

August 8, 2021

# St. Stephen Catholic Church

901 S Main Street ■ PO Box 458 ■ Caseyville IL 62232

Web-Site [www.ststephencaseyville.org](http://www.ststephencaseyville.org)

## 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

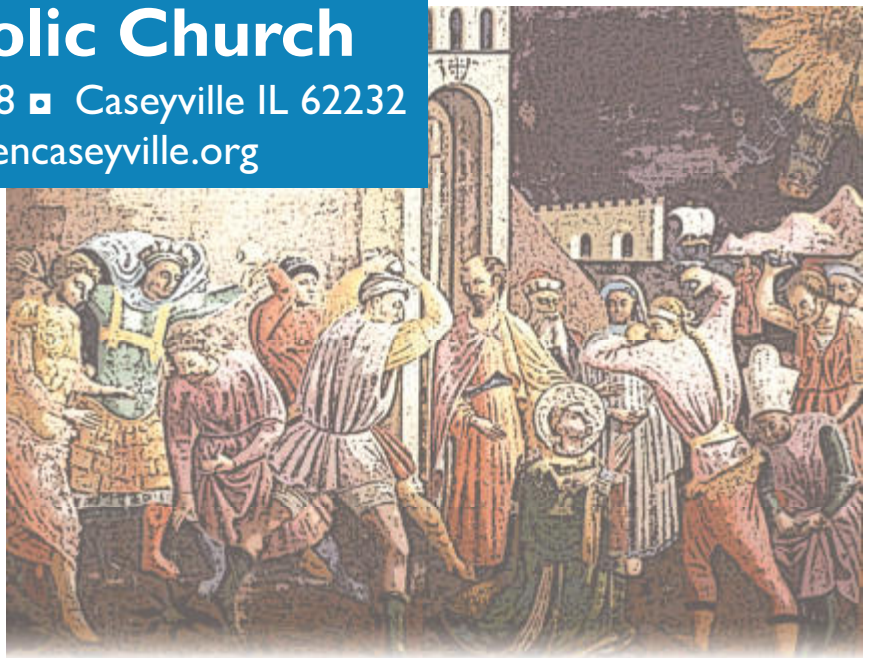
Sunday's  
8:00-8:30 am

### 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



## Parish Staff

### Pastor,

**The Most Reverend John C. Iffert, V.G.**

[jiffert@diobelle.org](mailto:jiffert@diobelle.org)

### Deacon Art Hampton

[deaconart@holyltrinityil.org](mailto:deaconart@holyltrinityil.org)

### Deacon Tom Powers

[4sssster@gmail.com](mailto:4sssster@gmail.com)

### Pastoral Associate,

**Jeanne Adamske**

[jeanne@ststephencaseyville.org](mailto:jeanne@ststephencaseyville.org)

### Youth Faith Formation

[faithform@ststephencaseyville.org](mailto:faithform@ststephencaseyville.org)

### Parish Secretary, Carol Donahue

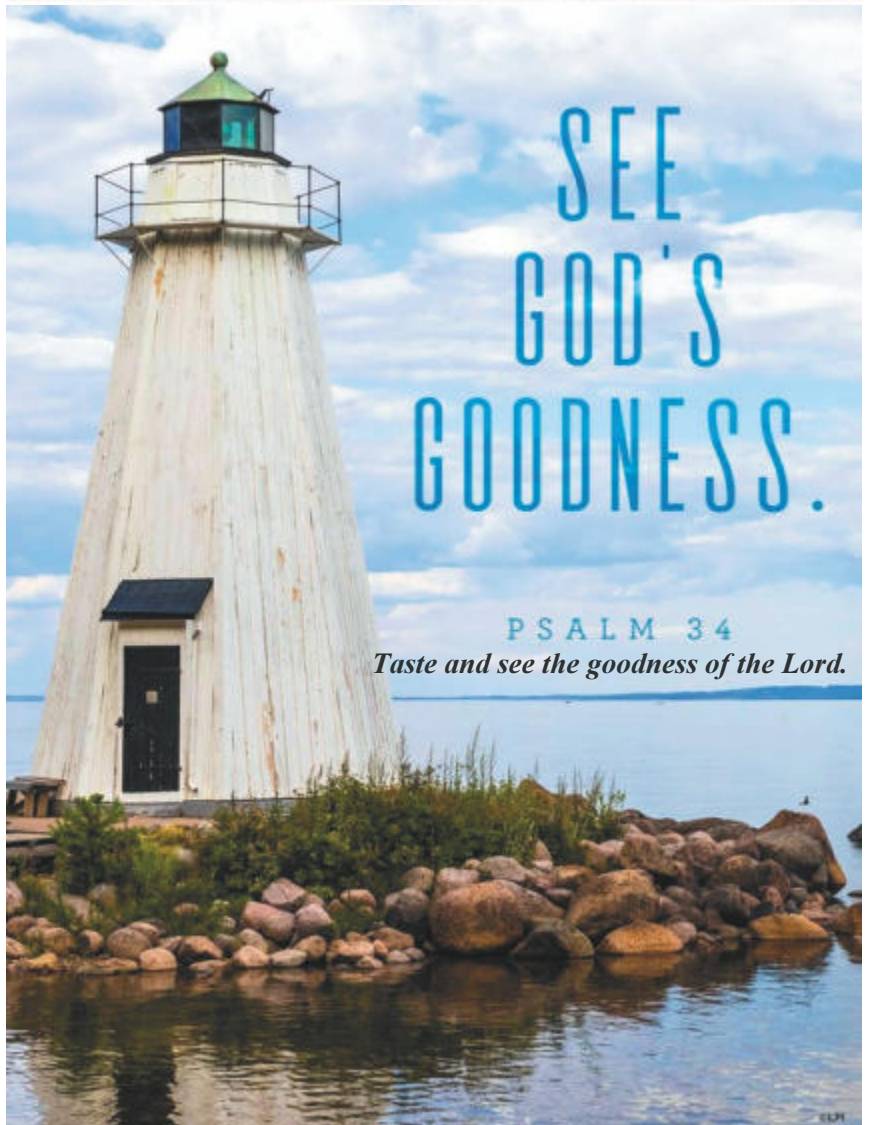
[office@ststephencaseyville.org](mailto:office@ststephencaseyville.org)

### Parish Bookkeeper, Stacy Griffin

[books@ststephencaseyville.org](mailto:books@ststephencaseyville.org)

## Parish Mission Statement

We the members of St. Stephen Catholic Church of Caseyville, IL do strive to **KNOW** our faith, **SHARE** our time, talents, and treasure, **TEACH** by example, **LIVE** by truth and love.



**MASS SCHEDULE**

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

*Kay Benson*

**SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM**

**AUGUST 9 MONDAY 8 AM MASS**

*Hilde Mamino*

**AUGUST 10 TUESDAY 8 AM COMMUNION SERVICE**

**AUGUST 11 WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM COMMUNION SERVICE**

**AUGUST 12 THURSDAY 8 AM MASS**

*Reverend Dale A. Maxfield*

**AUGUST 15 SUNDAY ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 9 AM MASS**

*Ruth Marchiando*

**SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM**



**“O taste, and see that the Lord is sweet: blessed is the one that hopes in him.”** We heard this passage from Psalm 34 recited this morning at Holy Mass. Notice that, here, the Word of God does not ask us to know anything, per se. Nor does the Psalmist exhort us to seek after some profound insight of Divine Truth. Rather, with these words, we are invited by God to simply see and taste the goodness of the Lord and to hope in him. Thank you for helping me sense the Lord over these few summer months. I hope you too were able to perceive the Lord, trusting in his infinite goodness. Until we meet again!  
*Deo Gratias!*  
*Robby Dodson, Seminarian.*

**Reflection**  
 One thing we can always count on is that change is constant. There is always something changing in our day. GOD is always constant too! Rely on his strength and help in all of the things of the day! God is love. Fear is not of God. Fear is false evidence appearing real. Trust in God. Remember God’s goodness and rejoice!

**Joel 2:21**  
*Do not fear, O land! delight and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things!-  
 And...God will continue to do great things!!!!!!!*

From the Pastors Desk.... 

*From Fr. John*

Dear friends, I am sorry that I haven’t written to you in the last several bulletins. At the beginning of July, my life became a whirlwind.

I am sure that you are all concerned about what will become of St. Stephen’s Parish and how you will be served by a priest. No decisions have been made yet, but Bishop McGovern is aware of the need, and we are having discussions about the priest and assignment that might work best for the parish and the partnership. I will be with you through the end of August. Hopefully, a plan will be in place soon after that. These moments of change can make people anxious and lead us to believe thoughts and rumors we otherwise wouldn’t entertain. If you get nervous about the future, just cling to that beautiful prayer from the Divine Mercy chaplet, “Jesus, I trust in you.” All will be well.

Last week a couple dozen parishioners met again about the upcoming picnic. The dates are September 10 & 11. We are still planning for the picnic, even in the uncertain environment created by Covid. However, the picnic may have to be somewhat more limited than in past years. The group is planning for food, beer, music, bingo, and the silent auction. We do not know yet if we will be able to offer the full, sit down, chicken dinner or if we will have to adjust. I hope that everyone is willing to pitch in and be grateful for whatever kind of celebration we can manage this year. Being together, working together, praying together, that is so important, especially as we slowly begin to crawl out from the experience of the last nineteen months of pandemic.

You notice I keep saying, “we” will celebrate. I hope to be able to join you at the picnic for dinner and a little fun on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. I will be moving to Covington the next morning. I ask you to please keep me in prayer and know that I will be praying for St. Stephen for many years to come.

With love,  
 +John

**Soul Searching? Come and experience our Faith Filled stories.**  
 Subscribe to the **The Messenger** at 618-233-8670.  
 To subscribe online go to [www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org)



## Upcoming Events at St. Stephen



**“Not your average St. Stephen Festival”**  
**Join us September 10th and 11th for a**  
**Throwback Festival to simpler times!**  
*Put a smile on your face and a song in your heart!*  
*Join us for the Virtual Silent Auction,*  
*Bingo, Food, Drinks and more!!!*



*Please consider what time you can give, the more help the better! Workers are needed to set up before festival and tear down after festival.*

*Thank you to everyone for your help and donations!*



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

*A special thanks to everyone who has so generously supported The 2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal – we are most grateful. If you haven't had an opportunity to make a gift as yet, we hope you will prayerfully consider doing so now. Gifts can be made through your parish or by visiting [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) and clicking on “Giving”. Sixteen ministries and programs and all those they so faithfully serve are counting on YOU. Please make your contribution today!*



**Welcome to St. Stephen, to register as a parishioner, please ask a Minister of Hospitality for information. They will be happy to assist you!**

*Jesus is the Bread of Life! We have been given in abundance the greatest gift -Jesus! What love and care God has for us to give us what we need to sustain us in this life and beyond! Remain in Him. Remain close to the Lord. Receive the gift of the Eucharist-true presence of Christ so that you can be sustained and know his strength and love are with you always.*  
*Jeanne Adamske*

### VOCATION CORNER

*John's Gospel today gives us the “Bread of Life” discourse. We are reminded that the Body of Christ – the Living Bread from Heaven – is “my flesh for the life of the world”. We embrace this at every Liturgy when we receive the Eucharist. This is possible for us through the hands of the Priest during every Consecration. We need to encourage young men to consider being “that Priest” who gives us the opportunity to receive the Eucharist each day.*

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

### Diocese of Belleville PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*Gracious God,  
You have called us through Baptism to discipleship, believing in your Son, Jesus Christ, who has sent us to bring the Good News of salvation to the world.  
We pray to you, asking that you grant us more priests and religious who will help us build up your Church in the Diocese of Belleville and the world.  
Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many of our youth. Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves in service to our Lord Jesus and his people.  
May a new generation of priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers be a sign of your presence among us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen*

**“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](http://coalitionforlifestl.com/jobs).”**

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

### Parish Support

August 1, 2021 \$ 5289.82



Church collection plus donations mailed to the office

Your Personal Lawn Consultant  
Since 1980



**Munie**  
LAWN SPECIALISTS  
(618) 632-LAWN (3296)  
www.muniegreencare.com

Green, Weed Free Lawn  
Friendly Communication  
Licensed Professionals

**Viviano**  
HEATING &  
AIR CONDITIONING, INC.

Assuring Your Comfort  
Since 1989

345-7498  
www.VivianoAir.com

**FREE LUNCH** when you schedule a tour!



Regency Manor  
55+ Living

An independent community  
offering flexible options  
for an active lifestyle

(618) 726-0341

128 Regency Park • O'Fallon, IL 62269  
info@manor55.com • www.manor55.com



**George Alarm Company**

Security • Fire • Video  
Video Intercom  
Access Control  
Nurse Call Systems

618-288-2092  
Locally owned and operated

**AVAILABLE FOR  
A LIMITED TIME!**

**ADVERTISE HERE NOW!**

Contact **Mark Sobczak**  
to place an ad today!  
msobczak@4LPi.com  
or **(800) 950-9952 x2484**



**Herr**  
Funeral Home  
& Cremation Services

501 West Main St.  
Collinsville, IL 62234

4 GENERATIONS OF TRUSTED SERVICE...

**KASSLY**  
MORTUARY LTD.

in Fairview Heights

398-1122  
kasslyfuneral.com



**MIKE'S**  
AUTOMOTIVE

COMPLETE  
AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE  
1150 St Louis Rd  
Collinsville, IL 62234  
(618)345-0611  
www.mikesautomotive.net

**ADT-Monitored  
Home Security**

Get 24-Hour Protection  
From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



Authorized Provider | SafeStreets | 1-855-225-4251

**SUPPORT OUR  
ADVERTISERS!**



**REMEMBER**  
St. Stephen  
Catholic Church  
in your will.

**PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE  
MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM**

**\$29.95/MO**  
BILLED  
QUARTERLY

PLUS  
SPECIAL  
OFFER

CALL NOW!  
1.877.801.7772  
WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM



618-931-6237

**S. SHAFER**  
EXCAVATING  
& DEMOLITION



COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL

*We've Missed You!*  
Welcome Back to Mass



Stay connected to our faith community no matter where you are  
by signing up to get our bulletin delivered straight to your email!

www.ParishesOnline.com

**WE'RE HIRING**  
AD SALES EXECUTIVES

**BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION.  
WORK WITH PURPOSE.**

- Paid Training
- Some Travel
- Work-Life Balance
- Full-Time with Benefits
- Serve Your Community



Contact us at careers@4lp.com  
www.4lp.com/careers

