

May 30, 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.



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Mass Schedule and Intentions

May 30, 2021 The Most Holy Trinity

Let God be who God is. This is often one of the hardest things to do. Rather than allowing the mystery of being created in the image and likeness of God unfold and take root in our lives, we change the dynamic. We want to be the creators who want to make God into the image and likeness we need God to be. We have a hard-enough time letting the people in our lives be who they are. We struggle even more so with God. It is almost as if we want God to be our imaginary friend who is not only with us whenever we need but becomes the Being we need God to be. Who is it that we want God to be today? A protector, disciplinarian, champion for justice, healer, advocate for our cause, grantor of prayers, guardian of my life, or the avenger? Our prayers tell an interesting story. When you pray, what does God look like?

Recently, a young woman who was feeling invisible, overlooked, ignored, and misunderstood by her husband struggled to make her feelings known and get his attention. Finally, she screamed, "Listen to me!" Thus, birth was given to a renewed and healthier relationship. We spend so much time storming heaven with our agenda and trying to make God into a "god" of our desires that we do not hear God saying, "Listen to me!" God is desperately trying to get our attention. God is saying, I am here among you as not one but three, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many people seldom notice God's presence because they are so caught up with other spiritual cares and concerns. And, when the "god" they fashion and create doesn't produce as they desire, they shake the dust from their feet and move on. "I tried," they exclaim, "but God didn't listen."

Healthy relationships aren't built on making someone be who we need them to be. Healthy relationships are built on encounters of persons and the development of an appreciation of someone solely for who they are. Deeper relationships can even be found with two people marveling at each other and almost experiencing a childlike joy and giddiness when they see the other coming. Do you ever have these feelings about God? Believe it or not, God does for you! There is a joyful laughter that gives rise to and connects all three members of the Holy Trinity. It is this laughter, flowing from the very depths of the Godhead that not only keeps the Trinity in joyful unity but spills over into the creation of all beings and things. It is an expression of Divine Delight! Have you ever taken time away from your agenda to experience the Divine Joyfulness of God?

We can reach a connection of Presence wherein even the smallest of creatures suddenly radiate the fullness of God: the wonderful creation of their being, the innocence and playfulness of their movements, and the sustaining life breath that flows through their veins. The same God who created the heavens and the earth is the same God who wants you to call him 'Dad' and the same God who preserves your life and has all things in His care.

MAY 30, SUNDAY THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 9 AM MASS

Health of Marian Becker



SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM

MAY 31 MONDAY 8 AM MASS

Jim Woodcock

JUNE 1 TUESDAY 8 AM MASS

Reverend Andrew Chalky

JUNE 2 WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM MASS

Dolores Hammond

JUNE 3 THURSDAY 8 AM MASS

Jane Budryk

JUNE 6, SUNDAY THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST 9 AM MASS EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOLLOWING MASS

Ray & Jeri Wall

Roy & Ann Meir

SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM

June 6, 2021 Eucharistic Adoration

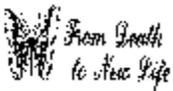
Please join us, following the 9:00 am Mass, for Eucharistic Adoration in honor of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Adoration will be an hour.

Respect Life Corner—"Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations," In the Gospel of Mark 28:16-20, Christ meets the eleven disciples at a mountain in Galilee and gives them their marching orders. Baptize, teach, support the people you evangelize, so they too can make it to the next level of their faith journey. This is the only account of the Risen Christ's commission of the eleven to go out and make disciples of all nations. All baptisms and education must be done in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Jesus ends the Gospel with His promise and assurance that HE is with us always...no matter what. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray**—We are called to awaken, empower and equip the hearts of the Church today. There are many faith-awakening missions seeking to empower a young generation to live a purpose-filled life and a faith that is **deep, contagious, and joy-filled**. More young people are excited about the possibility of partnering with our Church's universal call to mission as they share with others the call He has placed upon their hearts. Two organizations that bring the heart of Christ to young people are: Focus Missionaries on college campuses and Damascus Catholic Mission Campus for teenagers. One missionary works with 10,000 young hearts! Pope Francis invites us to go out and share our testimony, to interact with our brothers and sisters and to become the Word in body and spirit. These young people are striving to do just that!



The SANCTUARY LAMP burns the week of
 May 30, 2021-June 5, 2021
 in memory of
John Morlock
 February 9, 1937—April 28, 2020

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted
MATTHEW 5:4



Our Parish extends prayerful sympathy to the family of **Robert Haug**, husband of Maxine. We ask God to grant eternal life and give strength and consolation to his family.



Our Parish extends prayerful sympathy to the family of **Cleo Dudas**. We ask God to grant eternal life and give strength and consolation to her family.



Our Parish extends prayerful sympathy to the family of **Jay Dowling**, brother of Mead Dowling. We ask God to grant eternal life and give strength and consolation to his family.



Our Parish extends prayerful sympathy to the family of **Norbert S. Staroba**, son of Kathy Staroba. We ask God to grant eternal life and give strength and consolation to his family.

ROMANS 6:4

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – 30 May 2021

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40. Psalm 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22. Romans 8:14-17. Matthew 28:16-20.

Go! In Matthew's gospel, the last words of Jesus to the disciples before ascending have three key elements: go, baptize, I'm with you. Therefore, living after the resurrection of Jesus means three things. (1) Do not stay where it is safe; shed your doubt; go everywhere to everyone. (2) Baptizing into and teaching about resurrected life go together. That is why the baptismal catechumenate (RCIA) always spends so much time and effort in formation before an Easter Vigil. Time with parents and their babies, too. (3) We are not alone. Matthew ends with Jesus declaring, "I am with you always" just as this gospel began with the Virgin's birth of Emmanuel (God is with us).

- What doubt do I have about God, about belief, about Church, about living in this world? Where can I turn?
- What ongoing formation in baptismal living do I need now?
- To whom am I called to "go" – someone to be with, to do for?

The Easter Season has come to a close and the church celebrates the Most Holy Trinity. The power in God's love for us is amazing. God invites us into a relationship with a triune God, available 24/7 with open arms. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit all one and yet provide experience of God's love that can reach us in unique ways. Take time with God. Are you most comfortable praying to God as Father, Son or Holy Spirit? Express your gratitude to God for the opportunity to have a relationship with an understanding, ever present God who loves you just as you are.

Jeanne Adamske

VOCATION CORNER

This weekend, we gratefully and prayerfully remember all those who sacrificed their lives serving our country. This ultimate giving of oneself is the most selfless act of love we humans perform. That raises the question - are we that giving of our spiritual selves? Today provides an opportunity for us to take a moment to reflect on how well we are fulfilling our vocation in life – ordained, married, consecrated, or single. Perhaps a prayer of recommitment is appropriate as we give thanks for those who have sacrificed so much for us.

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

Men's Blue Jeans and Casual Clothing/Accessories Needed

The Belleville Council Office of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul **NEEDS YOUR HELP** in providing essentials to the poor they serve. At the present time there is a desperate need for gently-used **men's blue jeans and casual clothing and accessories: slacks, shirts, socks, belts and shoes.**

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SVDP Thrift Store 3718 State Street, East St. Louis
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 or
 SVDP Office 8800 West Main Street, Belleville (across from Blessed Sacrament Church) Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

questions or more info, call Council office 394-0126.

YOUR DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE AND WILL BE A BLESSING FOR SOMEONE IN NEED! THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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.

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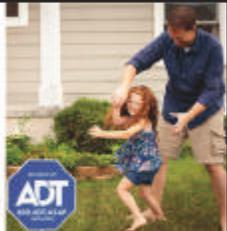
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