

August 15, 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

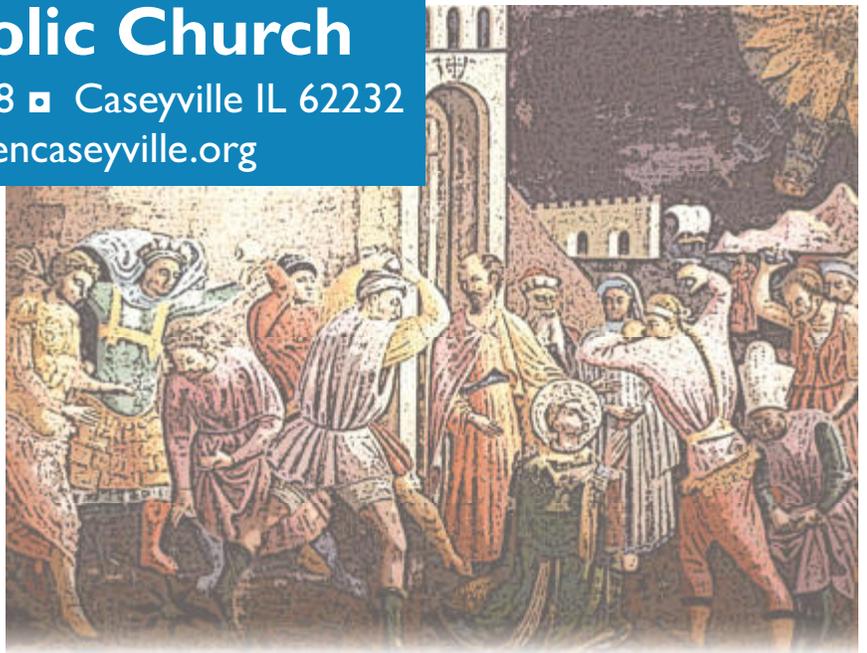
Sunday's
8:00-8:30 am

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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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.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS SCHEDULE

AUGUST 15 SUNDAY ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 9 AM MASS
Ruth Marchiando
SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM
AUGUST 16 MONDAY 8 AM MASS
Jim Woodcock
AUGUST 17 TUESDAY 8 AM MASS
Sandy Minor
AUGUST 18 WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM MASS
Jane Budryk
AUGUST 19 THURSDAY 8 AM MASS
Mary Klawonn
April 28, 1917-August 19, 2017
AUGUST 22 SUNDAY 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9 AM MASS
Norbert S. Staroba
SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity – 15 August 2021
At the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening
1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2. Psalm 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14. 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57. Luke 11:27-28.
Mass during the Day
Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab. Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16. 1 Corinthians 15:20-27. Luke 1:39-56.
Taken to Heaven. *In the Eastern Churches, what we call the Assumption, they call the Dormition of Mary – her falling asleep in the Lord. A wonderful image to face death that may be soon or far away.*

- *How am I preparing to fall asleep in the Lord?*
- *How can I, like Mary, sing God’s praise?*
- *How can I, like Mary, look after a cousin or friend or neighbor in need of help?*



*Welcome to our church. Let the church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcome....***Pope Francis**

“The Mass is the loving encounter with God through his Word and the Body and Blood of Jesus. It is the memorial of Christ’s Passover. It makes us participants in his victory over sin and death, and gives full meaning to our life. Taking part in the Mass, particularly on Sunday, means entering the victory of the Risen One, being illuminated by his light, warmed by his compassion. Through the Eucharistic celebration, the Holy Spirit makes us participants in the divine life that is able to transfigure our whole being”.

Pope Francis

August 15, 2021
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
They are courageous, wise women who ground us, focus us, and inspire us. They are the good mothers who walk with us and light our way. They teach us life lessons and help us heal and navigate through challenges and difficulties. We need people to point the way. Sometimes, these wise ladies are not our biological mothers but women in our lives, who through their strong and faithful presence, anchor us and remind us that we are loved. We need these women. Human beings do their best when they have cheerleaders in their lives. They show us that even when facing despair there is always a brighter tomorrow. Jesus needed his mother. She had to be that faithful anchor, that guiding presence, in his life. Jesus needed to be affirmed and encouraged just like any other human being and Mary had to be there, right by his side, doing precisely that. Even when her heart was pierced as he was nailed to a tree, she did not give up hope. Most certainly, she continued to wait, watch, hope, and love until he took his final breath. That’s what mothers do. Even when their heart breaks, they persevere.
Today, our Blessed Mother is our cheerleader once again. Taken up to heaven in body and soul, she points to and directs us toward our final destiny. Life eternal waits! Any disappointment, fear, or anxiety can be set aside as she gently reassures us of God’s love and promise. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given. We can persevere and do what we need to do to live life well, with faith, hope, and love as our guiding lights. Knowing who we are and who we will one day become helps us to better chart the course and direction of our earthly lives. Looking to the example of our Blessed Mother, we receive the assurance we need.

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



Upcoming Events at St. Stephen



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National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center (IN PERSON)

When Mental Illness Hits Home - Surviving and Thriving in These Turbulent Times

Presenters: Dr. Bart Andrews, Ph.D., Dr. Olivia Johnson and Mike Bushman

Friday, August 27, 9 am - 4 pm

This annual conference is to help those journeying with people with mental illness. Presenters will speak on understanding suicide and suicide prevention.

Cost is \$40. Register online at snows.org/illness, visit snows.org/illness for a printable registration form or call 618-394-6281 to register.

Mindful of the Blessed Mother’s devotion to God and trust of all God does, let us take time this week to reflect on how we can imitate her response to God with a “yes” without hesitation. Mary is a beautiful example of committed discipleship. May we strive to be committed to God’s mission and vision for our lives. May we trust and rejoice in His commitment to care for us and lead us even when we are uncertain of the path ahead.

Jeanne Adamske

VOCATION CORNER

Today we celebrate the Assumption of Mary into heaven. The Gospel tells us of her visit to Elizabeth. Mary, the Mother of Vocations, proclaims her ‘fiat’ out loud. She definitely said YES to God and carried and raised His Son. We likewise need to proclaim our “fiat” – Thy will be done. Our best way to live out our vocation – our calling to be a “proclaimer” of Jesus Christ our Savior. Pray to God that you are truly living your vocation.

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

St. Vincent de Paul Needs Paper Goods

- Styrofoam plates and soup bowls
- Styrofoam or paper cups (8 ounce)
- Paper napkins

These items are used in serving our area’s poor at Cosgrove’s Soup Kitchen and the SVDP Night-Time Drop -In Center. Donations can be dropped off at:

*SVDP Office, 8800 W Main St., Belleville
(across from Blessed Sacrament Church)*

Mon-Tues-Thurs-Fri 9 am-2:30 pm ~ or

*SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen, 3718 State St. E St Louis
Mon-Fri 9 am-1:30 om; Sat. 9 am-12 Noon*

Additional information 618-394-0126

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