

July 18, 2021

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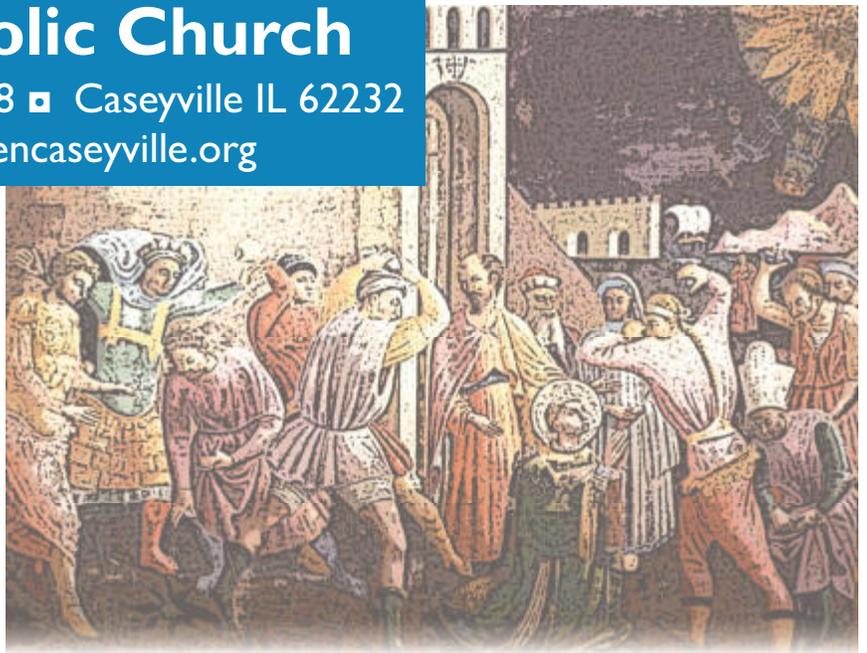
Monday 8:00 am
Tuesday 8:00 am
Wednesday 6:30 pm
Thursday 8:00 am
Sunday 9:00 am

Reconciliation
Sunday's

Holy Trinity

Wednesday 8:10 am
Friday 8:10 am
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am
10:30 am

Reconciliation
Saturday's



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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

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JULY 18 SUNDAY 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARYTIME **9 AM MASS****“SEARCH” AFTER 9 AM MASS***Robert Haug***SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM****JULY 19 MONDAY 8 AM MASS***Dolores Koskie-Green***JULY 20 TUESDAY 8 AM MASS***Jim Woodcock***JULY 21 WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM MASS***Richard Mamino***JULY 22 THURSDAY 8 AM MASS***Hilde Mamino***JULY 25 SUNDAY 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**TIME **9 AM MASS***Jay Dowling*

Faith Formation Please join us this morning over in the Meeting Room for another installment of *The SEARCH*. Please note, you are more than welcome to join us even if you have missed the first few weeks!

Topic for SEARCH this week: Who is Jesus? The most beautiful part of this story is this we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history? Christianity isn't simply a philosophy for life – the center of Christianity is a person. We look at the life of Jesus and what he came to do. Ultimately, we need to decide if Jesus really was who he said he was. We can't sit on the fence. Because if Jesus really was who he said he was, we need to make him the Lord of our lives, and everything changes.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18 July 2021

Jeremiah 23:1-6. Psalm 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6. Ephesians 2:13-18. Mark 6:30-34.

Hard Work Requires Rest. After all the traveling light last week to do ministry, Jesus tries to take the apostles away for some rest. But the people see them go, discover where they are headed, and get there first. Oh, my! So, Jesus ministers to them by teaching many things. After we work hard at mercy works, sometimes we can rest. Sometimes not.

- How can I find some rest from work in the quiet place of prayer?
- How can my restful prayer strengthen me to do more?
- What will I do next?

Respect Life “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you.” (Jeremiah 1:5) You are invited to join our seminarian Robby and other Catholics from the diocese to **peacefully pray** the Holy Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy outside the Planned Parenthood facility in Fairview Heights this Tuesday from 3:00 to 4:00. If you would prefer to carpool to the location, please contact the rectory to make arrangements. Please note, there are restroom and breakroom facilities available onsite at the Coalition for Life office.

July 18, 2021 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released. We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love. The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time / July 25, 2021**First Reading:**

“For thus says the LORD,
‘They shall eat and there shall be some left over.’” (2 Kgs 4:43)

Psalm:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

One body and one Spirit,
as you were also called to the one hope of your call;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all. (Eph 4:4-6)

Gospel:

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks,
and distributed them to those who were reclining,
and also as much of the fish as they wanted. (Jn 6:11)

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Many times, we forget to take care of ourselves. We look at the mission that is before us, hopefully in response to God's call for us to bring his love, joy, and peace to others, and become focused on the tasks to fulfill the mission. It is important to take time to rest in the Lord. This is an opportunity to recharge and refocus on the mission that Jesus has commissioned us to do. Take time to rest in the Lord. If you ask him how to respond to the mission and you do not hear anything, maybe it is just time to rest and relish the time with Jesus.

Jeanne Adamske

VOCATION CORNER

Mark's Gospel recounts the return of the Twelve, having been sent two by two, without money, food nor second tunic. He encourages them to rest awhile. Jesus demonstrates the value of taking some quiet time to reflect on all the activity in one's life. It is in this reflection that a young person can "hear" the call of God and what their true vocation in life is. Try this week to find some quiet time to "listen for" the Lord's call.

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

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.

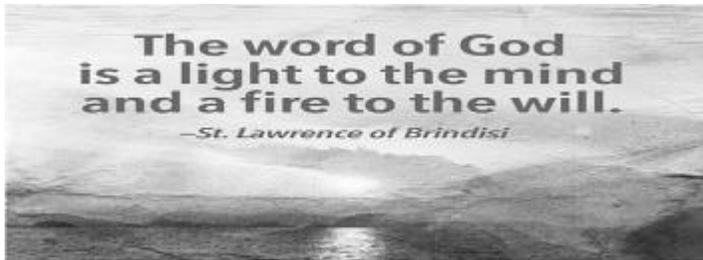
Donate at least 1 of the following items:

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 Caseyville Food Pantry is currently needing:

- Tuna
- Tuna helper
- Bottled water by case
- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Grape jelly or Strawberry jam
- Sugar



Mass for Maintenance/Custodial Workers – Bishop Michael McGovern is inviting paid and volunteer maintenance and custodial personnel to attend a special Mass to mark the Year of St. Joseph. Two Masses will be celebrated-Sunday, August 8, 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church in Belleville and Sunday, August 29, 5 p.m. at St. Mary the Immaculate Conception Church in Mt. Vernon. A reception will follow each Mass. We honor the Patron Saint of Workers by recognizing the paid and volunteer men and women behind-the-scenes in our diocesan parishes, schools, offices and cemeteries. If you are able to attend please contact the parish office **as soon as possible** to make reservations for you and your family or contact directly the diocesan Office of Worship at (618) 722-5040 or email: dclark@diobelle.org.



National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
78th Annual Novena to Our Lady of the Snows
Wednesday, July 28 through Thursday, August 5
Mass begins at 7:30 p.m.

"With Mary Giving Thanks to God" - Each evening of the Novena includes Mass, special music, and prayers, Scripture reflections and praying the rosary. For more information, call 618.394.6276. snows.org/novena

Did you know you can support St. Stephen Catholic Church through your trust or will?

Parish Support

July 4, 2021 \$ 5501.87

July 11, 2021 \$ 5926.60



Church collection plus donations mailed to the office

Bingo workers needed. We plan on resuming Bingo Aug 1st. We need some workers for this. If your interested in helping out please call Patti at 618-334-6447. Thank you



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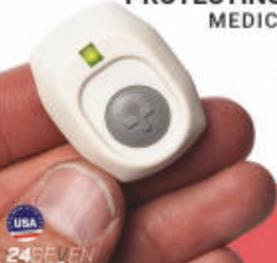
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