

The Most Powerful Time

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

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Stephen Parish:
Tuesdays from 7:00pm-12:00midnight
Fridays from 8:30am-3:15pm



Eucharistic Revival: Let’s Make it Matter at our Sister Parishes

The American Catholic Church is engaged in a multi-year Eucharistic Revival. 2023-2024 is the second year and focuses on grassroots “Year of Parish Revival.” In this spirit, Deacon David Mills invites parishioners of St. Edward-Fairfield and St. Stephen-Flora to participate in an eight month book study of “*Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*” by Brant Pitre leading up to Easter next March 2024. Critics acclaimed Pitre, “*Inspiring and informative, this groundbreaking work illuminates one of the greatest mysteries of the Christian faith: the mystery of Jesus’ presence in “the breaking of the bread.”*”

Meetings will take place on Sunday afternoons from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. It will begin with Eucharistic Adoration set to the Liturgy of the Hours in the church and transition to a group discussion in the parish hall.

Book Study Schedule:

- 9/24 at St. Edward
- 10/29 at St. Stephen
- 11/19 at St. Edward
- 12/17 at St. Stephen
- 1/28 at St. Edward
- 2/25 at St. Stephen
- 3/24 at St. Edward
- 4/28 at St. Stephen

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 17, 2023

Rev. Father Charles Anyaoku, Pastoral Administrator
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Deacon David Mills, Permanent Deacon

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New Parishioners register at Parish Office
Please send bulletin information to the parish office
by noon on Wednesdays.

Parish Secretary: Libby Pond
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
Mike Oppenheimer
Scott Merkle

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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
618-599-6786 (cell) or 618-662-8121 (office)
laura.whitehead.91@gmail.com or 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

Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 16:	4:00pm	Confession
	4:30pm	Mass + <i>Kenny, Evelyn, & Connie Myers</i>
Sunday, September 17:	8:00am	Rosary / Confession
	8:30am	Mass <i>For the living & deceased of the parish</i>
Tuesday, September 19:	6:00pm	Rosary
	6:30pm	Mass + <i>Tony Whitehead</i>
	7:00pm	Adoration until midnight
Wednesday, September 20:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass + <i>Dominic & Mary Talmant</i>
Thursday, September 21:	7:30am	Rosary
	8:00am	Mass + <i>Al Winka</i>
Friday, September 22:	8:30am	Adoration until 3:15pm
	12:00noon	Servite Rosary
	3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday, September 23:	4:00pm	Confession
	4:30pm	Mass + <i>Jerry Kohrmann</i>
Sunday, September 24:	8:00am	Rosary / Confession
	8:30am	Mass <i>For the living & deceased of the parish</i>

Weekly Contribution: 9-10-23

Envelope: \$1,620.00

Loose: \$ 232.00

TOTAL: \$1,852.00

Weekly Budget \$2,270.00 (New 2023-2024 Budget)

Attendance: 9-10-23

Saturday: 48

Sunday: 74

Total: 122

Ministers for September

Saturday, September 23:

Lectors: Ted Zimmerman Commentator: Deb Zimmerman
Eucharistic Ministers: Robin Lipka, Beth Fancher, Phil Fancher
Servers: Allison & Austin Cartright Ushers: Don Talmant & Mike Winka

Sunday, September 24:

Lector: Jonathan Akers Commentator: Ted Whitehead
Eucharistic Ministers: Emily Milner, Justin Fleener, Andrew Vahling
Servers: Ethan & Landon Milner Ushers: Alan Huff & Dennis Holkenbrink

Happy Birthday:

Andrew Vahling: September 1 Diane Becker: September 21 Steve Fleener: September 23 Kole Greenwood: September 25

Happy Anniversary:

Diane & Wayne Becker – September 5 Kaleb & Heather Greenwood – September 8
Jesse & Alison Harvey: September 10 Pat & Tom Greenwood – September 19

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 Repogle, 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, Asher Stevens, & 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, September 17, 2023 10:30 am- Sam Ochs+
Thursday, September 21, 2023, 6:00 pm – Kris Huffstodt+
Friday, September 22, 2023, 8:00 am – Rick Titzer+
Sunday, September 24, 2023 10:30 am – Kate Hoover +

Weekly Contributions

9/10/2023	
Envelopes	\$2088
Loose	\$535
Total	\$2623
We Need	\$1,873
Mass Stipends	\$70
Building Fund	\$119
Food Pantry	\$130
Candles	\$0

Prayer Intentions

Kim Buchanan, Lanora Neavill, Robyn Meagher, Donna Turner, Marilyn Butler , Michelle Dalton, CeCe Coorapi, , Margaret Thompson, Richard Rennier, Lee Bouldin, Fr. Ray, Marty Hawkins, Spencer Meagher, Judy Maguire, Fr. Jim Daugherty, Ray Glover, Ken and Theresa Nordmann family, Dick Hibbetts, Mary Murphy
Let the office know if names need to be added or removed from our prayer list.

Belleville Retired Clergy
\$505

Attendance 85

Our Scripture Readings

Sun - Twentieth-Fouth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 27:30 – 28:7 Rom 14: 7-9
Mt 18: 21-35
Mon - Weekday
1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 7:1-10
Tues - St. Januarius, Bishop, Martyr
1 Tm 3:1-13 Lk 7:11-17
Wed - Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-samg & Companions, Martyrs
1 Tm 3:14-16 Lk 7:31-35
Thurs- St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Mt 9:9-13
Fri - Weekday
1 Tm 6:2c-12 Lk 8:1-3
Sat - St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
1 Tm 6:13-16 Lk 8:4-15
Sun - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:6-9 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Rom 14: 7-9
Mt 20:1-16a

St. Edward News

Fr. Mark Reyling 25th Jubilee Celebration – On behalf of St. Edward parish, Father Charles congratulates Fr. Mark on his 25th priestly anniversary. May God continue to bless him.

Mass of the Holy Spirit – Bishop McGovern will offer a mass of the Holy Spirit for the Synod at the Cathedral of St. Peter on Tuesday, Sept 26 at 6:30 pm. Pope Francis is convening clergy and laity from around the world for this synod in October in Rome. Please join us in praying for the Holy Spirit's help for Pope Francis and all participating in the Synod. More details are available on the diocesan website at www.diobelle.org.

Annual Blessing of the Harvest – Bishop McGovern will the annual Blessing of the Harvest in support of farmers and all those engaged in agriculture. It will be held on Tuesday, Sept 26 at 1:00 pm at the Thole Farm, 8606 tank Road, New Baden. For more information see flyer on the bulletin board.

Catechetical Sunday – Catechetical Sunday is today. We appreciate the services of our Catechists, director of PSR and teachers. May God continue to bless you.

Book Study – To prepare for the first meeting of the book study, David is asking that everyone read the introduction and chapter 1 of “Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist.” The first meeting will be next Sunday at 2 pm in St. Edward parish hall.

Celebration of Life – The celebration of life mass for Kate (Nordmann) Hoover will be next Saturday, September 23 at 11:00 am at St. Edward Church. The parish will provide a meal for thee family and those attending. If you have not signed up to bring a dish, please contact Libby or church office.

Anointing - There will be an anointing of oil next Sunday after mass. James 5:14-15 “Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church...,anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick... And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Sept. 17 – Celebration Dinner for Fr. Mark Reyling Silver Jubilee

Sunday, September 24 – Deacon David's book study 2 – 4 pm in St. Edward Hall.

Thursday, September 28 – Parish Council Meeting after 6:00 pm mass.

St. Stephen News

Parish School of Religion: No Class on Sunday, September 17 for the Parish Picnic

New Confession Times: Father Charles will be available before each weekend Mass for Confession – Saturdays at 4:00pm and Sundays at 8:00am.

The next rotating chairmen are Berenice Mary Brown & Donna Myers.

St. Stephen Parish Picnic is this Sunday, September 17. Mass will be at 8:30am as usual. There will be an inflatable slide and yard games for the kids. Help will be needed after Mass to set up tables and chairs for the picnic. Lunch will be served at 12:00noon. Meat & drinks will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert. Please plan to attend.

St. Stephen will be hosting the Flora Wolves Football Team on October 12. Set up will begin at 4:00pm with food being served at 5:00pm. All are welcome to help with setup and cleanup. Thank you!

Mark your calendars for a joint celebration with our sister parish St. Edward in Fairfield. All members of St. Stephen and St. Edward Parishes are invited to join together on Sunday, October 15 at the 10:30 Mass at St. Edward. It will be followed by a luncheon for all parishioners of both parishes. Please plan to attend.

A new bulletin for children will now be available at St. Stephen Parish! Be sure your child picks up a copy. Each week, there will be a few activities and lessons based on the Scripture readings from that week.

In keeping with the Eucharistic Revival that is currently taking place in the Catholic Church, beginning on Sunday, September 24, there will be Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following Mass. On each Sunday that PSR is in session, all students and teachers are asked to come to the front pews immediately following the final song. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to stay.

St. Stephen Parish & Knights of Columbus Chicken BBQ will be held October 1, 2023.

- Ticket money can be turned in to Ted Whitehead or Cory Anderson or to the silver box outside the social room.
- Yard signs are also available – please pick one up and put in your yard to help advertise the BBQ.
- Again this year, we will be drawing for a \$100 WalMart Gift Card – be sure to enter your name once for every ten tickets you sell!
- Ladies, please plan to bring two desserts for the BBQ.
- Sign up on the sheet outside the social room to help the weekend of the BBQ.

Planning Ahead: The holidays are fast approaching and soon it will be time for the Cookie Walk and Basket Raffle! This year, we would like to have all of the baskets ready for display by October 22nd, 2023 so that we can sell tickets at some different events throughout the month of November. Please start planning what basket or items you will be donating. Proceeds from the Basket Raffle benefit St. Anne's Altar Society and Guadalupe Project. Baskets & items can be placed in the social room any time. Thank you!

Anonymous Angels: St. Anne's Altar Society is inviting members of the parish to join in caring for the needs of our parish by becoming an “Anonymous Angel of the Altar.” A parish member can become an angel simply by making a yearly donation to St. Anne's to help with the charitable projects for which we are responsible. St. Anne's Altar Society purchases altar breads, altar cloths and flowers for the altar, as well as supplying the votive candles. They also provide the funeral dinners for families of the parish or families of those buried at St. Stephen's Cemetery. In addition to this they provide supplies for the kitchen and contribute to the purchase of gifts for First Communion, Confirmation, and Graduation classes and for new mothers and the newly married from our parish. If you decide to become an Anonymous Angel of the Altar, you may do so by putting your donation into an envelope labeled “Angel of the Altar” and dropping it into the collection basket or mailing it to St. Stephen's (Checks made out to St. Anne's Altar Society). If you wish to have a receipt, please indicate and one will be provided for you. The members of St. Anne's Altar Society will keep their Anonymous Angels of the Altar and their intentions in their prayers.

St. Stephen News Continued

Vicariate Meeting: St. Stephen Parish will be hosting all priests and deacons on September 27.

Bishop Michael McGovern invites all families that home school children to celebrate Mass together on Wednesday, September 13, at 11:00 AM at St. Clare Church, O’Fallon, IL. Lunch will be available afterward.

All are invited to join Bishop McGovern for the **Diocesan Fall Blessing of the Harvest**, which will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 1:00 P.M. at the Lavern and Terry Thole Farm. The Thole Farm is located at 8606 Tank Road; New Baden, IL 62265. One heads EAST out of New Baden on IL-161 approximately 2 miles (past IL-160) and turns left (North) onto Tank Road; go 1 mile and farm will be on your right. The “Farm Blessing” signs will guide you, too. Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit and vegetables and garden produce in sealed, marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. *You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. We look forward to having you join us!*

The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15

The Messenger, our diocesan newspaper, brings local, national and international news of our Catholic faith right into your home through its print and online editions. Your gift to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps to support The Messenger. If you haven’t done so, subscribe to The Messenger today and also make your gift to The Appeal! Thank you for your generosity.

Guadalupe Project has moved! Guadalupe Project opened this weekend at its new location, 213 East North Avenue in Flora. The previous building was being converted back to office space by the landlords, making the move necessary. A grand re-opening celebration is being planned for October, and all are invited to come see the new location and celebrate the milestone. While at the previous location, Guadalupe Project served 422 different families, 793 children, and 83 expectant mothers. Thank you all for your continued support!

As we move in to the winter months, Guadalupe Project’s current needs include winter clothes sized 24 month or larger, formula, and ointment. These items are harder to come by and many families need them. The move has also brought about some unexpected expenses as well as an increase in the monthly rent over what was previously covered by donors. If you would like to support Guadalupe Project in any way, donations can be left in the baskets by either entrance or monetary donations can be placed in the weekly collection and marked for Guadalupe Project. Thank you so much!

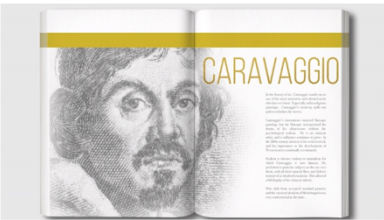


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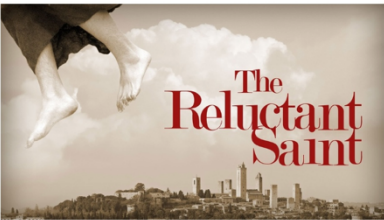
Padre Pio: Miracle Man

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.



The Calling of Matthew

Dr. Tim Gray provides an extended analysis of Caravaggio's The Calling of St. Matthew.



The Reluctant Saint: The Story of St. Joseph Cupertino

This film portrays the life of St. Joseph of Cupertino, the humble Franciscan friar who literally rose to sainthood. In the impoverished village of seventeenth century Cupertino, Italy, Joseph's peasant mother convinces the reluctant abbot to accept her son into the monastery. With the support of the kindly local bishop who sees in him a great deal more than others do, and by a series of miraculous incidents, the simple but pious Joseph is ordained a priest.

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