

July 11, 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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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

<p>JULY 11 SUNDAY 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9 AM MASS “SEARCH” AFTER 9 AM MASS <i>Kay Benson</i> SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM</p>
<p>JULY 12 MONDAY 8 AM COMMUNION SERVICE</p>
<p>JULY 13 TUESDAY 8 AM COMMUNION SERVICE</p>
<p>JULY 14 WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM COMMUNION SERVICE</p>
<p>JULY 15 THURSDAY 8 AM MASS <i>Vernon Reiniger</i></p>
<p>JULY 18 SUNDAY 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9 AM MASS <i>Robert Haug</i> SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM</p>

Topic for SEARCH this week: *Your life is a story. And it’s caught up in the great story of humanity. This great story, as we see it in the Scriptures, shows us the amazing love story that is God’s pursuit of man. The God that is love created so we can ultimately be with His love. We were made to be with God. Union with God is so central to the purpose of life, we even see the afterlife in these terms. Our definition of Heaven is union with God, and hell is absence of Him. Your life has a plot. Your life has purpose. Your life has value. We need to see how we fit into this big love story to begin to know why we exist. And that love of God isn’t abstract. It has a face and name: Jesus.*

Respect Life *“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you.” (Jeremiah 1:5) I would like to offer you an invitation to join myself and others from the Diocese of Belleville in praying for an end to the scourge of abortion. Every Tuesday from 3:00 to 4:00 a small group of us join to **peacefully pray** the Holy Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy outside the Planned Parenthood facility in Fairview Heights. If you would prefer to carpool to the location, we can do that! Just please contact me here at the rectory to make arrangements. Otherwise, simply feel free arrive at the site a little before 3 o’clock on Tuesdays. Please note, there are restroom and breakroom facilities available onsite at the Coalition for Life office.*

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11 July 2021
 Amos 7:12-15. Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14. Ephesians 1:3-14. Mark 6:7-13.

Travel Light. *To do ministry – that includes every one of us who is baptized – the gospel, Jesus, really, tells us to travel light. No cane, food, suitcase, money. Just go and do.*

- *What encumbers me from doing what I am called to do, from doing good work?*
- *What food and drink can I give away (mercy work) to help others do good work?*
- *What money can I donate to worthy, needed causes?*

From the Pastors Desk....



Today in Mark’s Gospel we read about the Apostles being sent out two by two with instructions and the hope that they will be well received in the towns, villages, and homes where they proclaim the Kingdom. It reminds me to take a moment to thank you for my warm welcome here at St. Stephen Church. You are a most gracious and welcoming group of Christian disciples. Thank you.

I ask that you pray for me today and every day. Please pray that I serve the Church humbly and fruitfully, that I allow the Spirit to guide me safely to salvation, and that the Spirit will use me to accompany and lead as many as possible along that same religious and spiritual path. Everyone who is ordained understands that we are not worthy of the graces we administer. We need your blessing and prayer. Thank you.

I will be traveling for my diocesan ministry this week. There will be no Mass Monday, July 12 through Wednesday, July 14. Prayer with the distribution of Communion will be offered at the usual times on those three days. The usual Mass schedule will resume on Thursday, July 15. Again, thank you for your understanding.



Let’s get started!
It is time to begin to have ministry meetings and activities around the parish. If you served in a ministry and would like to continue please send an email to Jeanne at jeanne@ststephencaseyville.org We are excited to start to work together again to build God’s kingdom.

What's **HAPPENING?**

The **Silent Auction Committee** has put a plan together to have an auction **ONLINE** this year around the time of the Fall Festival. 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

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

YOU have the opportunity to support the six men who have answered "YES" to God's call to serve in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ in our Belleville Diocese. The annual cost for each of our seminarians is approximately \$47,000. Funding from The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps support the expenses of our seminarians and Vocation Office; **your pledge or one-time gift** is truly an investment in our faith and the life of the Church here in southern Illinois. Please continue to pray for vocations and consider making your gift today!

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
Belleville, Illinois 62223

(across from Blessed Sacrament Church)

or call 618-394-0126 for additional information.

Joe Hubbard and Pat Hogrebe thank you for any help you can give!

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We are all called and commissioned. It may be a different time and scenario than the disciples however, we are still all called and commissioned by Christ to continue his mission. What does that look like for you? Are you called to serve through ministry in the parish? Are you called to serve through your work in a specific career? How are you sharing the mission of Jesus with your family and friends? What ways are you bringing the gospel message to those you encounter? If you are aware of it than continue to do what Christ is calling you to do. If you are not aware, spend time in prayer.

Jeanne Adamske

VOCATION CORNER

As an adolescent, I was fortunate enough to meet our order's founder, Mother Martha Maria Ramirez Mora. She helped me see the Word of God as a Living Word, addressed personally to me. I began to regularly read the Good News, pray the rosary, visit the Blessed Sacrament, receive daily Communion and practice acts of service.

I give thanks to the Holy Trinity for creating me to be a part of this religious family. I pray for all those who have a religious vocation....” **Sister Martha Patricia Malacara Martinez; Allied Discalced Carmelites; Columbia Magazine August 2017**

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



HAVE YOU HEARD OF SERRA CLUB?

The Serra Club of St. Clair County is an organization of Catholic men and women, dedicated to foster and affirm vocations to the Priesthood and vowed religious life. Our purpose is to inform our community of the need for all vocations. We honor our religious with an annual Nuns Luncheon, a Deacon Dinner, a Priest Picnic and a new Priest Dinner. We pray for our seminarians and help them celebrate their birthdays.

Our club meets every first and third Friday of the month at the Shrine of our Lady of the Snows. There is a Mass at 11:45 am, lunch, a brief meeting and a guest speaker. You are welcome to join us as our guest. For more information please contact Marvin Winkeler (402-214-1155) or Mel Lucash (618-531-4244)
PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

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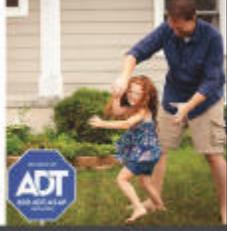
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