

November 14, 2021

# St. Stephen Catholic Church

901 S Main Street ■ PO Box 458 ■ Caseyville IL 62232

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



### 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.

### 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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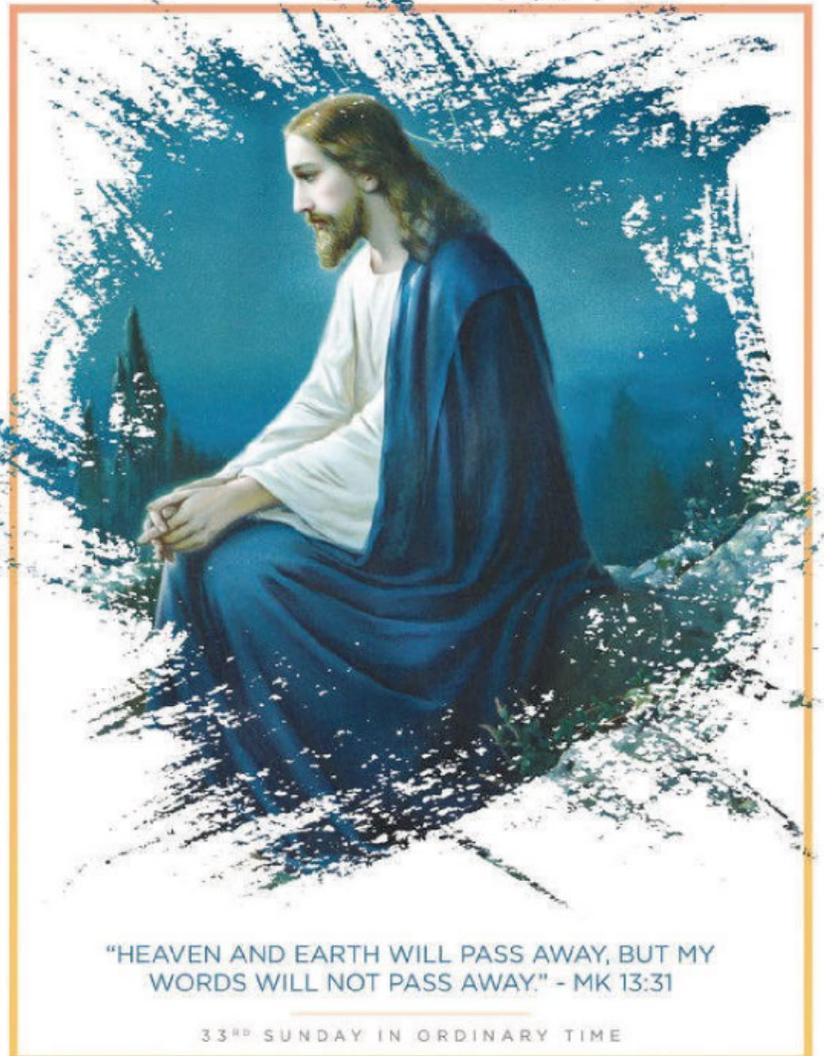
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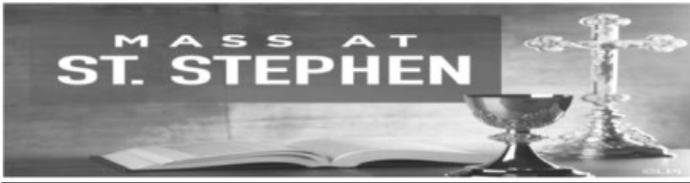
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**NOVEMBER 14 SUNDAY 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9 AM MASS**

*Kay Benson*

**SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM**

**NOVEMBER 15 MONDAY 8 AM MASS**

*Jim Woodcock*

**NOVEMBER 16 TUESDAY 8 AM MASS**

*Hilde Mamino*

**NOVEMBER 17 WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM MASS**

*Vernon Reiniger*

**NOVEMBER 18 THURSDAY 8 AM MASS**

*Faye Krause*

**NOVEMBER 21 SUNDAY OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 9 AM MASS**

*Faye Krause*

**SPANISH MASS 12:00 PM**



*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted*  
**MATTHEW 5:4**



*The SANCTUARY LAMP burns the week of*  
*November 14, 2021 ~ November 20, 2021*  
*in memory of*  
**Kay Benson**  
*January 4, 1935 ~ July 29, 2020*

***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe /***  
***November 21, 2021***

***First Reading:***

*His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed. (Dn 7:14)*

***Psalm:***

*The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty. (Ps 93)*

***Second Reading:***

*To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. (Rv 1:5-6)*

***Gospel:***

*So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?"*

*Jesus answered, "You say I am a king." (Jn 18:37)*

*Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37*



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



***November 15, 2021 Parish Office will be closed***



***November 14, 2021 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
*"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." Take a moment to ponder these words from today's Gospel. How does this image make you feel? For people to truly understand the significance of this message, something profound has to happen within. If we find ourselves reacting with a sense of dread or fear, we have to step back and ask why. Our answer will reveal a great deal about our relationship with God. It's hard to fall in love with a God of whom we are afraid. God does not want us to be afraid. Nor does He want us to align our wills to His in order to avoid some kind of horrendous eternal consequence. That sounds like too much of a superficial power play on the part of God who continues to seek out His children in love.*

*In order for these words to carry any type of significant meaning for us, they have to resonate with and touch us on a deeper level. They have to be able to connect some dots and have meaning for us in order for this promise to change our lives. Sometimes we get preoccupied with the uncertainty of our deaths. Not knowing when or how we will eventually die can be unsettling. But, more so than needing an answer to the "when" of death, the "what" of death answer we provide has more significance. What happens to us when we die? Whether we die during the natural course of our lives or when Christ comes again, the experience is the same. If we believe that we are meant to live in union with God eternally and that death completes and does not diminish us, then it is worth our time and effort to wait in vigilant hope of the Lord's coming in glory. Our journey back to God is something beautiful to be desired, not dreaded or feared.*

*Sadly, many folks believe that life is no more than a random occurrence without any purposeful direction or meaning. Death is simply death and nothing more. For them, the Second Coming of Christ and God's eternal promise have no meaning. When we understand the truth about who we are, it changes things up. We then can see ourselves as works in progress who have the choice to either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful creativity of His will. Life awaiting the fullness of Christ to come becomes an unfolding of Divine surprises and abundant joy. God is eternally merciful, forgiving, and welcoming. It is only when we directly reject this gift and turn our backs on Love itself that we have anything to fear.*

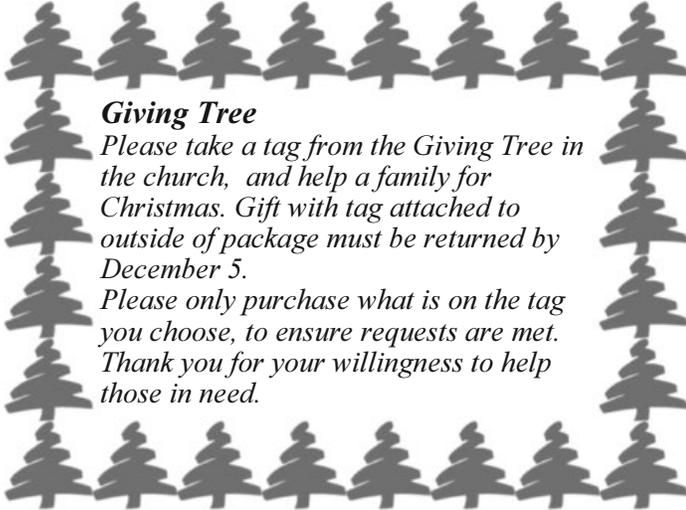
## Upcoming Meetings at St. Stephen

### November Meetings

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



### Giving Tree

Please take a tag from the Giving Tree in the church, and help a family 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.

**There is no Youth Faith Formation on November 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Thanksgiving Mass is the 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.**

### Caseyville Food Pantry needs for current month:

- Jelly
- Canned Corn
- Canned Mixed Vegetables
- Pork 'n Beans
- Sugar



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### Call for Help phone numbers

- St. Vincent de Paul Society 397-2219
- Catholic Urban Program 398-5616

### Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Every day is a gift from God. We are given the exact moment at hand, no more and no less. Jesus reminds us to be grateful and faithful to our calling as his followers. It is important for us to be mindful of what we can accomplish in His name in just the time we have. Place your trust in God's will and priorities. Know that he has the day prepared for you to be the best version of yourself with all its blessings. Give your best to the Lord and honor him through your actions and words.

Jeanne Adamske

### VOCATION CORNER

"Discovering vocation does not mean scrambling toward some prize just beyond my reach but accepting the treasure of true self I already possess. Vocation does not come from a voice out there calling me to be something I am not. It comes from a voice in here calling me to be the person I was born to be, to fulfill the original selfhood given me at birth by God." – **Thomas Merton**

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

### Diocese of Belleville PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious God,  
You have called us through Baptism to discipleship, believing in your Son, Jesus Christ, who has sent us to bring the Good News of salvation to the world.  
We pray to you, asking that you grant us more priests and religious who will help us build up your Church in the Diocese of Belleville and the world.  
Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many of our youth. Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves in service to our Lord Jesus and his people.  
May a new generation of priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers be a sign of your presence among us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen

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