

May 16, 2021

St. Stephen Catholic Church

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Parish Mass Times

Temporary Schedules

St. Stephen

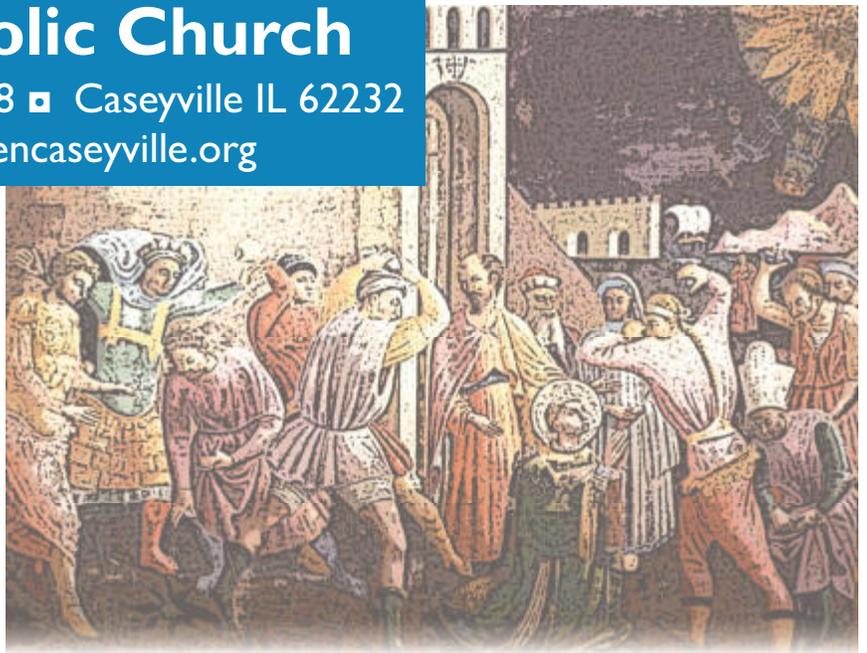
Monday 8:00 am
Tuesday 8:00 am
Wednesday 6:30 pm
Thursday 8:00 am
Sunday 9:00 am

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



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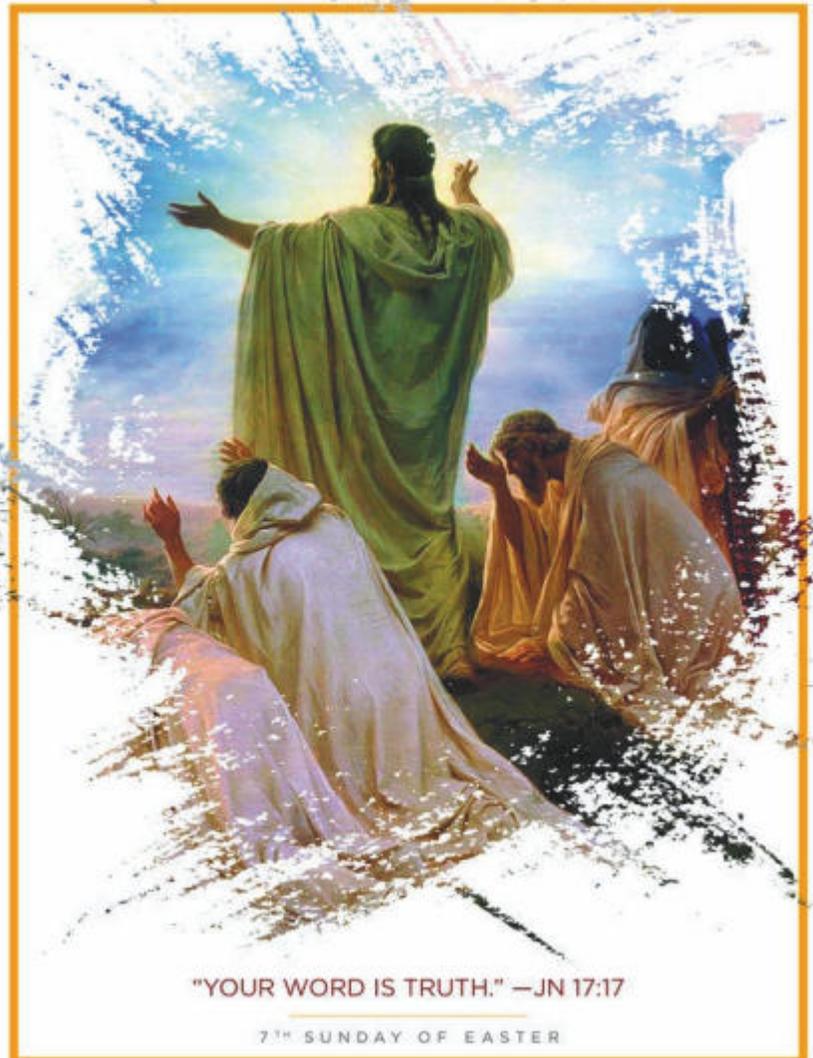
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Parish Mission Statement

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.



"YOUR WORD IS TRUTH." —JN 17:17

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

MAY 16, SUNDAY 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER/ASCENSION OF THE LORD 9 AM MASS

Joyce Erno

SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM

MAY 17 MONDAY 8 AM MASS

Dolores Koskie-Green

MAY 18 TUESDAY 8 AM MASS

Reverend Roger Karban

MAY 19 WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM MASS

Hilde Mamino

MAY 20 THURSDAY 8 AM MASS

Reverend Hyacinth S. Mazuchowski

MAY 23, SUNDAY PENTECOST 9 AM MASS

For The People

SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM



Reservations are required for Mass 397-0666 or
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May 16, 2021 7th Sunday of Easter

God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.

If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

Respect Life Corner- *“Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth.” In the Gospel of John Chapter 17, Jesus is in anticipation to be united with God, but urges God to take care of his followers. When we are battered by life's storms or immersed in a dense fog of suffering and uncertainty, we may feel alone and unequipped to handle the circumstances. The Lord reminds us: Do not fear, I am with you. He speaks those words as someone who has experienced immense suffering. His wounds bear witness to His suffering that indicate our identity and worth: we are loved by God. He is always with us. Jesus promised this when He gave the disciples the same mission He gives us: Go. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-** *“Go be my hands to a world living in fear. Go to the woman who is unexpectedly pregnant and fears her future. Go to your friend who fears being shunned at work, because he takes a stand to protect human life. Go to your aging parent in failing health who worries he is a burden. Go to the student who is beaten at home and doesn't know where to turn. Go to the man addicted to pornography, living a lie in his shame. Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us.” **Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.**”**

“Jesus teaches us another way: Go out. Go out and share your testimony, go out and interact with your brothers, go out and share, go out and ask. Become the Word in body as well as spirit.” – Pope Francis St. Joseph, pray for us!

Mother's Day

Thank you to all the mother's here and afar for your efforts to lead like Christ and love like Christ. Your tireless efforts to raise your children and love selflessly are appreciated! Mother's Day is a day but we celebrate you throughout the year because you make a difference and share Christ's love with your family and those you encounter. You are appreciated and loved.



Welcome

TO ST. STEPHEN

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Pentecost Sunday /May 23, 2021

First Reading:

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire,
which parted and came to rest on each one of them. (Acts 2:3)

Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
(Ps 104)

Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Against such there is no law. (Gal 5:22-23)

Gospel:

“But when he comes, the Spirit of truth,
he will guide you to all truth.” (Jn 15:27, 16:13)

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf.
30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37



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pm each Tuesday. Workers are needed at a scheduled
time each month. Please contact Mary Beth at 210-7147
(text or call) for additional information. If you are
currently on our list of workers, please call to recommit
your time. Thank you in advance for your help serving
our community.

We are called and chosen. Jesus has a mission that is universal. We are all a part of the Body of Christ. We are all called to bring others to God so that they might know and experience his love. Before Jesus ascended to heaven, he explained to the apostles that it was their turn, well our turn as well, to take on the mission. Everyone has the opportunity to share their gifts and talents so that they can bring others to Christ. How are you sharing in Christ's mission? What ways are you bringing others to Christ? Do you know people that are not baptized and are you encouraging them to seek and learn about discovering what God has in store for them?

Be bold! Be courageous! Speak about your faith and invite others to experience the love of God through the Catholic church.

Jeanne Adamske

VOCATION CORNER

“There was never a dull moment growing up with seven siblings. Little did I know that this experience would prepare me well for Benedictine life, a life of stability in community lived in the enclosure of the monastery. Would I have become a monk if my grandmother had not prayed that one of her grandsons would become a priest; if my dad had not told me, ““It doesn't hurt to give God the first option””; Nothing is more beautiful than encountering Christ. I didn't lose my family when I entered the monastery; I joined a family much larger than 10. I belong to God's family.”
Fr. Caesarius Marple, OSB; Westminster Abbey, Mission, British Columbia; Columbia Magazine April 2020

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catholic Urban Programs (CUP) is looking to fill several Front Desk Volunteer positions. If you are open to making a long-term weekly commitment to this ministry, please contact Jenn Lyke at 618.398.5616 or jlyke@catholicurbanprograms.org. Volunteer service will take place at “The HUB” location which is located at Highway 157 and Vieux Carre Drive in East St. Louis.

Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord
PSALM 4:5

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