

October 31, 2021

# St. Stephen Catholic Church

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Web-Site [www.ststephencaseyville.org](http://www.ststephencaseyville.org)

## 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

## Parish Staff

### Pastor,

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### Pastoral Associate,

**Jeanne Adamske**  
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### Parish Secretary, Carol Donahue

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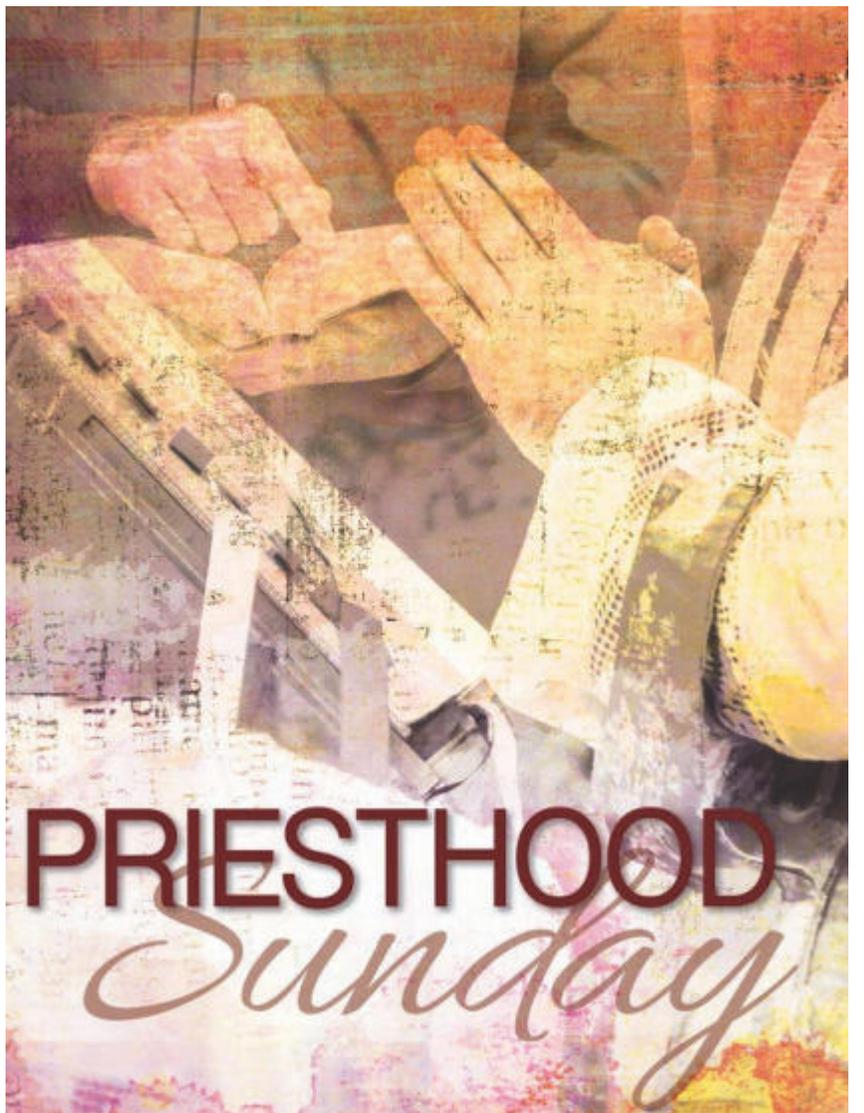
### Parish Bookkeeper, Stacy Griffin

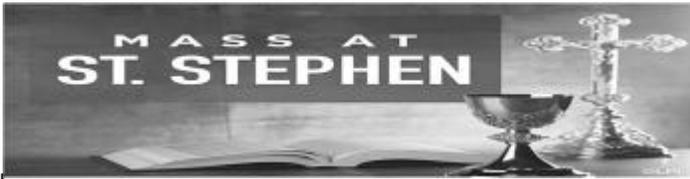
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### Parish Mission Statement

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 31 SUNDAY 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9 AM MASS**  
*Norbert Staroba*  
**SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM**  
**NOVEMBER 1 MONDAY ALL SAINTS DAY 8 AM MASS**  
*Faye Krause*  
**NOVEMBER 2 TUESDAY ALL SOULS DAY 8 AM MASS**  
*Deacon Don Sparling*  
**NOVEMBER 3 WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM MASS**  
*Rev. Thomas J. Singer*  
**NOVEMBER 4 THURSDAY 8 AM MASS**  
*Robert Haug*  
**NOVEMBER 7 SUNDAY 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9 AM MASS**  
*Sylvia Stamas*  
**SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM**



*Our Parish extends prayerful sympathy to the family of Patricia Ciszczon, We ask God to grant eternal life and give strength and consolation to her family. January 4, 1921-September 28, 2021*

**As a reminder, YFF will not have classes this week. Families are encouraged to attend the Michael Mette Concert.**

**Michael Mette and Family Concert**  
*Michael Mette will return to share his musical talent with us on October 31<sup>st</sup>. 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!*

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**October 31, 2021 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.*

*If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.*

*If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet.*



*Thank you to Kathy Staroba for sharing your picture of some of the St. Stephen parishioners that attended the installation for the Most Reverend John C. Iffert, the 11th Bishop of Covington.*

*September 30, 2021*



## Upcoming Meetings at St. Stephen

### November Meetings

November 2 SVDP Meeting 7:00 pm

November 10 Men's Club 6:30 pm

Dinner followed by meeting 

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

Potluck luncheon



### St. Stephen Christmas Baskets

In continuing with a long St. Stephen tradition, the Youth Group will host the Christmas Basket Project. These baskets are given to families that are in need of food and a few extra items during the Christmas season. If your family or a family you know is in need please call the office, Mon-Thurs 9am-2pm 397-0666. We are now talking names for the baskets.

Pick-up date for the baskets will be December 11 from 9 am to 11 am.

### Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be up in the church by November 7, please take a tag and help someone for Christmas. Gift with tag attached to outside of package must be returned by December 5.

Please only purchase what is on the tag you choose, to ensure requests are met. Thank you for your willingness to help those in need.

### 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.

**November 14, 2021**  
Coffee and Donuts  
After the 9 am Mass



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is excited to announce that an **IN-PERSON** Experience will be held locally in Springfield, IL at the Villa Maria Catholic Life Center the weekend of March 18-20, 2022! Early registration is suggested due to limited space. We will have in place all the needed precautions to provide a safe environment for participants. For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.



Every day is a gift. Let us pause and recall what we are grateful for today and every day. Gratitude teaches us to appreciate the simple and complex aspects of life and acknowledge that there is good even when it is difficult to see it. The Gospel message reminds us of the importance of loving God and our neighbor. Loving God may be easy most days. When we are challenged by circumstances that are out of our control, sometimes we get frustrated with God. I believe it doesn't change our love for God. Loving others is not always easy. It is easy if we get along with the person it is not difficult but it is not easy when we do not get along with someone or have a different opinion. Take time each day to think about what you are grateful for in the day. Three things. Start and end your day with a reflection on what you are grateful and where you need God to walk with you in remembering to be grateful.  
Jeanne Adamske

### VOCATION CORNER

"National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated November 7-13, 2021 is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations." United States Council of Catholic Bishops website

**"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.

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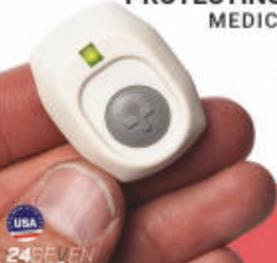
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