

April 11, 2021

# St. Stephen Catholic Church

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## Parish Mass Times

### Temporary Schedules

#### St. Stephen

Tuesday 8:00 am

Thursday 8:00 am

Sunday 9:00 am

Reconciliation Sun.  
by appointment

#### Holy Trinity

Wednesday 8:10 am

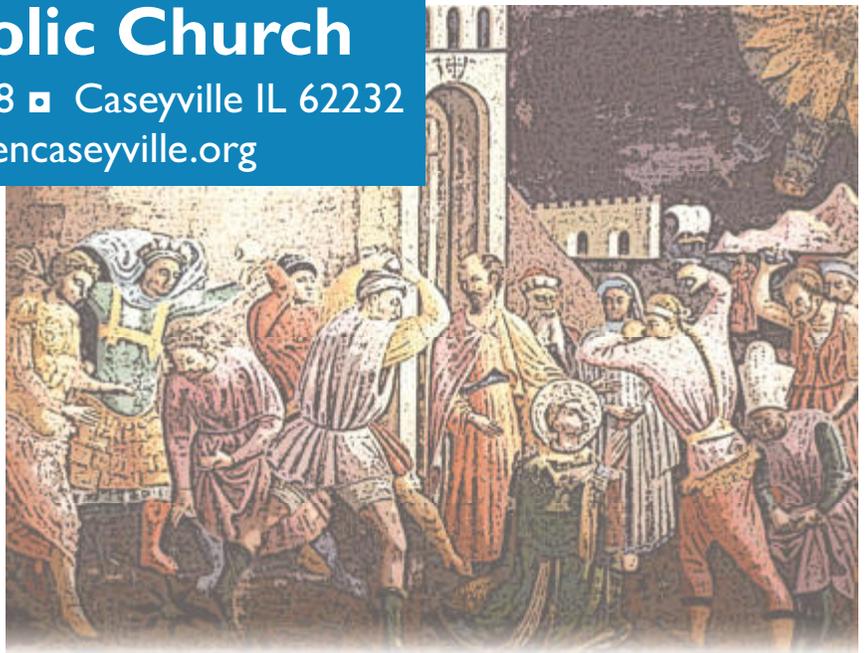
Friday 8:10 am

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:30 am

10:30 am

Reconciliation Sat.  
by appointment



## Parish Staff

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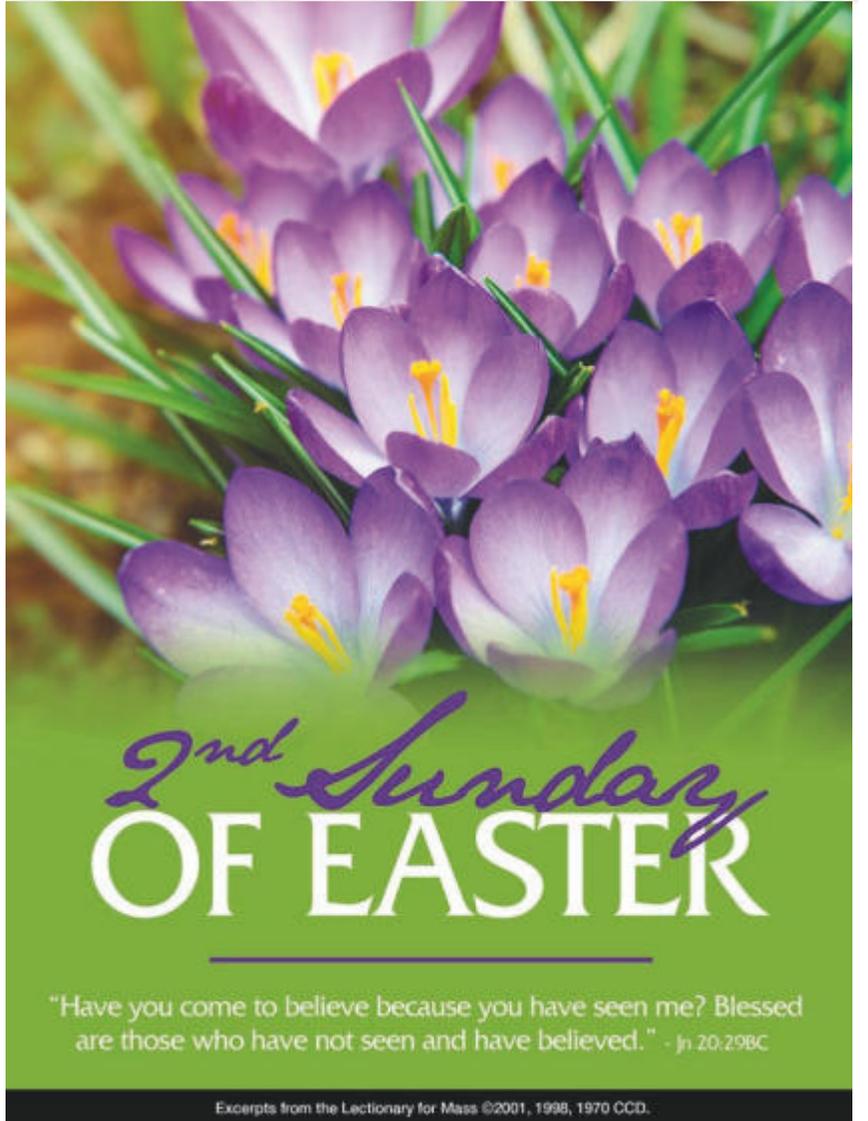
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## Parish Mission Statement

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.



*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday*  
**OF EASTER**

"Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn. 20:29BC

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## Mass Schedule and Intentions

**APRIL 11, SUNDAY 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY 9:00 A.M. MASS**

VICTOR SUPPON

**SPANISH MASS 12:00 P.M.**

**APRIL 12, MONDAY 8:00 A.M. MASS**

SANDY MINOR

**APRIL 13 TUESDAY 8:00 A.M. MASS**

JIM WOODCOCK

**APRIL 14 WEDNESDAY 6:30 P.M. MASS**

RICHARD MAMINO

**APRIL 15 THURSDAY 8:00 A.M. MASS**

REVEREND JOHN J. JOYCE

**APRIL 18, SUNDAY 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:00 A.M. MASS**

FATHER JOE

**SPANISH MASS 12:00 P.M.**

Reservations are required  
for Mass



*Today, Sunday, April 11th, at an afternoon Mass, Saint Stephen Parish will celebrate the reception of First Eucharist by these twenty-five young people. Please pray for them and for their families. Pray that they will receive Eucharist faithfully throughout their lives. Pray that the graces that are nourished in them today, and every time they receive the Body and Blood of Jesus, will strengthen them to proclaim the resurrection of the Lord. Pray that the Holy Spirit will call many of them to vocations of service in the Church, and that all will be faithful disciples throughout their lives, arriving safely, carrying others with them to God's Kingdom. Pray that their parents and godparents share the faith with them and set an example for them that will help them develop the habit of constant charity and prayer.*

*Pray that the Eucharist will take root in every one of our lives in a profound and beautiful way.*

**Aislynn Cervantes**

**Yared Benitez**

**Yaslin Benitez**

**Aaron Britsch**

**Natalie DeLaCruz**

**Christian Franco**

**Richard Galeana**

**Tiffany Galeana**

**Yaneli Garcia**

**Alison Hernandez**

**Elizabeth Hernandez**

**Jhoandry Hernandez**

**Evelyn Lopez**

**Maria Martignoni**

**Jorge Montano**

**Martin Nambo**

**Misael Perez**

**Damian Ramirez**

**Fabian Ramirez**

**Monce Reveles**

**Bradley Nambo-**

**Rodrigues**

**Bryan Rodriguez**

**Elizabeth Rojero**

**Daphne Prado-Salgado**

**Kelly Prado-Salado**

**Respect Life Corner-“My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28),** In today's Gospel, the apostle Thomas stands for each of us as he personally experiences God's mercy as he peers into the face of Jesus, the Risen Lord. Thomas failed to believe the apostles' stories that they had seen their teacher. The risen Jesus, out of abundance of love and patience, made sure that Thomas knew that he had not been abandoned. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-** In *Laudato Si* (2015), Pope Francis reminds the faithful that God never abandons us; He never forsakes His loving plan for us to live together as a whole human family. Humanity still has the ability to work together to build a common home, free of environmental degradation which is risking the lives of the world's poorest. We must have respect for the integrity of all God's people who deserve the right and access to a quality of life. We must take a look at hard issues in our world: poverty, oppression, injustice, unjust incarceration, human trafficking, as well as abortion. By allowing ourselves to be loved by Our Lord and to encounter His mercy and forgiveness in the sacraments, we are better capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness and love in the world. There are no greater gifts than the gifts of life and the gift of salvation. We are truly thankful!

**Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy) – 11 April 2021**

Acts 4:32-35. Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24. 1 John 5:1-6. John 20:19-31.

**So Many Catch Phrases Today.** “The doors were locked.” “Peace be with you.” “There was no needy person among them.” “His mercy endures forever.” “His commandments are not burdensome.” Locked doors cannot keep Jesus away. He speaks peace to us, even in these Covid-19 days. Because he is peace among us – no one has need. Because he is full and overflowing with mercy – nothing is a burden.

- How will I manifest peace, be peace this Easter week?
- How will I show mercy, be mercy this week?
- Whose burden will I ease?

**Dear Friends,**

*He is Risen. Yes, He is risen indeed!*

*Thank you to so many of you for your notes, cards, prayers, and gifts at Easter. Thank you to all who have been so welcoming to me. I am blessed once again to be sent to a community filled with people who love the Lord and the priests who serve them. May God bless you generously for your kindness to me.*

*It is the joy of my life to be His priest and your pastor!*

*In the Joy of the Resurrection,*

*Fr. John*



**3rd Sunday of Easter /April 18, 2021**

**First Reading:**

*The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. (Acts 3:15)*

**Psalm:**

*Lord, let your face shine on us. (Ps 4)  
Or Alleluia.*

**Second Reading:**

*He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. (1 Jn 2:2)*

**Gospel:**

*“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name.” (Lk 24:46-47)  
Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48*

**Prayer to Saint Rocco Patron Saint against plagues and infectious diseases**

*O Great St. Rocco, deliver us, we beseech thee, from the scourges of God; through thy intercession, preserve our bodies from contagious diseases, and our souls from the contagion of sin. Obtain for us salubrious air; but, above all, purity of heart. Assist us to make good use of health, to bear suffering with patience; and, after thy example, to live in the practice of penance and charity, that we may one day enjoy the happiness which thou has merited by thy virtues. St. Rocco, pray for us. (Pray three times)*

**Baby Bottle Drive**

*The collection of coins for the baby bottle drive continues through Father’s Day. Bottles can be returned before then. Collected donations will support pregnancy care center.*

**Year of St. Joseph**

*Thank you for the abundance of gifts/donations for mothers and their children, for food for those in need, as we model the care, compassion and love of St. Joseph for his family. St. Joseph is a wonderful model to all of us. He loved and cared for Mary and Jesus in a beautiful way. Let us continue to honor relationships, our Christian family and friends, so that we can bring love to God’s people.  
Collected items will be distributed this week. If you forgot to bring in your donation, please contact the office to arrange to drop off your donation this week.*



*Jesus gave his life so that we might live! With this great gift, the gift of salvation in mind, how are you stewarding the gift of your life? What ways is God calling you to live in light of the gospel message? Are you speaking truth with sincerity? Are you giving of your time, talent and treasure to further the kingdom of God? The Easter season is an opportunity to reflection on the life giving moments that we are given. Take time to discover how you can share with others the impact of God’s generosity in your life.*

*Jeanne Adamske*

**VOCATION CORNER**

*Today’s readings offer so many lessons on our Call to Holiness. The reading from Acts tells of the community being one in sharing their possessions with everyone. What a wonderful response to the call. The Gospel tells of Thomas’ doubt in the Risen Christ. This doubt can creep into our lives with us wondering if God is really present in our daily lives. It is even more challenging for those discerning a religious vocation. Let us pray for our proper response to community and for the discerners’ doubt to be relieved.*

*“If you have questions about vocations, please contact your Parish Vocation Coordinator, Andy (grandpa) Martignoni, Jr.” Have a good day. Andy*



**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center**

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**Presenter: Mark Etling, Ph.D.**

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