

June 20, 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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## 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"  
The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them,  
"Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

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## Mass Schedule and Intentions

**JUNE 20, SUNDAY 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9 AM MASS**  
*Mrs. Cleo Krebs*  
**SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM**  
**JUNE 21 MONDAY 8 AM MASS**  
*Rosemary Held*  
**JUNE 22 TUESDAY 8 AM MASS**  
*Ester Reardon*  
**JUNE 23 WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM MASS**  
*Clara Venable*  
**JUNE 24 THURSDAY 8 AM MASS**  
*Reverend Joseph L. Trapp*  
**JUNE 27, SUNDAY 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9 AM MASS**  
*Father Don Molitor*  
**SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM**



The SANCTUARY LAMP burns the week of  
 June 20, 2021-June 26, 2021  
 in memory of  
**John Morlock**  
 February 9, 1937—April 28, 2020

### Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20 June 2021

Job 38:1, 8-11. Psalm 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31. 2 Corinthians 5:14-17. Mark 4:35-41.

**The Raging Storm.** Like the disciples today, we can feel as if we are in a small boat, on a deep lake, far from shore, in a raging storm. It seems like Jesus is sleeping through it all. But we know and believe, deep in our hearts, he is not. He is with us. He is in control – in his time and way.

- ◆ What is raging around me that is seeming to threaten me?
- ◆ How will I turn to Jesus, even in a chiding way like the apostles, for help?
- ◆ How can I, whom can I help as I have been helped?

### 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time/June 27, 2021

#### First Reading:

But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world, and they who belong to his company experience it. (Wis 2:24)

#### Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (Ps 30)

#### Second Reading:

Not that others should have relief while you are burdened, but that as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their needs, so that their abundance may also supply your needs, that there may be equality. (2 Cor 8:13-14)

#### Gospel:

He took the child by the hand and said to her, “Talitha koun,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise!” (Mk 5:41)

June 20, 2021

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God’s patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity’s reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can’t be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God’s attention. Even more so, we want God’s intervention.*

*Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It’s unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.*

*That’s the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God’s job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That’s not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God’s love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God’s unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, “Let us cross to the other side”?*



**Ministry Update**

The diocese has shared that at this time liturgical ministries may resume. Please check your email to see the latest information and please respond if you are willing to serve in the liturgical ministries you were serving in prior to the pandemic.

Thank you

**Sincere gratitude**

Thank you for the support and care that has been shown to me through the parish. A special thanks to all that ministered at the funeral and those that were able to attend. You all have lived true to being people that make a difference. Peace and blessings, Maxine Haug

**Faith Formation** Please join us after the 9:00 Mass in the Annex Bldg. for an interesting and informative program called *The Search*. Each week we will gather to watch a presentation about the Faith and then discuss related topics. Come to just listen or come to engage and share! All are welcome, even if you happen to miss a week or two. The sessions last about an hour and will be offered through the summer.

**The Search topic for this week:**

To find clues as to the meaning of life, we first look at ourselves. Who am I? Is there more to me than matter? Is there more to us than meets the eye? We talk with neuroscientists, psychologists, composers, and artists to examine the mystery of you. If you're just a body, then satisfaction in life should come from tending to simple bodily needs. Fill your stomach, be comfortable. But there's more to you than that. You are material and immaterial. And that unseen part of you craves for so much more. As C.S. Lewis once said, "If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world."

**The 2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal  
Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do... -John 14:12**

As we approach July 4, let us celebrate the hope, peace and freedom of our great nation and pray for those who make our freedom possible. We wish you and your family a blessed and happy Independence Day.

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The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

**Caseyville Food Pantry needs for current month:**

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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Food needs;</b> | <b>Household cleaning</b> |
| Canned Tuna        | <b>products;</b>          |
| Tuna Helper meals  | bathroom cleaner          |
| Jam or Jelly       | dish soap                 |
| Canned Chili       | bar soap                  |
| Boxed Potatoes     |                           |



Weather can change abruptly and at a moments notice. There are days when the forecast calls for rain and the end result is nothing but blue skies. What is on the horizon is unknown. Our lives are like that as well. All our planning and efforts may take us in one direction, the path seems very clear and then out of the blue, there is an unexpected change. In the gospel, the disciples are with Jesus and suddenly the storm rises and they are terrified. They wake him and cannot understand why he would not be more concerned. Jesus addresses the storm and asks them why they are terrified. Where is their faith? Just like the disciples, there are times when we are terrified. Maybe the path in our lives has changed with unexpected circumstances. It is time to trust and rely on Jesus. Even when it still seems that the storm is rocking the boat of life, Jesus has you in his care. Trust him. Have faith. No matter how long the storm may last, he is with you.

Jeanne Adamske

**VOCATION CORNER**

"During middle school, people often asked what I wanted to be when I grew up. The Holy Spirit gave the grace to ask a more fundamental question: "Who do I want to be?" I realized that I simply wanted to be as joyful and free as my religion teacher. One day, I worked up the courage to ask her; "what makes you so happy?" Her response transformed my life: "My relationship with the Lord." Upon graduating high school, I entered religious life and embraced our Marian charism. My vocation is the greatest gift God could have ever given me!"

**Sr. Alexa Zaldivar; Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary; Columbia Magazine, Apr 2021**

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

**Hot Weather Is Just Around the Corner and St. Vincent de Paul Needs Your Help Again!**

The Belleville Council Society of St. Vincent de Paul again this year needs donations of:

- bottled water
- Gatorade (individual bottles)
- Capri Sun (individual pouches) or similar drinks
- individually packaged snacks, such as crackers, meat sticks, cookies, fruit cups/puddings, etc.
- new t-shirts

Items distributed to the poor and homeless during the next few months of hot summer weather. Please drop off at:

St. Vincent de Paul Offices  
8800 West Main Street  
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