

August 22, 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

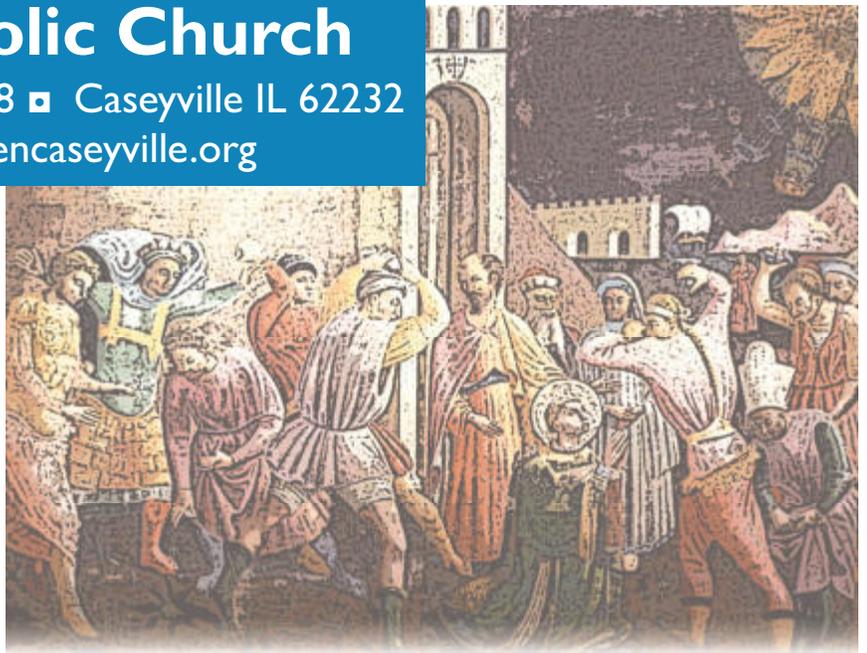
Sunday's
8:00-8:30 am

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.



21st Sunday in
Ordinary Time

**AUGUST 22 SUNDAY 21ST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME 9 AM MASS**

Norbert S. Staroba

SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM

AUGUST 23 MONDAY 8 AM MASS

Dolores Koskie-Green

**AUGUST 24 TUESDAY 8 AM COMMUNION
SERVICE**

**AUGUST 25 WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM COMMUNION
SERVICE**

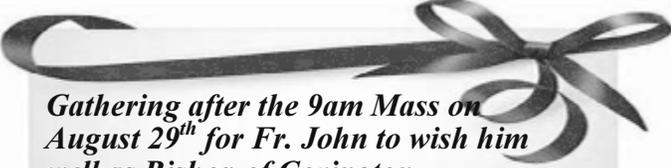
**AUGUST 26 THURSDAY 8 AM COMMUNION
SERVICE**

**AUGUST 29 SUNDAY 22ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME 9 AM MASS**

John Morlock

SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM

IN LOVING
MEMORY



**Gathering after the 9am Mass on
August 29th for Fr. John to wish him
well as Bishop of Covington.**

As you know Fr. John will be moving to the Diocese of Covington. Some people have been inquiring about what would be an appropriate gift. He has made arrangements with the following Catholic goods stores for items he will need in ministry:

Catholic Supply of St. Louis, 6759 Chippewa Street, St. Louis, MO 63109, e-mail: info@catholicsupply.com, phone 314-644-0643
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If you wish to contact these businesses, they will share with you information about items he has selected.

How to find his list at Catholic Supply:
Shop.catholicsupply.com

go to bottom page—wish list, click

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Type in Iffert—click on search

Click on Bishop Iffert and list will come up

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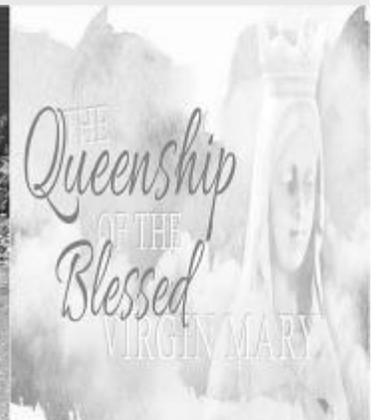
Please remember to pray for Bishop-elect Iffert and his family and for all the people in the Diocese of Covington.

August 22, 2021 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods.” We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these “gods” because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with “who is God” and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised “more.” But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only “feels” true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God’s kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It’s a choice we all have to make.



Upcoming Events at St. Stephen



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Thank you to everyone for your help and donations!

St. Anne’s meetings will begin in October. October 14th at 1pm will be the first meeting.
All ladies of the parish 18 years and older are welcome to join.



Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. John Bergsma,
Dr. Mark Miravalle and Michael Gomley.
Program starts Sept 11th at Holy Trinity
Fairview Heights. Breakfast at 6:30am
program at 7:am over at 8 am sharp

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Jesus’ words are of spirit and life. He leads us and guides us through the challenges and joys of this life. We know that we can trust in His Word and His grace is sufficient. When Jesus spoke to his disciples he reassured of his commitment to remain with them and still some of them could not remain with him. Spend some time with Jesus and ask him to help you through whatever challenge makes it difficult for you to surrender, trust, and follow Him. He is by your side today and always.
Jeanne Adamske

VOCATION CORNER

“My vocation was born during a painful time. When I was 15, my mom was abducted and held for ransom in Haiti. In the confusion and despair that followed, I prayed “Lord, your Son died on a Friday and rose on a Sunday. My mother was taken this Friday – would you return her this Sunday? In exchange, I will give you my life.” Thanks be to God, she was returned to us. I believe this experience was the moment when God began to prepare me for my vocation. He brought many people into my life along the way to teach me how to pray and form me in my faith. I eventually said yes to his call and entered seminary. The rest of the journey wasn’t without its challenges, but by then I had learned to turn to the Lord and trust in his guidance.
Fr. Ronald Angervil; Diocese of Catharine, Ontario; Columbia Magazine May 2021

“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

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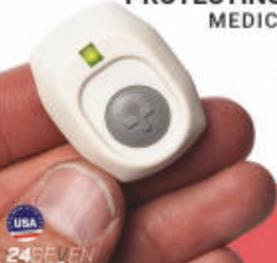
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