

March 28, 2021

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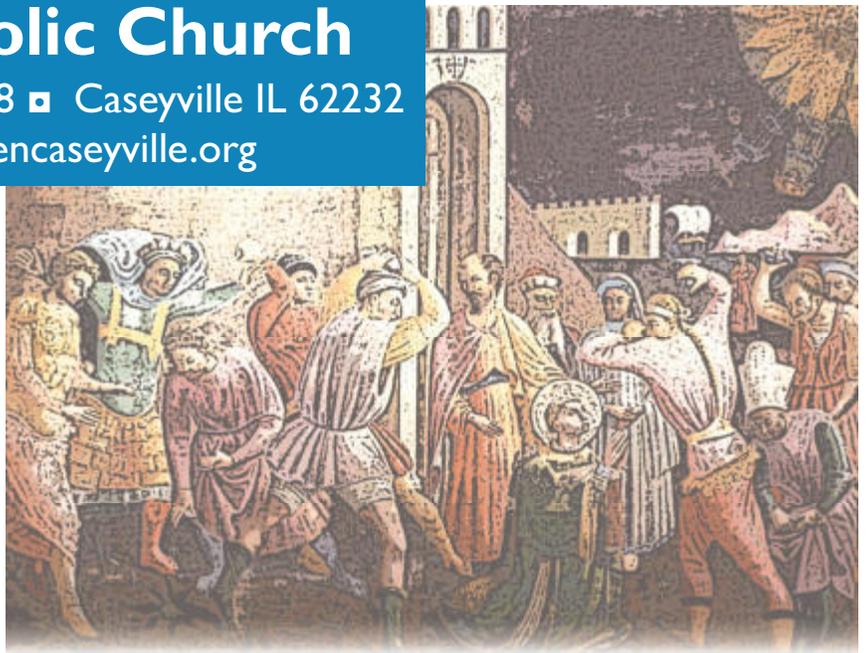
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Parish Mass Times

Temporary Schedules

St. Stephen	Holy Trinity
Tuesday 8:00 am	Wednesday 8:10 am
Thursday 8:00 am	Friday 8:10 am
Sunday 9:00 am	Saturday 4:00 pm
<u>Reconciliation Sun.</u>	Sunday 7:30 am
<u>by appointment</u>	10:30 am
	<u>Reconciliation Sat.</u>
	<u>by appointment</u>



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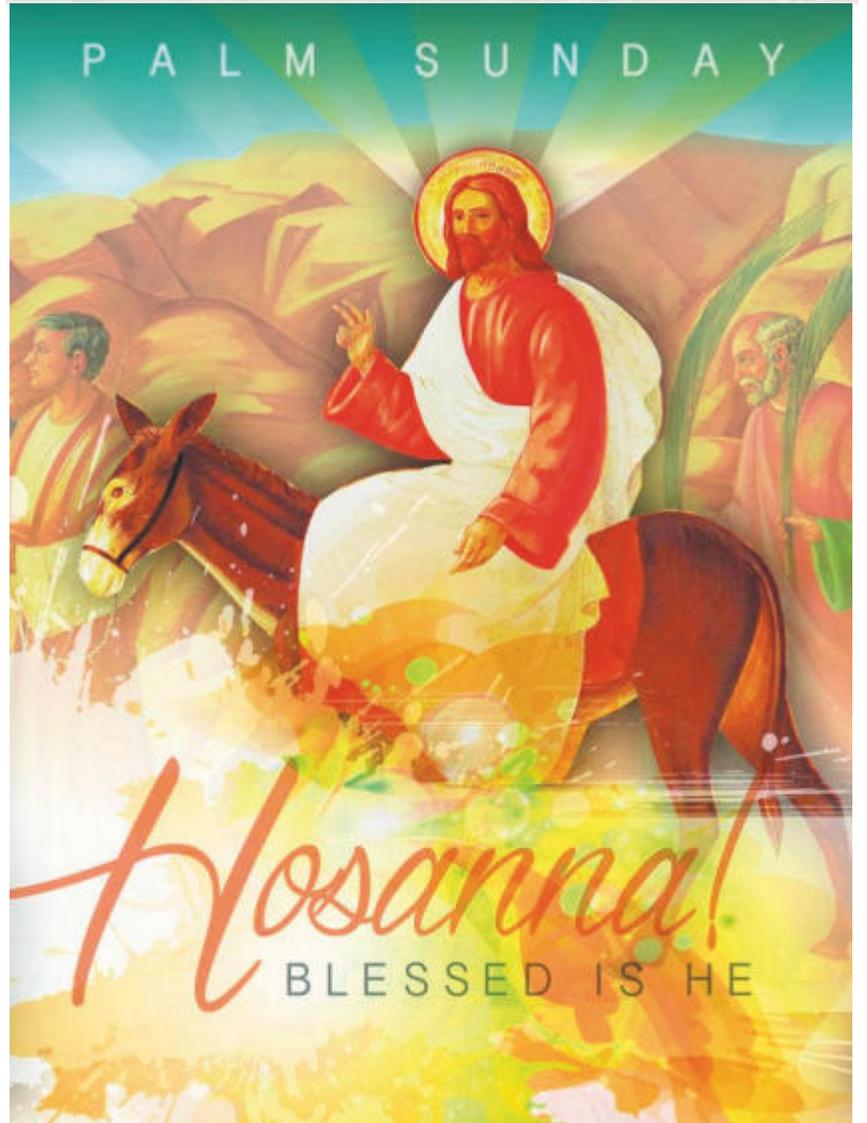
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Parish Mission Statement

We the members of St. Stephen Catholic Church of Caseyville, IL do strive to **KNOW** our faith, **SHARE** our time, talents, and treasure, **TEACH** by example, **LIVE** by truth and love.



Mass Schedule and Intentions

MARCH 28, SUNDAY PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 9:00 A.M. MASS
FOR THE PEOPLE

MARCH 29, MONDAY 8:00 A.M. MASS
REVEREND JOSEPH MENKER

MARCH 30, TUESDAY 8:00 A.M. MASS
JOHN MORLOCK & FATHER DON MOLITOR

MARCH 31, WEDNESDAY 6:30 P.M. MASS
MARY ELLEN TRACY

APRIL 1 THURSDAY HOLY THURSDAY 6:30 P.M. MASS
REVEREND RICHARD J. WEIDERT

APRIL 2, FRIDAY GOOD FRIDAY 6:30 P.M.

APRIL 3, SATURDAY HOLY SATURDAY 8:00 P.M. VIGIL MASS
ROSEMARY HELD



Reservations are required
for Mass

ALMS FOR THE POOR!

On Holy Thursday please bring your gifts of food to share with the poor. Bring the kinds of things that you might like to find available if you needed to rely on a food pantry yourself.

On Good Friday we will participate in the Pontifical Good Friday Collection. This collection provides for the church in the Holy Land: parishes, schools, religious education, and humanitarian aid to refugees. It also helps preserve the holy shrines for pilgrims to walk in the footsteps of Christ. Become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

On Holy Saturday bring your Easter baskets to be blessed (and leave a little something behind for the poor and hungry).

Easter Sunday/April 4, 2021 First Reading:

"To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name." (Acts 10:43)

Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Think of what is above, not what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (Col 3:2-3)

Gospel:

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. (Jn 20:8)

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35



*The SANCTUARY LAMP burns the week of
March 28 to April 4, 2021
in memory of
Father Don Molitor
Ordination March 30, 1963
August 18, 1937 - March 3, 2021*

Holy Week Schedule

Monday – Mass 8 AM; Confessions 11 AM – 2 PM

Tuesday – Mass 8 AM; Chrism Mass 2 PM. (Not open to the public. Watch online at cathedralbelle.org or diobelle.org)

Wednesday – Confessions 4 – 6 PM; Mass 6:30 PM

Holy Thursday – **NO 8 AM Mass.** MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, 6:30 PM

Good Friday – THE PASSION OF THE LORD 6:30 PM

Holy Saturday – Blessing of Easter Baskets 11:00 AM; EASTER VIGIL 8 PM

Easter Sunday – Mass (English) 9 AM; Mass (Spanish) 12 Noon



Catholic Conference
of Illinois

Stop the Repeal of Parental Notice of Abortion!

Illinois House Bill 1797 & Senate Bill 2190 seek to dismantle current law requiring an adult family member be notified when a minor girl seeks an abortion.

Our Illinois bishops have written a letter to Catholics across Illinois, urging them to contact their state lawmakers and tell them to vote "no" on HB 1797 and SB 2190.

Read the letter and email or call your state lawmakers by visiting www.ilcatholic.org

Welcome

TO ST. STEPHEN

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – 28 March 2021

Procession: Mark 11:1-10 OR John 12:12-16.
 Mass: Isaiah 50:4-7. Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24. Philippians 2:6-11. Mark 14:1-15:47.

Entering and Dying. This Holy Week begins with a festive entry into Jerusalem with cloaks spread around, with leafy branches waving, and with "Hosannas" crying out. But this all ends with suffering and death.

- How will I spend this day and this week emptying myself as Jesus did?
- How can I, like Jesus, be more humble?
- How will I be obedient?

Thank you to everyone at St. Stephen for your prayers, kindness and generosity during my time of loss. I am truly grateful to everyone .

Barb McCann



This year has been named the Year of St. Joseph by Pope Francis. St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, cared for Mary and Jesus and is a model to us of the loving, compassionate courageous disciple we aspire to be. He is a role model for the family. Honoring his dedication to

Mary and Jesus, we extend our compassion, support, and care to pregnant women. Collection of items listed below can be brought to the church on Sunday, March 28th. These items will be donated to ThriVe, an outreach ministry to women, as an offer of almsgiving. Also, Baby bottles can be picked up at church to fill with coins to help save lives of the unborn.

Donation Items for Pregnancy Care Center

- Baby toiletries (baby wash, shampoo, lotion, diaper cream)
- Spoons, bowls, sippy cups
- Diapers & Wipes
- Formula
- Swaddling infant wraps and receiving blankets
- New baby clothes size newborn-2T
- Fitted Crib and Pack & Play Sheets
- Hooded Towels & Washcloths
- Bibs & burp cloths

Infant care items (nail clippers, thermometers, teethers)

All items must be NEW and in packaging

Spring Reflection

This has been a difficult reflection to write. The words have not been arriving as easily as I would hope and the feeling of frustration is definitely on the forefront. Writing for the bulletin, there are many literal voices that impact the words you read. People remark that it is not necessary to say it has been a challenging year, or that the pandemic has brought limitations because everyone knows that. I agree and I also believe it is good to honor the frustration and feelings that are present. I encounter a variety of people with diverse opinions and one unifying piece is the impact of the last year, the pandemic. I offer this reflection as a moment for you and I to honor whatever we are feeling. God gave us feelings for a reason. It is helpful to recognize our feelings, process them and do our best to continue to invite God into our lives to guide and heal us through the good, bad and ugly. Where ever you are on the spectrum with life it is okay. Just like the season of Spring brings excitement and new life, there are moments of rain and storms. It is all part of the season. It gives life to the flowers and trees but it also can be difficult. Keep your eyes on Christ. He calms the storms and will sit with you in the sunshine and the rain.

May God's love and peace surround you wherever you are in the journey.

Jeanne Adamske

VOCATION CORNER

"I grew up in Haiti as the first child in a family of cradle Catholics. I heard stories about how my dad discerned the priesthood before he married my mom, and I witnessed the humanity of the religious sisters who taught me in school. This faith-filled environment sowed the seeds of my religious vocations, and as a young girl I believed I was called to be a sister. Years later, after my family settled in the United States, I became a lost sheep on a college campus. In 2008, I began to go to daily Mass, participated in Eucharistic adoration, and found a spiritual director. My discernment journey took me to many communities until, in 2010, I knew that the Lord was asking me say "yes" to him through the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church."

Sister Christiana Marie Rene; Sisters of Mary, Spokane Wash. Columbia November 2018

Festival income

Thank you for the generosity of your prayers and financial support. For the 2020 festival the parish raised \$21,000.00 . Thank you for all you have done and continue to do

Due to early submission of the Bulletin for Easter total contributions for March will be in the April 11th Bulletin. Thank you for your understanding.

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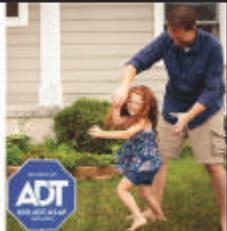
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