

The Fruits of Adoration

The most powerful thing we can do on this earth with our time is to spend it in Eucharistic adoration. Nothing can do more to change the world, to bring about peace, to convert hearts, to make reparation for the many evils committed. Spending time in prayer may seem, on the outside, to be a passive thing; however, it is anything but that! Our world is in desperate need of hope, of renewal, of a “turning back” to the things of God. By visiting Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we take the best weapon for the battles of our age and contribute to the healing of our culture.

Cultivating a Eucharistic life of adoration also bears tremendous fruit in our own hearts and lives. We cannot spend time in the rays of His Eucharistic Presence without receiving His grace, His love, His mercy, His peace. As we gaze upon Him Face to face, we are transformed little by little into a closer reflection of His divine image.

When we deepen our personal relationship with Jesus by spending time with Him in this way, we will become more like Him, just as old friends or a long-married couple grow more and more similar. We become more aware of the obstacles of sin in our life that stand between us and Our Lord. We develop a stronger desire to make habits of virtue and self-sacrifice in imitation of Him.

Being with the One who, out of infinite love, waits for us in the Blessed Sacrament will grow in peace amid the sufferings and trials of this life. We will find rest in the knowledge of His love for us, which is beyond our wildest hopes and dreams. When we truly know that we are loved, we can endure much and accomplish many things for the Kingdom.

Spending time with Jesus in His Sacrament of love will also fill our hearts with abiding joy and bless our days, our jobs, our families, our lives with His protection and grace. Each hour that we give to Our Lord bears fruit a hundredfold in this life and in the next. As we participate even now in the “work” of eternity—adoring and praising with hymns of thanksgiving Our Creator and Savior—our souls become more brilliant and beautiful as we are penetrated with His grace and love.

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St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 2023

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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 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
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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
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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

Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 29:	4:30pm	Mass + <i>Jerry Kohrmann</i>
Sunday, July 30:	8:00am	Rosary / Cofession
	8:30am	Mass <i>For the living & deceased of the parish</i>
Tuesday, August 1:	6:00pm	Rosary
	6:30pm	Mass + <i>Bill & Mary Handley</i>
	7:00pm	Adoration until midnight
Wednesday, August 2:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass + <i>Ed Trittschuht</i>
Thursday, August 3:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass + <i>John & Adele Niebrugge</i>
Friday, August 4:	9:00am	First Friday – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12:00noon	Servite Rosary
	3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
	5:30pm	Rosary, followed by Benediction
	6:00pm	Mass + <i>Jim, Marilyn, & Nancy Staples</i>
Saturday, August 5:	4:30pm	Mass + <i>Ray Winka</i>
Sunday, August 6:	8:00am	Rosary
	8:00am	Confession
	8:30am	Mass + <i>Catherine Myers</i>

Weekly Contribution: 7-23-23		Attendance: 7-23-23	
Envelope:	\$1,775.00	Saturday:	45
Loose:	\$ 188.00	Sunday:	54
TOTAL:	\$1,963.00	Total:	99
Weekly Budget		\$1,731.00	

Ministers for August

<u>Saturday, August 5:</u>	
Lectors: Beth Sulsberger	Eucharistic Ministers: Robin Lipka, Krista Weidner, Jim Fehrenbacher
Servers: Volunteers	Ushers: Jerry Price & Kurt Holkenbrink
<u>Sunday, August 6:</u>	
Lector: Jonathon Akers	Commentator: Phil Fancher
Eucharistic Ministers: Trudi Herdes, Beth Fancher, Ted Whitehead	
Servers: Wyatt & Waylon Harvey	Ushers: Jerod Fleener & Alan Huff

Happy Birthday:

Kennedy Zimmerman: August 8	Susan Schroeder: August 9	Brooke Winka: August 11
Jill Fehrenbacher: August 12	MaryBeth Lancaster: August 17	Kim Fleener: August 20
Phil Fancher: August 22	Beth Fancher: August 27	Jessica Crawford: August 29

Happy Anniversary:	Beth & Lou Sulsberger – August 13	Mark & Janet Winka – August 15
	Father Charles – August 16	Jim & Jill Fehrenbacher – August 21
		Tom & MaryBeth Lancaster – August 23

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, Pat Ridgeway, Mary McPeak, Asher Stevens, Josh Burroughs, & nursing home residents.

St. Edward Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, July 30, 2023 10:30 am – Peggy Garrison+
Thursday, August 3, 2023, 6:00 pm – Tom Colvin+
Friday, August 4, 2023, 8:00 am – Clark Family
Sunday, August 6, 2023 10:30 am- Phyllis Ragain+

Weekly Contributions

7/23/2023	
Envelopes	\$1,770
Loose	\$255
Total	\$2025
We Need	\$1,887
Mass Stipends	\$100
Building Fund	\$142
Food Pantry	\$0
Candles	\$2

Attendance 79

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 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Rom 8:28-30
 Mt 13:44-52
Mon - St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
 Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Mt 13:31-35
Tues - St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop
 Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Mt 13:36-43
Wed - Weekday
 Ex 34:29-35 Mt 13:44-46
Th - Weekday
 Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Mt 13:47-53
Fri - St. John Vianney, Priest
 Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Mt 13:54-58
Sat - Weekday
 Lv 25:1, 8-17 Mt 14:1-12
Sun - The Transfiguration of the Lord
 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9

St. Stephen News

Extraordinary Ministers: On behalf of St. Stephen Parish, Father Charles thanks the following for becoming Eucharistic Ministers, or Extraordinary ministers of the Holy Eucharist: Diane Briscoe, Andrew Vahling, Ted Zimmerman, Jonathan Akers, Emily Milner, Justin Fleener, Trudi Herdes, Robin Lipka, MaryBeth Lancaster.

Servers: we are in need of servers for Saturday evening masses. If you willing to help, please see Father Charles.

Please rejoice and pray with Father Charles as he celebrates his 20th priestly anniversary on August 16, 2023.

Parish School of Religion: It is time for registration for the 2023-204 PSR year. Parents are asked to register their kids with Deb or Paul Duquaine. The diocese has recommended the text “Word of Life” for the children’s faith formation for this year.

The next rotating chairmen are MaryBeth Lancaster/Susan Schroeder, Berenice Mary Brown, & Donna Myers

Mass Stipends: To request a Mass intention, fill out a card from the tables at either entrance and turn it in to the collection basket. Mass stipends are \$10 each. Please turn in date requests as early as possible. Greeting cards are available in the parish office and can be sent to let someone know that Mass is being said for their intention. Samples are on the bulletin board. Contact the parish office to have one sent. Thank you!

Parish Directory: Thank you to everyone who took the time to have their photos taken for the parish directory. If you did not get your photo taken, photos can now be submitted through July 31. Please send pictures to laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com.

St. Anne’s Altar Society will have a meeting on Sunday, September 3 after mass.

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 9 Winners are Jim Sulsberger & Kevin Lancaster. Thank you!

Fundraising Update: The following dates have been set for St. Stephen’s Annual Fundraisers for the FY 2023-2024. The fundraising goals have been set with some changes made from previous years. The total goal is \$20,000 with \$5,000 being put in each of the following funds in the following order:

- 1. St. Stephen’s general fund
- 2. Spiritual items fund (for the purchase of devotional items and educational materials)
- 3. Building improvement fund (for building maintenance and improvement)
- 4. Parish and Agency Resource Fund (parish’s savings account with the diocese)

At the recommendation of the finance council, there will be no new fundraisers added this year. If you have any ideas concerning the existing fundraisers or are willing to help, see Cory Anderson. Thanks!

October 1, 2023: Chicken BBQ
February 11, 2024: Super Bowl Squares

December 16, 2023: Can Am Raffle Drawing
June 29, 2024: Rib Sale

St. Edward News

Food Pantry –

*Since next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month, we will have a second collection for St. Edward food pantry.

* The next food pantry distribution will be Saturday, August 12. If anyone has any extra fresh produce they would like to donate, please bring it to the church by Friday morning.

20th Jubilee

We will celebrate Father Charles’ 20th jubilee as priest with a meal after Mass on Sunday, august 13th. The parish will provide the meat, potatoes, rolls and drinks. Please bring a covered dish or dessert.

August Upcoming Events

Friday, Aug 11 – Set up for the food pantry after 8:00 am Mass.
Saturday, Aug 12 – Distribution for food pantry – 7:00 am
Sunday, Aug 13 – Celebration Dinner for Fr. Charles after 10:30 am Mass
Thursday, Aug 17 – August Parish Council meeting after 6:00 pm Mass
Sunday, Aug 20 – First PSR class



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