

October 17, 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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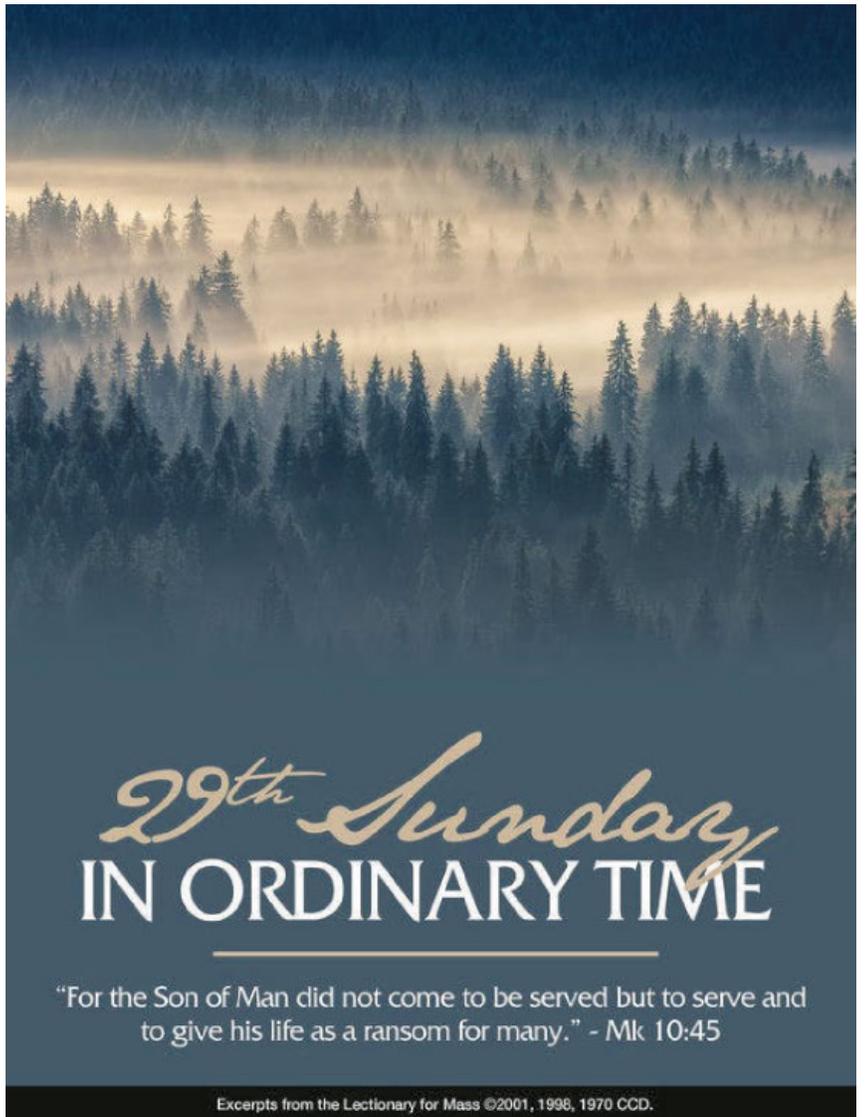
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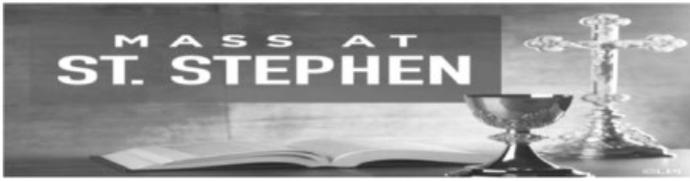
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Parish Mission Statement

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 17 SUNDAY 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9 AM MASS

Kay Benson

SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM

OCTOBER 18 MONDAY 8 AM MASS

Faye Krause

OCTOBER 19 TUESDAY 8 AM MASS

Jack Little

OCTOBER 20 WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM MASS

John Morlock

OCTOBER 21 THURSDAY 8 AM MASS

Dawn Roush

OCTOBER 24 SUNDAY 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9 AM MASS

Kay Benson

SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM

IN LOVING
MEMORY



The SANCTUARY LAMP burns the week of October 17, 2021 ~ October 23, 2021

in memory of

John Morlock

February 9, 1937 ~ April 28, 2020



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

Saint John Paul II

Readings for the week of October 24, 2021

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/ Mk 10:46-52

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11

**October 17, 2021
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“What do you wish me to do for you?” Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It’s an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today’s Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God’s attention. That’s not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It’s a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God’s kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God’s Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words “thy will be done” will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God’s eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God’s definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.



Upcoming Meetings at St. Stephen

October 21, Thursday 12:00 pm-3:00 pm Caseyville Senior Citizen Meeting and Pot Luck dinner, seniors will meet every 3rd Thursday of the month.



Membership is open to any senior 60 + years, Joins us for some great fun, outings and charitable works!

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.

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.

In the last 8 days of September, our **St. Vincent DePaul Conference of St. Stephen/Holy Trinity** assisted 12 families in Fairview and Caseyville. This amounted to spending \$1,455.70 for Ameren bills to keep the power on or set up payment plans for households, water bills for both Caseyville and O'Fallon water, again, keeping the water on, and finally shelter for a mother and child for 2 nights in the least expensive hotel we could find. We are in dire and constant need for support. We refer many whose needs exceed our budget to other agencies, churches, organizations, and government programs. The need is great. We do what we can with what you can share. With winter just around the corner we are praying for the best and preparing for whatever God has in store for us. Keep us in your prayers as we will. Remember that we have a prayer request box in the back of church, by the exit doors, where you may submit your prayer intentions. We hold these in our prayers at our bi-weekly meetings.

Peace and all good be with you.

John and James had a desire to be at right and left hand of Jesus. Can you imagine, walking alongside our Lord, historically? What an awesome experience and yet probably overwhelming too. I wonder if John and James were caught up in the idea of kingship or if they had a desire to be there with Jesus to serve and be wherever he was through eternity? Maybe both. With reflection, I believe it is easy to get caught up and be energized about the idea of what ideal discipleship looks like. At times, it seems easy to follow Jesus and know that we will be in Heaven someday with him. On the other hand, it is difficult to say no to the world's offerings and take the narrow way. Take one day at a time, trust Jesus, and know even the disciples had their struggles with temptation. Jeanne Adamske

VOCATION CORNER

"I was born in Chihuahua, Mexico, the home state of St. Pedro Maldonado, a martyr and Knight of Columbus. Almost every parish had a portrait of St. Pedro. His serene countenance and Padre "Chalio", our local parish priest, together became the face of the priesthood for me as a boy. When I was 11, we immigrated to the United States. I still wanted to be a priest but I later put this desire aside to pursue my version of the American dream. I went to college and planned for successful career in industrial engineering. Upon graduating, however, I came to a moment of honesty and clarity: I was not the happy man I had once dreamed of being. I then decided to put everything aside and try seminary. The rest is history." Fr. Maricio Carrasco; Diocese of Little Rock; Columbia Magazine

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

Michael Mette and Family Concert

Michael Mette will return to share his musical talent with us on October 31st. He will be here during Mass and then have a concert that is family friendly in the gym from 10am-12pm. Join us for praise and worship!

Parish Support

September 5, 2021	\$ 3630.60
September 12, 2021	\$ 2827.43
September 19, 2021	\$ 8973.38
Festival Donation	\$ 300.00
September 26, 2021	\$ 2989.57
October 3, 2021	\$ 5529.60
October 10, 2021	\$ 2528.44



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