

An Intimate Presence

It is something far beyond our comprehension, but it is true. Not only are we able to receive Jesus in Holy Communion at each Mass as baptized Catholics in the state of grace, but we also have Him available in another very intimate way. He remains with us so that we may come to Him and gaze upon Him, “Face to face,” in the Most Blessed Sacrament, solemnly exposed for adoration.

St. Paul wrote about the transforming power of gazing upon Our Lord: “And we all, with unveiled face beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into His likeness from one degree of glory to another.” To spend time with Him is to become more like Him.

We may find it difficult to believe that God has a vested interest in us, but He certainly does! He loves us so much that He died for us. Yet after His resurrection and His glorious ascension to the right hand of the Father, He did not want to leave us as orphans. He has gone before us to prepare a place for us.

Even so, He desires at the same time to be intimately present to us. He desires to show us that He is interested in every detail of our lives. How does He do this? He waits for a visit from us wherever He is present in the Holy Sacrament throughout the world.

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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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 2, 2023

Rev. Father Charles Anyaoku, Pastoral Administrator

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St. Edward Catholic Church

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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

Parish Council: Diana Zurliene
Linda Keck
David Cavanaugh
Tim Schoenborn
Libby Pond
Kent Ochs
Mike Oppenheimer
Scott Merkle

In Case of Emergency Contact:

Father Charles: 618-641-8978
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St. Stephen Catholic Church

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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)
laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com or ststephen_flora@yahoo.com
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

Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

St. Edward Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 1:	4:30pm	Mass	+James & Esther Quinn
Sunday, July 2:	8:00am	Rosary	
	8:00am	Confession	
	8:30am	Mass	For the living & deceased of the parish
Tuesday, July 4:	7:30am	Rosary	
	8:00am	Mass	In remembrance of babies lost by miscarriage and their families
		No Adoration this week	
Wednesday, July 5:	7:30am	Rosary	
	8:00am	Mass	+Dominic & Mary Talmant
Thursday, July 6:	7:30am	Rosary	
	8:00am	Mass	Catholic Extension Donors
Friday, July 7:	8:30am	Adoration until 3:15pm	
	12:00noon	Servite Rosary	
	3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy	
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

Weekly Contribution: 6-25-23		Attendance: 6-25-23	
Envelope:	\$1,585.00	Saturday:	45
Loose:	\$ 229.00	Sunday:	73
TOTAL:	\$1,814.00	Total:	118
Weekly Budget		\$1,731.00	

Ministers for July

Saturday, July 8:

Lectors: Cheryl McCarty

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Fehrenbacher, Krista Weidner, Volunteer

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Don Talmant & Mike Winka

Sunday, July 9:

Lector: Jonathon Akers

Commentator: Beth Sulsberger

Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Fancher, Phil Fancher, Volunteer

Servers: Kehlin & Kiara Crawford

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 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, & nursing home residents. Please let the parish office know if names can be added or removed from this list.	

Weekly Contributions		Prayer Intentions	
6/25/2023		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.	
Envelopes	\$1,931	Let the office know if names need to be added or removed from our prayer list.	
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

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

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.

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 5 Winners are Amy Maher and Linda Allen. Thank you!

Thank you: Thank you to Dan Sulsberger, Jim Sulsberger, and Larry Timm for fixing the church sign east of town that was in need of repair.

4th of July: There is no adoration this Tuesday, July 4th and Mass will be at 8:00am.



*Father of all nations and ages,
We recall the day when our country
claimed its place among the family of nations;
for what has been achieved we give you thanks,
for the work that still remains we ask your help,
and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation,
grant that, under your providence,
our country may share your blessings
with all the peoples of the earth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

St. Edward News

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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