

October 24, 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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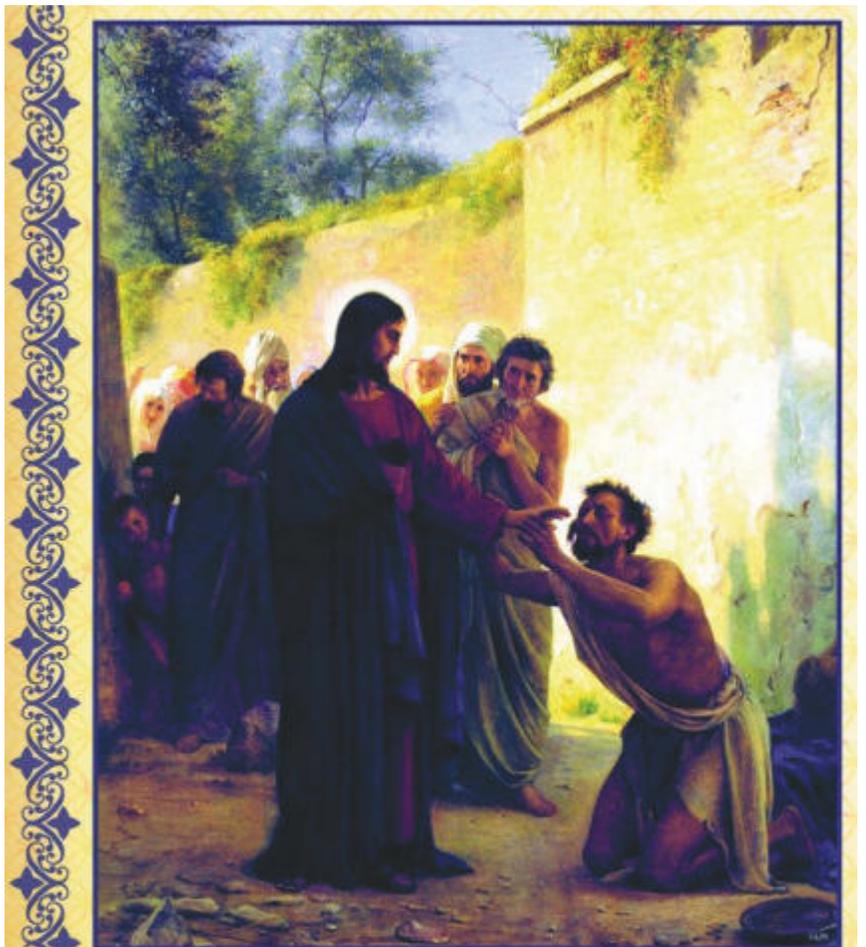
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Parish Mission Statement

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.

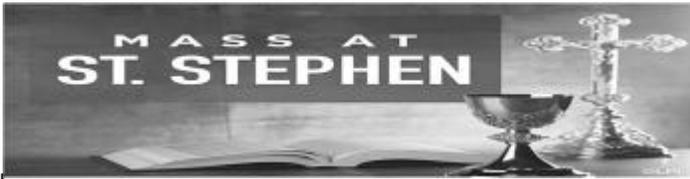


30th SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:52

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

Betty Lou Wicker



SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM

OCTOBER 25 MONDAY 8 AM MASS

Rev. Jerome Wirth

OCTOBER 26 TUESDAY 8 AM MASS

Hilde Mamino

OCTOBER 27 WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM MASS

John Morlock

OCTOBER 28 THURSDAY 8 AM MASS

Rev. Roger Karban

OCTOBER 31 SUNDAY 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9 AM MASS

Norbert Staroba

SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM



**October 24, 2021
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time / October 31, 2021

First Reading:

"Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength." (Dt 6:5)

Psalms:

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

Second Reading:

But Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him. (Heb 7:24-25)

Gospel:

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." (Mk 12:34)

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

The 2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do... - John 14:12

YOUR GIFT to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps **Catholic Urban Programs** provide food, clothing, shelter and assistance of every kind to people who lack the basic necessities of life to survive. If you haven't yet done so, consider making a gift today to The Appeal and enable Catholic Urban to continue their important work.



Upcoming Meetings at St. Stephen

Festival Meeting Tuesday, October 26, 2021 -7:00 pm in the gym

Please wear a mask

November Meetings

- November 2 SVDP Meeting 7:00 pm
- November 10 Men's Club 6:30 pm
- November 11 St. Anne's Meeting 1:00 pm
- November 16 SVDP Meeting 7:00 pm
- November 16 Finance Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- November 18 Caseyville Senior Meeting 12:00 pm

Annulments

Anyone that is needing help or has questions about the annulment process please contact the parish office. Fr. Jim Fee is available to help with that process.

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

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!

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.



COFFEE AND DONUTS are back! Please join us after the 9 am Mass on the second Sunday of each month.

It was easier for the disciples to know that Jesus was walking with them because they had the experience of his physical presence as a man walking among them. Those that had heard of his marvelous deeds were also able to experience Jesus in the physical sense. In the gospel, a blind man, Bartimaeus knew of Jesus and wanted to experience his presence to be healed. Like us, Bartimaeus, could not physically see Jesus. He trusted that Jesus was there and had the power to heal. That is the same for us. We may not see the historical Jesus walking with us but he walks with us. Trust in the presence of Jesus. He surrounds you and has the power to heal.
Jeanne Adamske

VOCATION CORNER

"Wherever God has put you, that is your vocation. It is not what we do but how much love we put into it."

– St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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

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.

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.

COL 3:23

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