

August 1, 2021

St. Stephen Catholic Church

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Parish Mass Times

St. Stephen

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

Reconciliation

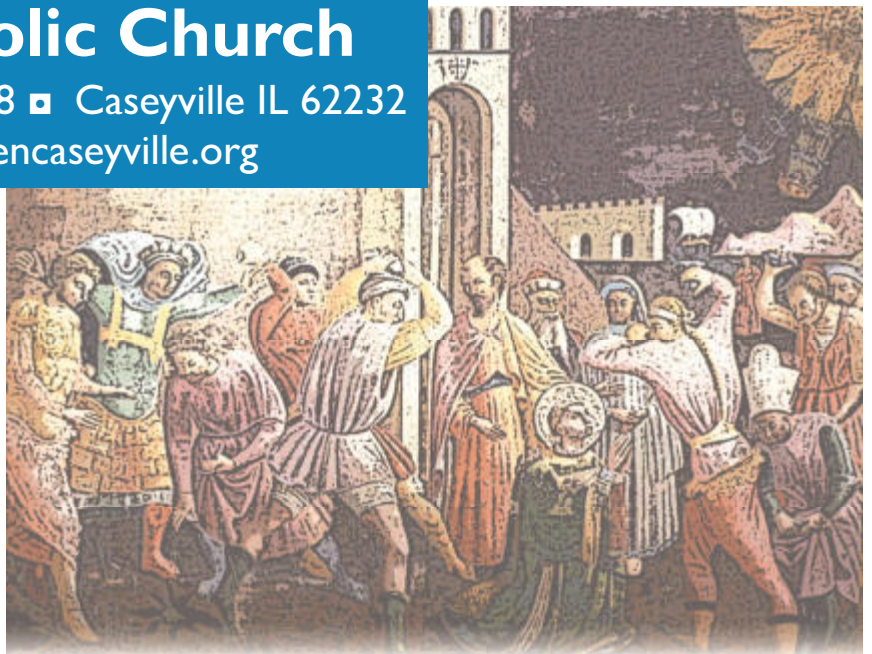
Sunday's
8:00-8:30 am

Holy Trinity

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

Reconciliation

Saturday's
3:00-3:30 pm



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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

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AUGUST 1 SUNDAY 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**TIME 9 AM MASS****“SEARCH” AFTER 9 AM MASS**

Larry Huett

August Werner

SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM Christine Torres**AUGUST 2 MONDAY 8 AM MASS**

Reverend Gary Hogan

AUGUST 3 TUESDAY 8 AM MASS

Tony Powell

August 4 WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM MASS

Nona Williamson

AUGUST 5 THURSDAY 8 AM MASS

Reverend William Dettling

AUGUST 8 SUNDAY 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**TIME 9 AM MASS**

Kay Benson

SPANISH MASS 12:00 PMIN LOVING
MEMORY

The SANCTUARY LAMP burns the week of
August 1, 2021 ~ August 7, 2021
in memory of

Dawn Roush

January 28, 1959 ~ June 5, 2021

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: Am I saved? What Jesus did for us through his life, death and resurrection was the greatest act of love in history. He saved us. He did this for each one of us. Personally. But some might feel unworthy of this gift of love. We may feel we have too much baggage. We may feel unlovable. But God didn't come to reveal himself to us on a pedestal, he came to enter into our messy human condition. To fix us from within. To transform us from the inside out. Some might be surprised by how generous the love of God really is. We don't deserve God's love, but that's the amazing reality of God's mercy. This relationship with God isn't all about our love for Him. It's about His love for us that changes our lives forever.

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.

August 1, 2021 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You cannot see the forest for the trees” is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the “now” time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time / August 8, 2021

First Reading: He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb. (1 Kgs 19:8)

Second Reading: So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma. (Eph 5:12)

Gospel: “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day” (Jn6:44)



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Additional information 618-394-0126



Bingo is planning to start the first games on September 19, 2021. Volunteers are still needed, please call Patti 618-334-6447.

...also will need a dependable person to put up and take down tables and chairs on BINGO Sunday's. This is a compensated position of \$100.00 per Sunday. Please call George to apply 618-345-6935

"The Coalition for Life St. Louis is looking for those pro-life individuals who are interested in sidewalk counseling as their job! These are paid positions starting at \$11 an hour and between 15-30 hours a week. If you are interested in applying please visit our website at coalitionforlifestl.com/jobs."

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion- August 2021

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| August 1 | Jeanne Adamske |
| August 8 | Michelle Stutts |
| August 15 | Charla Finn |
| August 22 | LaVerne Hosp |
| August 29 | Kathy Keplar |

stewardship

Jesus provided all that the disciples needed. He called them to greatness and reminded them that God provides for them, they simply have to trust God is looking out for their well-being and giving them exactly what they need. I am sure it was a challenge to believe that God would provide for them. I know when things do not go as I hope, I struggle to trust it will all work out and that God is walking beside me. It is easy to trust when things are going well. In the difficult times, it is not as easy to trust. Imagine really trusting God...maybe you do and that is absolutely fantastic. Maybe you trust Him most of the time and have a little bit of "what if" some of the time. If you are struggling with trusting God to provide in certain circumstances, go to Him in prayer and ask him to help you through your challenge. If you are confident and completely trust God, pray for those who are struggling to trust when it is difficult. We can all use a little prayer.
Jeanne Adamske

VOCATION CORNER

"As the son of Polish immigrants, I grew up in a good Catholic home. But it wasn't until I began participating in our parish youth group that I embraced the faith as my own and fell in love with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. A girl I was dating went to daily Mass, and I began going with her. It didn't take long for my focus to shift from her to what took place in the sanctuary - God coming down to be with his people. I found myself with thoughts like, 'how would I preach on that Gospel'. I wrestled with the idea of becoming a priest often.... Following high school graduation, I entered seminary and eight years later I was ordained a priest. If God calls you to the priesthood, nothing on earth will give you greater joy."

Fr. Michael Niemczak; Archdiocese of Santa Fe, N.M. Columbia Magazine January, 2020

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

August 6, 2021



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