

# 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

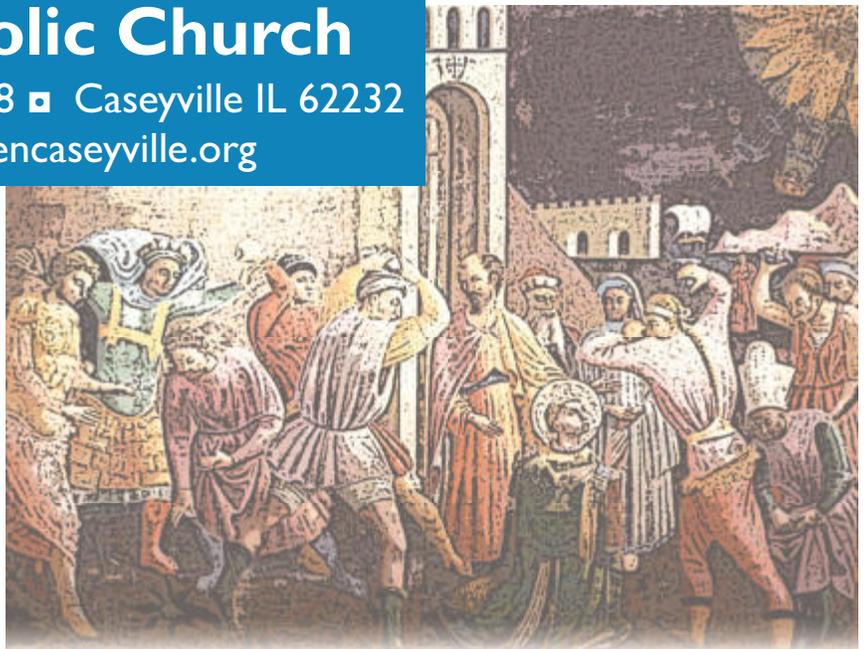
Sunday's  
8:00-8:30 am

### 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



## Parish Staff

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## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**SEPTEMBER 5 SUNDAY 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9 AM MASS**  
*Robert Haug*  
*Faye Krause*  
**SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM**  
**SEPTEMBER 6 MONDAY 8 AM MASS**  
*Sylvia Stamas*  
**SEPTEMBER 7 TUESDAY 8 AM MASS**  
*Joyce Erno*  
**SEPTEMBER 8 WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM MASS**  
*Jane Budryk*  
**SEPTEMBER 9 THURSDAY 8 AM MASS**  
*Jim Woodcock*  
**SEPTEMBER 12 SUNDAY 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9 AM MASS**  
*August Werner*  
**SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM**

IN LOVING MEMORY

**ROMANS 6:4**  
*We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*



Our Parish extends prayerful sympathy to the family of **Laura J. Bigham** mother of Alicia Bigham. We ask God to grant eternal life and give strength and consolation to her family.  
 June 12, 1954-August 14, 2021



Our Parish extends prayerful sympathy to the family of **Jack Little**, husband of Harriet. We ask God to grant eternal life and give strength and consolation to his family.  
 October 6, 1928-August 29, 2021

**The 2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**  
**Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do... - John 14:12**  
*Griffin Center, an agency that receives funding from The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal, provides after-school and summer programs free of charge to 450+ children who live in public housing. With an emphasis on learning, homework assistance, computer labs and tutoring, Griffin Center gives these youngsters a chance for a brighter tomorrow. Be a part of their dreams and make your gift to this year's Appeal today!*

**September 5, 2021 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight. Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story! If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change.*



**This weekend we welcome our new pastor Fr. Harold Fisher! We are excited and grateful for a pastor to shepherd our flock at St. Stephen**

**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.

**Picnic**  
 donations are needed. Please consider giving to the Barrel of booze, soda and water, cakes for the cake booth and desserts to the dessert booth



**ATTENTION: CAKE BAKERS AND BUYERS....** Please consider donating a cake or two or more :) Homemade or store-bought cakes can be dropped off in the meeting room on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, late afternoon/evening, September 9-11th. As always, I am incredibly grateful to our parish family for supplying cakes to make this booth successful. **THANK YOU** for your generosity! Looking forward to our amazing festival next weekend! ~Anita Swartz, 618-520-0585



**St. Stephen MEN'S CLUB** will meet on September 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm we will begin to set up for the Festival, afterward's a meeting will follow. Food will be served! **ALSO** bring a donation for the Wheel Barrow of Booze!!

**Parish Support**

August 22, 2021 \$ 3060.10  
 August 29, 2021 \$ 2208.45



Church collection plus donations mailed to the office

The five senses are something that are easy to take for granted if we have no issues with them. Being able to taste, hear, smell, touch and see are a gift. God has been a generous steward in so many ways. The ability for us to use our senses is a gift from God that hopefully we can take the time to appreciate. Like the five senses, if we lose one of those we are aware of the loss. It gives a greater awareness of what we have and what we have lost. Let us look to God in appreciate for all that we are given. If there is something we are lacking or have lost in our lives, let us turn to God and ask for the grace to move through the loss and seek him for healing and restoration.  
 Jeanne Adamske

**VOCATION CORNER**

As our country honors Labor this weekend, we can rejoice in our Labor for the Lord. We dedicate ourselves to St. Joseph the worker during this year of St. Joseph. We reflect on how we are working to spread the Word and how we are promoting our Catholic Church. This is the vocation of ALL of us. We have our role in praising our God, in sharing our Faith and working on educating our families in the ways of the Lord. We need to encourage our family members to be attentive to their call – maybe even to the priesthood or religious life.

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

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**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Guild Center**

**“Question Persuade Refer” (QPR) in-person Suicide Prevention Training**

**Wednesday, September 8, 6 - 7 pm**

Free one-hour suicide prevention training session. Register online at [snows.org/vigil](http://snows.org/vigil) or call 618-394-6281 to register.

Brought to you by the St. Clair County Suicide Prevention Alliance and the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Lourdes Grotto**

**“We Remember You” in-person Candlelight Vigil**  
**Wednesday, September 8, 7:30 pm**

We honor those we have lost to suicide.

Free. Register online at [snows.org/vigil](http://snows.org/vigil) or call 618-394-6281 to register.

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