

June 27, 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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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." - Mk 5:36bc, 38-39

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

JUNE 27, SUNDAY 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME 9 AM MASS
Father Don Molitor
SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM
JUNE 28 MONDAY 8 AM MASS
John Morlock
JUNE 29 TUESDAY 8 AM MASS
Cleo Dudas
JUNE 30 WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM MASS
Sandy Minor
JULY 1 THURSDAY 8 AM MASS
Norvell Green
JULY 4, SUNDAY 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME 9 AM MASS
Norbert S. Staroba
SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 27 June 2021
 Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24. Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13. 2
 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15. Mark 5:21-43.

Fear and Faith. Two stories today told by Saint Mark. Both start in fear. Fear by the woman touching Jesus' cloak and making him unclean. Fear by Jairus over his dying daughter, who regrettably dies before Jesus gets to her. Jesus words to both: *faith saves; have faith.*

- What am willing to do in faith to get some needed action, some blessed relief?
- How can I boldly be about asking God for what I (think I) need?
- How can I comfort someone facing the death of one they love?

Respect Life Corner- *“God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living. For he fashioned all things that they might have being.”* In the First Reading from Wisdom, 1:13-15, justice and righteousness are the themes, as we know that God did not create death, but was created through the envy of the devil. God created all things wholesome and good and that we are made in the image of God to be imperishable. Sin and death are the consequences of human choice, but in the end the righteous ones will triumph through the grace of God. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-** What does the Church teach about the sacredness of life, especially at the moment of conception? Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person. Since the first century, the Church has affirmed the moral evil of abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. God, the Lord of life, has entrusted men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves. From the Book of Jeremiah: *“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you.”* From Psalm 139: *“My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.”*

From Fr. John –

This week is the Peter's Pence collection. It is the only collection we take up each year for the ministry and charitable work of the Pope. Please support Pope Francis and his efforts to make the charitable face of the Church present around the world.

I am looking for someone to clean the rectory. I anticipate this work will take about one morning -- 4 or 5 hours -- each week. I am looking for someone who is a great cleaner. Also required, the ability to refrain from gossip if I leave my socks on the floor or my bed unmade. Both parts of the job are equally important to me! If you are interested (or know someone who is), please call the parish rectory.

Have a blessed week!

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the activities of the Holy See through which Pope Francis governs the Church and exercises his charitable works. When used for charitable outreach, funds from this collection help those most in need. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy. Please be generous today. For more information, visit <http://www.pelerspence.va/en.htm/>.



**Save a Life.
Contact Congress.**

PRESERVE THE HYDE AMENMENT

The Hyde Amendment, which first became law in 1976, prohibits use of federal Medicaid dollars for abortion except in a few cases. Catholics are encouraged to speak out against the repeal of the Hyde Amendment; you may sign a petition asking members of Congress to oppose the Hyde Amendments repeal at notaxpayerabortion.com. The petition urges members of Congress “to ensure that the Hyde Amendment and all similar life-saving appropriations riders remain in place during the 117th Congress and beyond.”

A BALM IN GILEAD

SONGS OF HEALING

Sunday, June 27th, 2:30 PM at Cathedral of Saint Peter,
 Belleville

A performance for the NO-NAME CHORALE

The **Silent Auction Committee** has put a plan together to have an auction ONLINE this year around the time of the Fall Festival. This will definitely be different, but we do hope to be able to have items available for you to see in person along with being online. Don't panic we will help you navigate through the bidding process.

A lot of businesses have struggled this past year and we may not get as many donations from them so we are hoping you can help again as you've done in the past. Are you not sure how you can help?

Here is how you can help with our Online auction.

Donate at least 1 of the following items:

Gift card for your favorite restaurant or store, *
Sporting Event Tickets, * New small appliances, * New children's toy, movie, or book, * Electronics, *
Entertainment Event Tickets,

WE DO NOT NEED BASKETS or SHREDDED PAPER this year since it will be online.

ALL DONATIONS need to be donated by August 1st so they can be prepared and set up for the auction company to photograph and upload to the auction site

Contact Teresa 618-560-8484, JoAnn 618-410-4276, or Mary Beth 618-210-7147 with any questions

Sunday June 27th following Mass Ministers of Hospitality are asked to stay in the church for a brief meeting. Thank you

Any ministries interested in setting up meeting times for August please send an email to jeanne@ststephencaseyville.org to schedule time and space on the calendar.

Faith Formation Please join us this morning in the Annex Bldg. for another installment of **The SEARCH**. Please note, You are more than welcome to join us even if you have missed the first two weeks.

Topic for SEARCH Week 3: Today we seem to think we've moved beyond the idea of God, but this secular view of life is a very new and unusual idea to humanity. All through human history man has looked to something outside himself for the answers to life. Why have we given up on God? Do we think science has disproven Him? Do we think society is better off without him? We talk with astrophysicists, chemists, Harvard professors, and more to make the case that it's not only reasonable to believe in God, it's essential if you want to have a truly amazing life. Our souls seek their creator, and we'll never be truly happy unless we seek Him out. As St. Augustine famously said, "You have made us for Yourself O Lord, and our hearts are restless. Until they rest in Thee."

Our family story is one of power and connects us to others because we are member of Christ's body, the Church. It is amazing to watch God work in our lives if we pay attention. This gospel message brings hope and in a very real way this week it has done that again. Jesus visits a family that is asking for healing for their daughter. Jesus arrives and there is much commotion. They are distraught and believe the child to be dead. Jesus tells them that she is not dead, she is sleeping. He calls her to life. After hearing some challenging medical news from a friend this week, I pointed my friend to this gospel message. Jesus is the mighty physician. Jesus heals! In our distress and anxiety he walks in with a healing presence and peace that surpasses all understanding. No matter the outcome, Jesus will heal and restore. All that is broken will be made new in him

Jeanne Adamske

VOCATION CORNER

When I was 15, my father died suddenly; it's a low point in my life, but also a turning point. My mom, who had converted to Catholicism several years earlier, encouraged me to speak to our parish priest. I quickly saw a transformation within myself and began to think, "If God is helping me through this Catholic priest, there must be something to this Catholic Church." After my confirmation, the Lord said to me in prayer, "Anthony, you see what I've done for you through the priesthood; now go and do likewise." I was ordained in June 2018 and I wake up every morning thanking God for allowing me to be his servant.

Fr. Anthony Stewart; Diocese of Nashville; Columbia Magazine Feb. 2021

LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING A PRIEST

Bishop Michael McGovern will host a St. Andrew Dinner for young men interested in learning more about the Catholic priesthood on Sunday, July 18, 2021. The St. Andrew Dinner will be held at St. Mary Parish in Carlyle. All young men ages 14-32 are invited to attend; parents or guardians are also welcome to join us. The event will begin at 5:00pm with Evening Prayer and will be followed by dinner and conversation.

This is a terrific opportunity for hearing some of our seminarians speak about preparing for the priesthood; there will also be time for questions and conversation with Fr. Steven Beatty, Vocation Director.

For more information, or to RSVP, contact Patti Warner in the Vocations Office at (618) 722.5043, or email to: pwarner@diobelle.org.

St. Mary Parish is located at 1171 Jefferson Street in Carlyle, IL.

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