

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 mediate.

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



The Bishops of the United States are calling for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They believe that God wants to see a movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and sent out in mission “for the life of the world.” The third year of the revival – the year of parish renewal – began on June 11, 2023. The goal of the revival is “renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.” These three years will culminate in the first National Eucharistic Congress in the United States in almost fifty years. Almost a hundred thousand Catholics will join together in Indianapolis in 2024 for a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage toward the “source and summit” of our Catholic faith.

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 9, 2023

Rev. Father Charles Anyaoku, Pastoral Administrator

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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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Linda Keck
David Cavanaugh
Tim Schoenborn
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Kent Ochs
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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

Laura Anderson
618-599-6786 (cell) or 618-662-8121 (office)
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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

Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 8:	4:30pm	Mass	+Greg Shevokas
Sunday, July 9:	8:00am	Rosary	
	8:00am	Confession	
	8:30am	Mass	For the living & deceased of the parish
Tuesday, July 11:	6:00pm	Rosary	
	6:30pm	Mass	+Bill & Mary Handley
	7:00pm	Adoration until midnight	
Wednesday, July 12:	7:30am	Rosary	
	8:00am	Mass	+Jim, Marilyn, & Nancy Staples
Thursday, July 13:	7:30am	Rosary	
	8:00am	Mass	+Ron Niebrugge
Friday, July 14:	8:30am	Adoration until 3:15pm	
	12:00noon	Servite Rosary	
	3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy	
Saturday, July 15:	4:30pm	Mass	+Connie Kirby
Sunday, July 16:	8:00am	Rosary	
	8:00am	Confession	
	8:30am	Mass	For the living & deceased of the parish

Weekly Contribution: 7-2-23		Attendance: 7-2-23	
Envelope:	\$2,385.00	Saturday:	52
Loose:	\$ 240.00	Sunday:	63
TOTAL:	\$2,625.00	Total:	115
Weekly Budget \$1,731.00			

Ministers for July

<u>Saturday, July 15:</u>	
Lectors: Jim Fehrenbacher	Eucharistic Ministers: Emily Milner, Robin Lipka, Volunteer
Servers: Ethan & Landon Milner	Ushers: Jerry Price & Mark Winka
<u>Sunday, July 16:</u>	
Lector: Ted Whitehead	Commentator: Phil Fancher
Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Fancher, Andrew Vahling, Trudi Herdes	
Servers: Wyatt & Waylon Harvey	Ushers: Cory Anderson & Kurt Holkenbrink

Happy Birthday:			
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 1Justin & Susan Fleener – July 13Jessica & 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, Shallon Booth, Smitty, Pat Ridgeway, Mary McPeak, & 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, July 9, 2023 10:30 am – Kris Hufstodt+
Thursday, July 13, 2023, 6:00 pm
Friday, July 14, 2023, 8:00 am
Sunday, July 16, 2023 10:30 am

Weekly Contributions

6/25/2023	
Envelopes	\$1,931
Loose	\$20
Total	\$1,951
We Need	\$1,887
Mass Stipends	\$0
Building Fund	\$147
Food Pantry	\$0
Candles	\$0
Peter’s Pence	\$280

Attendance 66

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 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a Rom 6:3-4, 8-11
Mt 10:37-42
Mon - St. Thomas, Apostle
Eph 2:19-22 Jn 20:24-29
Tues - Weekday
Gn 19:15-29 Mt 8:23-27
Wed - Weekday
Gn 21:5, 8-20a Mt 8:28-34
Th - Weekday
Gn 22:1b-19 Mt 9:1-8
Fri - Weekday
Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 Mt 9:9-13
Sat - Weekday
Gn 27:1-5, 15-29 Mt 9:9-13
Sun - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zec 9:9-10 Rom 8:0, 11-13 Mt 11:25-30

St. Stephen News

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.

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 6 Winners are Bobbie Bentley and Curtis Fry. Thank you!

Thank you to John McCarty for the donation of the RTIC Cooler + Speaker! The lucky winner was Butch Akes. The fundraiser brought in \$1,050 for St. Stephen’s General Fund.

Thank you to the crew who cooked the baby back ribs for this year’s fundraiser – cooking started at 1:00am and finished about 1:00pm! The rib sale was a success. The fundraiser brought in \$2,420 for St. Stephen’s General Fund. A few extra ribs have been frozen and are available from the freezer in the kitchen for a \$30 donation.

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

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Parish Council will meet on Thursday July 6th after the 6:00 pm Mass. Council member packets are on the table in the hall.

Food Pantry is Saturday, July 8th at 7:00 am. Setup will be Friday July 7th after 8:30 am Mass. The Parish welcomes all to participate in this important community ministry.

Signups for PSR for the 2023 – 2024 school year will be July 9th and 16th after Mass.

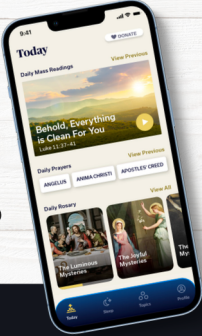
The secretary is trying to update birthdays and anniversaries for the monthly calendar. Please contact Diana if you want to add names to the calendar.

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