eye glass lens was found in the parking lot on the east side of church near the bell-tower. It is on the table at the west entrance to church.

Bingo Night: St Anne’s is hosting a bingo game night Sunday June 25th at 5:00 pm. All ladies of the church are invited to attend and feel free to bring a guest. The prizes will be white elephant so bring an unwrapped gift of your choosing that you think someone would enjoy. It does not need to be expensive. We also ask that you bring a finger food to share. So please come enjoy an evening of bingo, wine and snacks.

CSMA: A special thanks to everyone who has so generously supported the 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal – we are most grateful. If you haven’t had an opportunity to make a gift this year, we hope you will prayerfully consider doing so now. Gifts can be made through your parish or by visiting www.diobelle.org and clicking on “Giving.” Seventeen ministries and programs and all those they so faithfully serve are counting on you. Please make your contribution today.

Individual family photos will be taken for the parish directory next Sunday, June 25 by Curt+Rach Photography. **Photos will be taken in the northwest classroom.** There are still some time slots available. Sunday, June 25 is the last chance for a professional directory photo. There is no charge to have your photo taken, and no obligation to purchase photos afterwards. Each family who has their photo taken will receive their photo sitting fee, directory, and an 8x10 print compliments of the church. Prints can be purchased individually from Curt+Rach, but this is strictly optional.

Directory Photos: If you want to have your photo included but are not available for pictures, please email your photo to laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com by July 1. The photos must be a .jpg file and have high resolution.

Group Photos: We are planning to take group photographs on Saturday, June 17 and Sunday, June 18, after masses. We will be taking pictures of lectors/commentators, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, ushers, PSR teachers, Knights of Columbus and Altar Society members. Krista Weidner will be taking photographs on Saturday night and Beth Fancher will be taking pictures on Sunday morning right after mass. We know everyone is busy so please try to come one of these days and meet up by the altar as soon as mass is over. Thanks you for your assistance. Call Beth Fancher with questions at 618-676-4292.

RTIC Cooler + Speaker Raffle: St. Stephen Parish will be giving away an RTIC Cooler with a built in speaker system built and donated by John McCarty. The prize package contains the cooler, a grilling set, cash, and other fun summer items. The drawing will be held on Saturday, July 1. Chances on the cooler are \$10 each and all proceeds will benefit St. Stephen General Fund. Stop by and check out the cooler outside the social room, and pick up tickets to sell to family and friends! Tickets & money can be returned to the silver drop box. Thank you!

July Rib Fundraiser: Just in time for the 4th of July celebrations, baby back ribs will be available on July 1 at St. Stephen’s. Ribs are \$30/rack and will be available from 10am-2pm on Saturday, July 1. Only 250 are available and orders are already coming in, so be sure to pre-order and pre-pay to reserve yours! Included in this week’s bulletin is a flyer and order sheet – all parishioners are invited to purchase and help sell racks of ribs. Please turn in orders and money to Ted Whitehead or Cory Anderson by Wednesday, June 28. Orders can also be turned in to the parish office. All proceeds benefit St. Stephen’s General Fund. Thank you!

Summer Cash Raffle: Guadalupe Project’s annual Summer Cash Raffle is underway. Two \$100 winners will be drawn each week from Memorial Day – Labor Day, with a \$500 and \$1,000 Grand Prizes drawn after Labor Day. Winners will be announced each Wednesday on WNOI 103.9. Tickets are \$20 each. See MaryBeth Lancaster, Krista Weidner, or Jessica Vahling for tickets. Thank you!

St. Edward News

The annual Joint Parish Council Meeting with St. Stephen will be on Thursday, June 22nd after the 6:00 pm Mass. St. Edwards will be hosting the meeting. All Parish Council members, Finance Committee members and Trustees should attend.

St. John the Baptist in Piopolis is hosting a Silver Jubilee Celebration for Father Mark Reyling on Saturday June 24th Mass is at 4:00 pm followed with a meal and entertainment. There is a flyer on the bulletin board in the hall.

One of the most wonderful days at St. Edward Catholic Church in Fairfield, IL. I was very elated that I was invited on Trinity Sunday, June 4, back to my home church. My friend, David Mills was saying his first Homily as Deacon there. The Belleville Diocese is fortunate to have this young man in their Diocese as well as St. Edward. His Homily was most interesting on The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. Fr. Ray Engelhart being invited also, meant a lot to me as I worked as his secretary here for several years and we were all able to celebrate his 60th Jubilee. My husband and I enjoyed breaking bread with these friends and actually I would like to call it a family reunion as well as a spiritual gathering. It was a very enriching day. You are and always will be close to my heart. God Bless all of you...and thank you to a heartwarming church community.

Frances Cavanaugh-Dacus