

***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.

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**

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**July 16, 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 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  
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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**

Laura Anderson  
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[laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com](mailto:laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com) or [ststephen\\_flora@yahoo.com](mailto: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

Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

|                     |           |                                                         |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday, July 15:  | 4:30pm    | Mass   +Connie Kirby                                    |
| Sunday, July 16:    | 8:00am    | Rosary                                                  |
|                     | 8:00am    | Confession                                              |
|                     | 8:30am    | Mass <i>For the living &amp; deceased of the parish</i> |
| Tuesday, July 18:   | 6:00pm    | Rosary                                                  |
|                     | 6:30pm    | Mass   +Tony, Wanda, & Bruce Whitehead                  |
|                     | 7:00pm    | Adoration until midnight                                |
| Wednesday, July 19: | 7:30am    | Rosary                                                  |
|                     | 8:00am    | Mass   +Dominic & Mary Talmant                          |
| Thursday, July 20:  | 7:30am    | Rosary                                                  |
|                     | 8:00am    | Mass   +Ed Trittschuht                                  |
| Friday, July 21:    | 8:30am    | Adoration until 3:15pm                                  |
|                     | 12:00noon | Servite Rosary                                          |
|                     | 3:00pm    | Chaplet of Divine Mercy                                 |
| Saturday, July 22:  | 4:30pm    | Mass <i>For the living &amp; deceased of the parish</i> |
| Sunday, July 23:    | 8:00am    | Rosary                                                  |
|                     | 8:00am    | Confession                                              |
|                     | 8:30am    | Mass   +Al Uebinger                                     |

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|-----------------------------|------------|--------------------|-----|
| Weekly Contribution: 7-9-23 |            | Attendance: 7-9-23 |     |
| Envelope:                   | \$1,750.00 | Saturday:          | 58  |
| Loose:                      | \$ 157.00  | Sunday:            | 76  |
| TOTAL:                      | \$1,907.00 | Total:             | 134 |
| Weekly Budget               |            | \$1,731.00         |     |

Ministers for July

|                                                              |  |                                                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| <u>Saturday, July 22:</u>                                    |  | Eucharistic Ministers: Cheryl McCarty, Robin Lipka, Krista Weidner   |  |
| Lectors: Beth Sulsberger                                     |  | Servers: Volunteers                                                  |  |
| Servers: Volunteers                                          |  | Ushers: Don Talmant & Mike Winka                                     |  |
| <u>Sunday, July 23:</u>                                      |  | Commentator: Justin Fleener                                          |  |
| Lector: MaryBeth Lancaster                                   |  | Eucharistic Ministers: Jonathon Akers, Andrew Vahling, Ted Whitehead |  |
| Servers: Allison & Austin Cartright, Xander & Sophie Johnson |  | Ushers: Ted Zimmerman & Alan Huff                                    |  |

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Happy Birthday:</b>   |                         |                                                 |
| 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, 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 16, 2023, 10:30 am – Tom Colvin+  
Thursday, July 20, 2023, 6:00 pm – Sam Ochs+  
Friday, July 21, 2023, 8:00 am – Rick Titzer+  
Sunday, July 23, 2023 10:30 am – Stephen Kennedy+

Weekly Contributions

|               |         |
|---------------|---------|
| 7/9/2023      |         |
| Envelopes     | \$2,640 |
| Loose         | \$386   |
| Total         | \$3,026 |
| We Need       | \$1,887 |
| Mass Stipends | \$30    |
| Building Fund | \$132   |
| Food Pantry   | \$0     |
| Candles       | \$31    |

Attendance   82

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, Father Jim Daugherty  
**Let the office know if names need to be added or removed from our prayer list.**

Our Scripture Readings

Sun -   Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
          Is 55:10-11   Rom 8:18-23   Mt 13:1-23

Mon -   Weekday  
          Ex 1:8-14, 22   Mt 10:34—11:1

Tues -   Weekday  
          Ex 2:1-15a   Mt 11:20-24

Wed -   Weekday  
          Ex 3:1-6, 9-12   Mt 11:25-27

Th -   Weekday  
          Ex 3:13-20   Mt 11:28-30

Fri -   Weekday  
          EX 11:10—12:14   Mt 12:1-8

Sat -   St. Mary Magdalene  
          Sg 3:1-4a   Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Sun -   Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
          Wis 12:13, 16-19   Rom 8:26-27   Mt:13:24-43

St. Stephen News

From the Administrator’s Desk, Copied from Bishop Michael McGovern:

Bishop Donald Hying of Madison in Wisconsin advocates that Catholics can evangelize by embracing four holy habits.

- First, reclaim Sunday as the Lord’s Day with our focus on the Eucharist, leisure time and family.
- Second, make a commitment to praying at least fifteen minutes each day. Prayer is for our souls what food is for our bodies.
- Third, go to confession once each month. Bringing our lives before Jesus in this sacrament and receiving his mercy can do more to help us grow spiritually than we can imagine.
- Fourth, embrace Jesus and his cross each Friday of the year through some work of mercy, charity, or penance. these practices on Friday can help us stay close to Jesus and his self-sacrificing love on the cross

**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.

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

**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. Masses can be said for someone living or deceased or for a special intention. If you have a specific date you would like to request, please turn it in as early as possible before the calendar fills up. 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 family pictures or snapshots of events (baptisms, weddings, First Communion, Confirmation, Christmas celebrations, etc.) at St. Stephen’s in the last 6 years to [laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com](mailto:laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com).

**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 7 Winners are Pat Ridgeway & Susan Burton. Thank you!



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St. Edward News

Signups for PSR for the 2023 – 2024 school year will be today after Mass.

Father Jim Daugherty fell and has broken his leg. He is in the hospital at St. Elizabeth’s in OFallon. If you would like to send him a card, here is the address.

HSHS St. Elizabeth’s Hospital  
Father Jim Daugherty Room 438  
1 Saint Elizabeth Blvd  
O’Fallon, IL. 62269

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.

The secretary will be gone from July 23-July 30<sup>th</sup>; if you need something call Libby Pond

Holy Habits

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