

October 10, 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

Holy Rosary:

Monday-Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 4:00 pm
6:30 pm Spanish
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 pm Spanish
Reconciliation Saturday 2:30-3:30 pm

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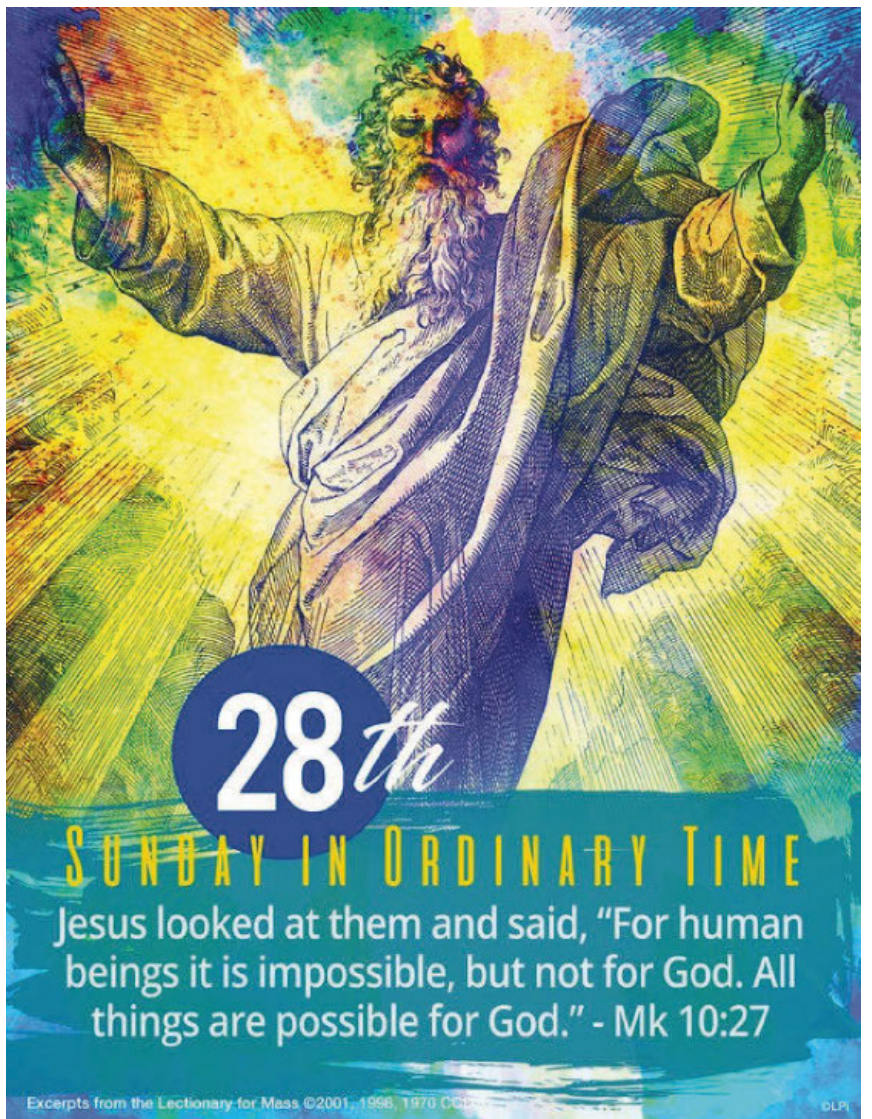
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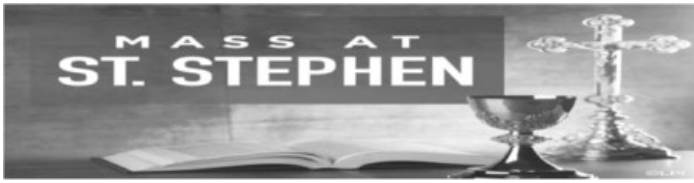
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Parish Mission Statement

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.





OCTOBER 10 SUNDAY 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9 AM MASS

Faye Krause

SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM

OCTOBER 11 MONDAY 8 AM MASS

Hilde Mamino

OCTOBER 12 TUESDAY 8 AM MASS

Jim Woodcock

OCTOBER 13 WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM MASS

Sandy Minor

OCTOBER 14 THURSDAY 8 AM MASS

Jane Budryk

OCTOBER 17 SUNDAY 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9 AM MASS

Kay Benson

SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM

IN LOVING
MEMORY



**Coffee and donuts in the gym after 9 am
Mass October 10**



Prayer for Intercession of Blessed Stanley Francis Rother

O faithful shepherd, Blessed Stanly Rother, as priest and missionary, you tilled the soil with your hands and invited Christ Jesus to till the soil of your soul.

You became a sign of love of Christ the Good Shepherd for your People, and blessed their lives by your ministry.

You stood firm and did not run from danger, bringing glory to God and his Church in your martyrdom.

*Blessed Stanley, obtain from the heart of Jesus for healing of **Fr. Joe Rascher**, and pray for me, that I too may be a sign of Christ's love among His people.*

Teach me to faithfully till the soil of his life in the reality given to me by our Farther, unafraid to stay with those God has given me, no matter the cost.

Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen



**October 10, 2021
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for "love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self." Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person's story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God's work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.



Upcoming Meetings at St. Stephen

October 13, Wednesday 6:30 pm Men's Club dinner and meeting

October 14, Thursday 1:00 pm St. Anne Altar Society Meeting

October 21, Thursday 12:00 pm-3:00 pm Caseyville Senior Citizen Meeting

The Serra Club of St. County is an organization of Catholic men and women dedicated to foster and affirm vocations to the Priesthood and vowed religious life. Our purpose is to pray for vocations and inform our community the need for vocations. We provide many social events for our Priests, Deacons and Nuns. We sponsor occasional visits to the Seminaries for our grade and high students guided by a priest or a seminarian.

You are most welcome to be a part of our organizations. Our group meets every First Friday of the month at the Shrine of our Lady of the Snows. We begin Mass at 11:45 am, follow by lunch and a brief meeting, and a prominent speaker. Additional information please call Marvin Winkeler (402 214-1155 or Mel Lucash 618-531-4244

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center

CS Lewis Video Study – Six Part Series

Facilitator: Fr. Mark Dean, OMI.

Tuesdays, Oct 12, 26, Nov 2, 9, 16, 10 am – 12:30 pm

This course is a remarkable exploration of the most popular, and arguably most influential, Christian writer of the twentieth century. C.S. Lewis was one of the most powerful Christian apologists of his time, and today he is cherished across the world for his fictional works. In this 15-lecture video course you will explore, through video presentations by Notre Dame's professor David W. Fagerberg, Lewis's fiction, discovering many of his most beloved works anew by examining them through a theological lens.

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For more information, call 618-394-6281.

Register online at <https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs/>

Caseyville Food Pantry Needs for the month:

Meat or poultry for the freezer, donations to purchase meat, canned meats. Canned or packaged tuna, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, corn, peas and vegetable beef soup.

This weekend's gospel has a strong reminder to us, as followers of Christ, *All things are possible with God. Everything that we do is challenging when we try to navigate without God. There is a need for us to take the hand of Christ that is outstretched to us and journey with Him. As disciples, we do not have to rely on our own wisdom, knowledge, or strength. We have the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the firm grip of Christ with us every step of the way. Every day is an opportunity to start again and renew our commitment to love and serve as Christ would have us do so. Remain connected to Christ and even the narrow way will be something that can be accomplished.*

Jeanne Adamske

VOCATION CORNER

"I grew up in the province of Chaco, Argentina. My parents were farmers, and our village was so rural that a priest came only once a month. At age 14, while preparing for confirmation, I was struck intensely by Jesus' words: "Peter, do you love me?" In high school, I met the Little Workers of the Sacred Hearts, who invited me to participate in their religious activities. My teenage years were normal. but through it all, the sisters gently guided me in my discernment. Although I was offered a full university scholarship, I felt something was missing. Finally, a sister asked me, "Do you have a desire to be a nun?" I answered immediately – Yes!' Sr. Rosana Ybanez, POSC; Columbia Magazine, February 2021

We must reflect the light of Christ through lives of prayer and joyful service to others.

Saint John Paul II

From the Belleville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women:

Please join us on October 13th at Camp Ondessonk for the **2021 BDCCW Annual Convention!** We will spend the day at Camp Ondessonk in Ozark IL, surrounded by the natural beauty of God's great gift to us, and reflect on "Caring for our Common Home" ... as we care for one another. Our guest speakers will be Sheila Hopkins, former president of the National CCW, and Nolan Hurst, Camping Services Director at Camp Ondessonk. Come gather with your sisters in Christ from throughout the diocese as we celebrate Mass with Bishop McGovern, share our faith, and learn ways to care for each other and our common home. **RSVP by Sept 27th for a special discount on your registration fee.** Forms are available in the gathering space in church, and on the website at <https://dps.diobelle.org/dps/bdccw/home> Just click on the Convention 2021 banner to get to the registration form. Complete and print the form, and mail in with your payment. Bring all your friends!

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