

June 6, 2021

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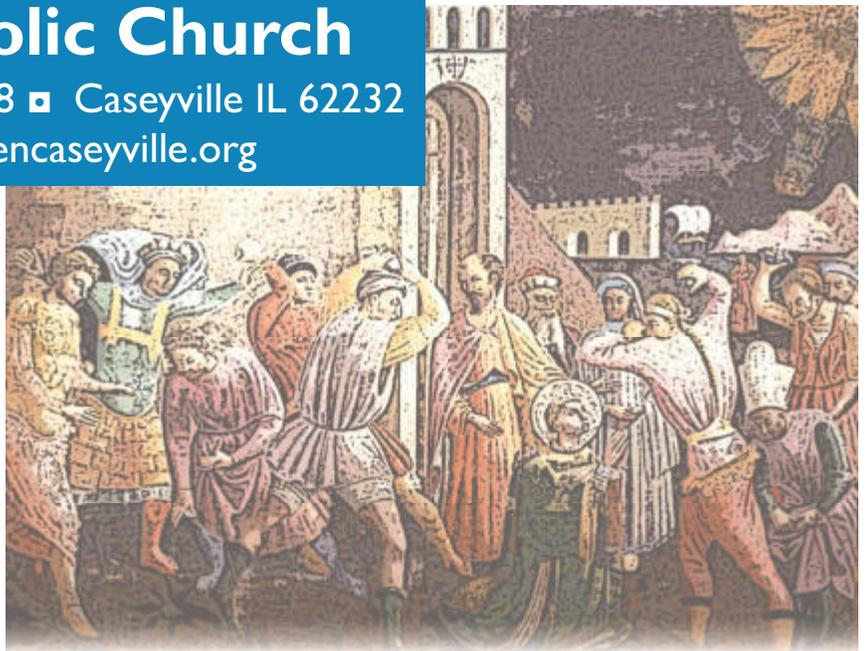
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Parish Mass Times

Temporary Schedules

St. Stephen		Holy Trinity	
Monday	8:00 am	Wednesday	8:10 am
Tuesday	8:00 am	Friday	8:10 am
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Saturday	4:00 pm
Thursday	8:00 am	Sunday	7:30 am
Sunday	9:00 am		10:30 am
<u>Reconciliation Sun.</u>		<u>Reconciliation Sat.</u>	
by appointment		by appointment	



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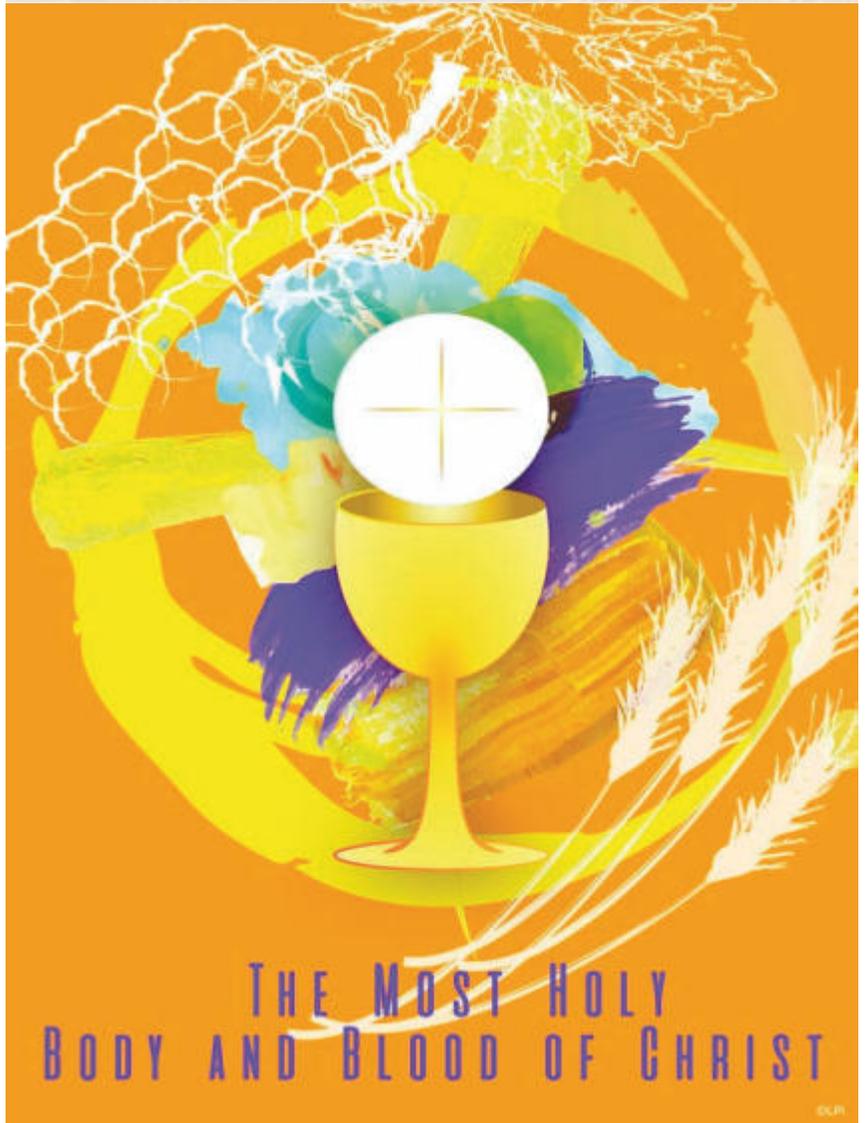
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Parish Mission Statement

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.





**Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi) – 06 June 2021**

Exodus 24:3-8. Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18. Hebrews 9:11-15. Sequence – *Lauda Sion / Laud, O Zion*. Mark 14:12-16, 22-26.

Take. Eat. Drink. *Oh, some of us still long to gather with the Church on Sunday to do Eucharist, to give thanks. Some of us still yearn to come to Mass and share in Communion. We long to both eat and drink the Lord Jesus Christ. This holy dining tells us who and whose we are. Soon, pray.*

- *If I can come to the church on Sunday, for what do I give thanks?*
- *How can I help those who still cannot come because of Covid-19 mitigations?*
- *If I cannot come to the church on Sunday, how will I still choose to give thanks?*

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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

*Ray & Jeri Wall
Roy & Ann Meir*

SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM

JUNE 7 MONDAY 8 AM MASS

Reverend Joseph Thoonkuzhy

JUNE 8 TUESDAY 8 AM MASS

Dustin Gurdermuth

JUNE 9 WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM MASS

Richard Mamino

JUNE 10 THURSDAY 8 AM MASS

Sister Stephanie Mertens, ASC

JUNE 13, SUNDAY 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9 AM MASS

Kay Benson

From Fr. John...

I can always tell the moments in the year when I get busy, because things like writing a few personal comments for the bulletin tend to fall out of my schedule. It has been a few weeks since I have written to you, so I have a few things to catch up on.

*First, please spend a little time with the insert that you will find in the bulletin today to mark the **Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ**. Recent surveys have found that many Catholics lack an understanding of what we mean when we talk about the Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus. It is a central mystery of our faith, so please take just a moment to be sure you understand what the Church teaches about why and how Jesus comes to us in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.*

*You will notice a new face at Mass today – **Mr. Robert Donaldson**. He goes by “Robby.” Robby is a seminarian for the Diocese of Belleville. He is a student at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, WI. Robby will be with us at St. Stephen through the summer. You will see him at daily and Sunday Mass and he will help around the parish in several ways, so that we can benefit from his work and he can get some practical experience in parish ministry. I will ask Robby to introduce himself in the bulletin next week. Please make him welcome in our parish.*

*As I announced at Mass last week, the Diocesan Reopening Committee, Bishop McGovern, and I are asking everyone who comes to Mass to continue wearing a mask, distancing, registering or providing contact information, and sanitizing our hands frequently. We expect these practices to continue until the State of Illinois announces that we are in Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan. We have adopted some changes. For example, we can have more people in church; up to about 250 people (as long as we can stay appropriately distanced). We will also begin training Mass servers again very soon. Please put September 10th, 11th, and 12th on your calendars. Those are the dates of the upcoming **parish festival**. Much more to come in future bulletins.*

You may notice a couple of projects happening around the parish. Volunteers will be burying drainage pipe to redirect the water that sump pumps remove from the basements of the rectory and church. There is essentially a large, rock-filled dry-well under and around the road that runs between the rectory/church and the soccer fields. We are going to redirect the sump to pump water into that deep layer of rock so that it can dissipate. We will watch the area, and if we see any sign that the drainage is eroding the road, we will pump it further out. If it works, this solution will save us a much more significant expenditure.

Volunteers will also be working to install additional sump pumps in the church basement and correct some very typical safety issues that were identified in a recent insurance inspection. We are also getting bids from roofers on some patching that needs to happen in places along the edges of the roof on the church and rectory.

Finally, you may have heard that Fr. Jim Nall will be moving out of the St. Stephen rectory over the summer. Holy Trinity Parish recognized that they would need to pay St. Stephen Parish some rent if Fr. Nall lived in our rectory. They chose to purchase a home for their pastor instead. I had not yet asked for rent from Holy Trinity, and nothing has been received, but we were just beginning to begin that conversation when I learned that they had decided to purchase a home. St. Stephen remains in partnership not only with Holy Trinity, but also with Holy Rosary in Fairmount City.

Have a blessed Sunday!

Fr. John



Baptism

This weekend we welcome Karizma and Kattaleia Camacho Butler as the newest members of our church! Praise God for the gift of new life in Christ through the waters of Baptism.

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time /June 13, 2021

First Reading:

And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. (Ez 17:24)

Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

Second Reading:

We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Cor 5:6-7)

Gospel:

“It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.” (Mk 4:31-32)

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Presenter: Mark Etling, Ph.D.

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The Catholic Church is blessed with the gift of the Holy Eucharist. We honor this Sacrament as sacred and holy because it is. The Body and Blood of our Lord is so significant in our Church and powerful. Jesus made the sacrifice so that we might be changed and redeemed. Take time to reflect on the precious gift of Jesus in this sacrament. We are then able to be changed and become more like Christ every time we receive. Invite Christ into your heart and mind. Allow his love and presence to surround you and change you so that you might be more like Him.

Jeanne Adamske

VOCATION CORNER

Today we celebrate the gift of Eucharist. This gift is what truly defines us as Catholics. We rejoice that Jesus gave His Body and Blood for our redemption. This is the remembrance we commemorate during each Liturgy. This is only possible through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass which is celebrated by a priest. We are challenged to pray for more priests; we are challenged to encourage our youth to consider a calling to Holy Orders. Pose the question: "Have you ever considered being a priest?"

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

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

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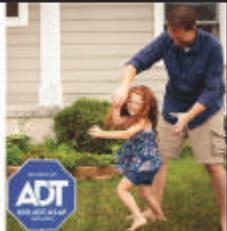
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