

***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**  
**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**June 25, 2023**

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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

Parish Council: Diana Zurliene  
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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,  
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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

Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, June 24:	4:30pm	Mass <i>For the living &amp; deceased of the parish</i>
Sunday, June 25:	8:00am	Rosary
	8:00am	Confession
	8:30am	Mass <i>+Marilyn Wheaton</i>
Tuesday, June 27:	6:00pm	Rosary
	6:30pm	Mass <i>+Tony Whitehead</i>
	7:00pm	Adoration until midnight
Wednesday, June 28:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass <i>+Sharon Pierce</i>
Thursday, June 29:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass <i>For the living &amp; deceased priests and religious who have served at St. Stephen</i>
Friday, June 30:	8:30am	Adoration until 3:15pm
	12:00noon	Servite Rosary
	3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday, July 1:	4:30pm	Mass <i>+James &amp; Esther Quinn</i>
Sunday, July 2:	8:00am	Rosary
	8:00am	Confession
	8:30am	Mass <i>For the living &amp; deceased of the parish</i>

Weekly Contribution: 6-18-23		Attendance: 6-18-23	
Envelope:	\$1,700.00	Saturday:	61
Loose:	\$ 268.00	Sunday:	76
TOTAL:	\$1,968.00	Total:	137
Weekly Budget		\$1,731.00	

Ministers for July

Saturday, July 1:

Lectors: Susan Schroeder

Eucharistic Ministers: Robin Lipka, Krista Weidner, Jim Fehrenbacher

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Jerry Price & Kurt Holkenbrink

Sunday, July 2:

Lector: Mary Beth Lancaster

Commentator: Justin Fleener

Eucharistic Ministers: Trudi Herdes, Andrew Vahling, Ted Whitehead

Servers: Wyatt & Waylon Harvey

<b>Happy Birthday:</b>			
Jerry Price: June 29	Sandy Sulsberger: July 2	Kristen Price: July 9	Jim Fehrenbacher: July 17
Waylon Harvey: July 17	Kiara Crawford: July 18	Khloe Zimmerman: July 30	Coy Fleener: July 31

**Happy Anniversary:**    Donald & Trudi Herdes – July 1                  Justin & Susan Fleener – July 13                  Jessica & Billy Crawford – July 14

**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, Smitty, Pat Ridgeway, Cheryl Kuhlig, & 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 25, 10:30 am – Sam Ochs+  
Thursday, June 29, 6:00 pm – Norma Eilering+  
Friday, June 30, 8:00 am – John Johnson+  
Sunday, July 2, 10:30 am – Frank Cavanaugh+

Weekly Contributions

6/11/2023	
Envelopes	\$2,170
Loose	\$212
Total	\$2,382
We Need	\$1,887
Mass Stipends	\$0
Building Fund	\$136
Food Pantry	\$0
Candles	\$20

Attendance    71

6/18/2023	
Envelopes	\$1,790
Loose	\$397
Total	\$2,187
We Need	\$1,887
Mass Stipends	\$20
Building Fund	\$147
Food Pantry	\$0
Candles	\$0
Peter’s Pence	\$20
Donation	\$100

Attendance    80

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 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jer 20:10-13    Rom 5:12-15    Mt 10:26-33

Mon - Weekday  
Gn 12:1-9    Mt 7:1-5

Tues - Weekday  
Gn 13:2, 5-18    Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wed - St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr  
Gn 15:1-12, 17-18    Mt 7:15-20

Th - St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles  
Acts 12:1-11    2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18    Mt 16:13-19

Fri - Weekday  
Gn 17:1, 9-10    Mt 8:1-4

Sat - Weekday  
Gn 18:1-15    Mt 8:5-17

Sun - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a    Rom 6:3-4, 8-11  
Mt 10:37-42

**St. Stephen News**

**Sympathy is extended** to Terry & Donna Myers and family on the passing of Terry’s mother, Catherine Myers. Catherine passed away on Tuesday, June 13. The funeral was held Monday, June 19 with burial in St. Stephen Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

**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.

**St. Stephen Finance Council** will meet this Wednesday, June 28 at 6pm.

**St. Stephen Parish Council** will meet this Wednesday, June 28 at 7pm.

**Rotating Chairmen:** The next three rotating chairmen are Beth Fancher, MaryBeth Lancaster/Susan Schroeder, and Berenice Mary Brown.

**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](http://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 THIS Sunday, June 25 by Curt+Rach Photography. **Photos will be taken in the northwest classroom.** 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](mailto:laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com) by July 1. The photos must be a .jpg file and have high resolution.

**RTIC Cooler + Speaker Raffle:** LAST WEEK FOR TICKETS! 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Week 3 Winners are Marsha Mink & Dorothy Winka. Week 4 Winners are Josh Tanner & Jerod Fleener. See MaryBeth Lancaster, Krista Weidner, or Jessica Vahling for tickets. Thank you!

**St. Edward News**

**Save the Date:** July Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday July 6<sup>th</sup> after the 6:00 pm Mass.

**Signups for PSR for the 2023 – 2024 school year** will be July 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> after Mass.