

May 23, 2021

St. Stephen Catholic Church

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Parish Mass Times

Temporary Schedules

St. Stephen

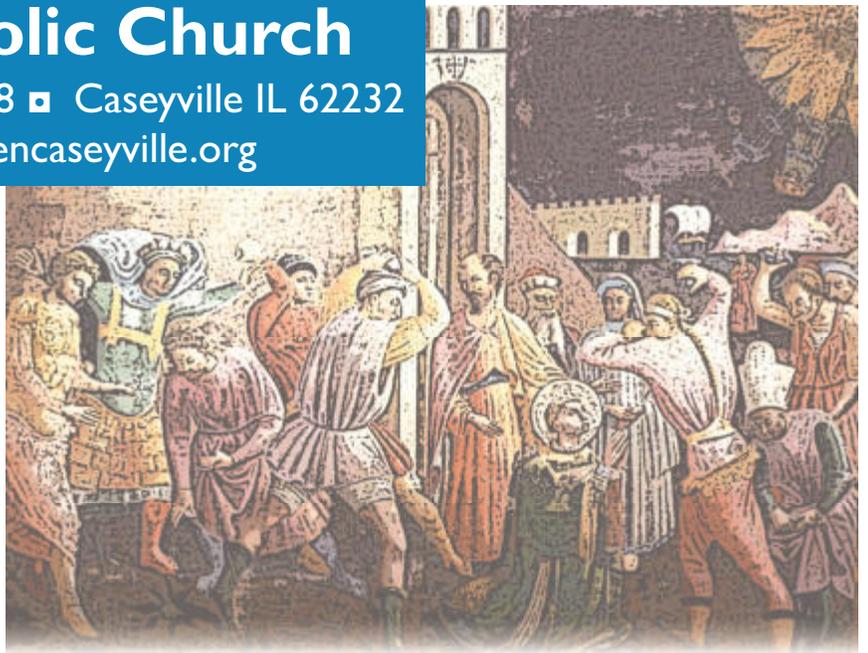
Monday 8:00 am
Tuesday 8:00 am
Wednesday 6:30 pm
Thursday 8:00 am
Sunday 9:00 am

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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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.



LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE FAITHFUL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
 The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran,

25 April 2020

Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist

Pope Francis



Mass Schedule and Intentions

MAY 23, SUNDAY PENTECOST 9 AM MASS

For The People

SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM

MAY 24 MONDAY 8 AM MASS

Jim Woodcock

MAY 25 TUESDAY 8 AM MASS

Reverend Kenneth J. Schaefer

MAY 26 WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM MASS

Sandy Minor

MAY 27 THURSDAY 8 AM MASS

John Morlock

MAY 30, SUNDAY THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 9 AM MASS

Health of Marian Becker

SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM



Announcement: Fr. Joe Rascher, who served our parish 1998-2011 as our pastor, is celebrating his 40th anniversary of ordination as priest the weekend of May 29 & 30 (the actual date is June 6). While he would like to invite anyone from our parish to join him at his anniversary Mass, because of Covid-19 restrictions, this will not be possible. Instead, he invites you to join with him in a prayer that weekend in thanksgiving. He requests no gifts but would appreciate the gift of parishioners offering some act of service or charity, such as 40 minutes of prayer for vocations, 40 items donated to a food pantry, \$40 donation to the Belleville Diocese CSMA appeal or similar spiritual or corporal works of mercy. Let him know what you did. Fr. Joe would also greatly appreciate a card or note in which former parishioners tell a story of how Father positively ministered to you or a favorite memory. Such affirmations would encourage him as he continues to live with cancer. Send notes or cards to him at St. Mary Church, 218 W Kentucky St., Trenton IL 62293 or e-mail to Fr.JCRascher@stmarytrenton.com

The Most Holy Trinity/May 30, 2021

First Reading:

This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other. (Dt 4:39)

Psalm:

Blessed be the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Rom 8:14-15)

Gospel:

"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Mt 28:16)

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

Seminarian Education Collection: Our diocesan-wide Seminarian Education Collection is scheduled for the weekend of Saturday, May 22, and Sunday, May 23. This collection will directly support the education and formation of men who are discerning a call to ordained priesthood. We are all aware of the priest shortage in our diocese. More than ever, we must continue efforts to invite young people to consider the priesthood and religious life. With more seminarians, we incur more costs. A gift to this collection is an investment in the future of our Church. Please support these efforts as generously as you can.



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Pentecost is a beautiful encounter with God through the Holy Spirit. The outpouring of gifts from the Holy Spirit into our lives is a reminder that God is generous and His generosity cannot be outdone! With the knowledge that we are equip to continue the mission of Christ, we must in turn activate the gifts of the Holy Spirit and be generous stewards of those gifts. Take time to pray about the gifts that you have as a member of the Body of Christ. What are you sharing in the church community? What are you holding back? How could your gifts enhance the life of the church? Pray and act on God's call for you to use your gifts for the betterment of the community.
Jeanne Adamske

VOCATION CORNER

"Pentecost!! What a celebration! The Lord sends us the Holy Spirit to guide us on our way after redeeming us from our sins. The Apostles were imbued with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in many tongues so everyone understood as in contrast to the story of the Tower of Babel. May we be blessed with the right words as we talk with our youth about the possibility of choosing a religious vocation – priest, sister or a brother. May we also be filled with the Spirit to live out our own vocation in the best way possible.

"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.



The Caseyville Food Pantry is in need of workers. Our pantry is currently open from 9 am - 1:30 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.

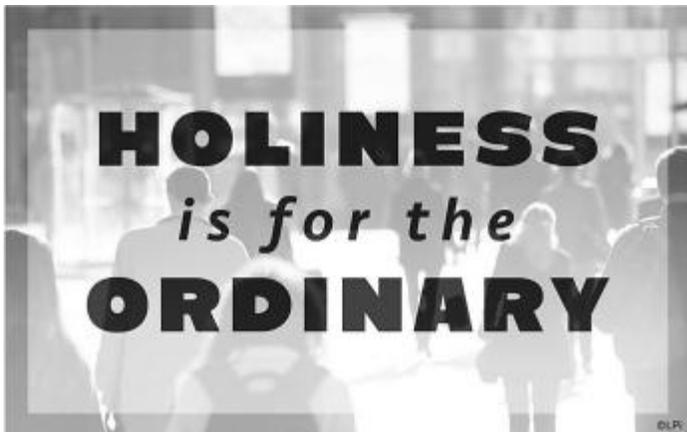
Welcome to our church. Let the church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcome....Pope Francis



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Mid-life Singles: *Are you looking for a renewed sense of connection & purpose during this pandemic? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT Catholic weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, (20 min from downtown St. Louis), on June 4-6, 2021. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$210 including meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call (314) 283-0044 for details.*



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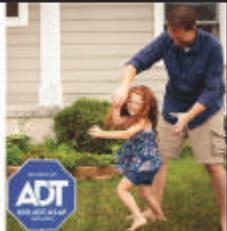
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