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Mass Times

Sunday 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Spanish
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Reconciliation

Sunday 8:30 to 8:50 a.m.
11:30 to 11:50 a.m.
First Friday 7:00 p.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration/Hora Santa,
Reconciliation**
First Friday 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

St. Stephen Catholic Church

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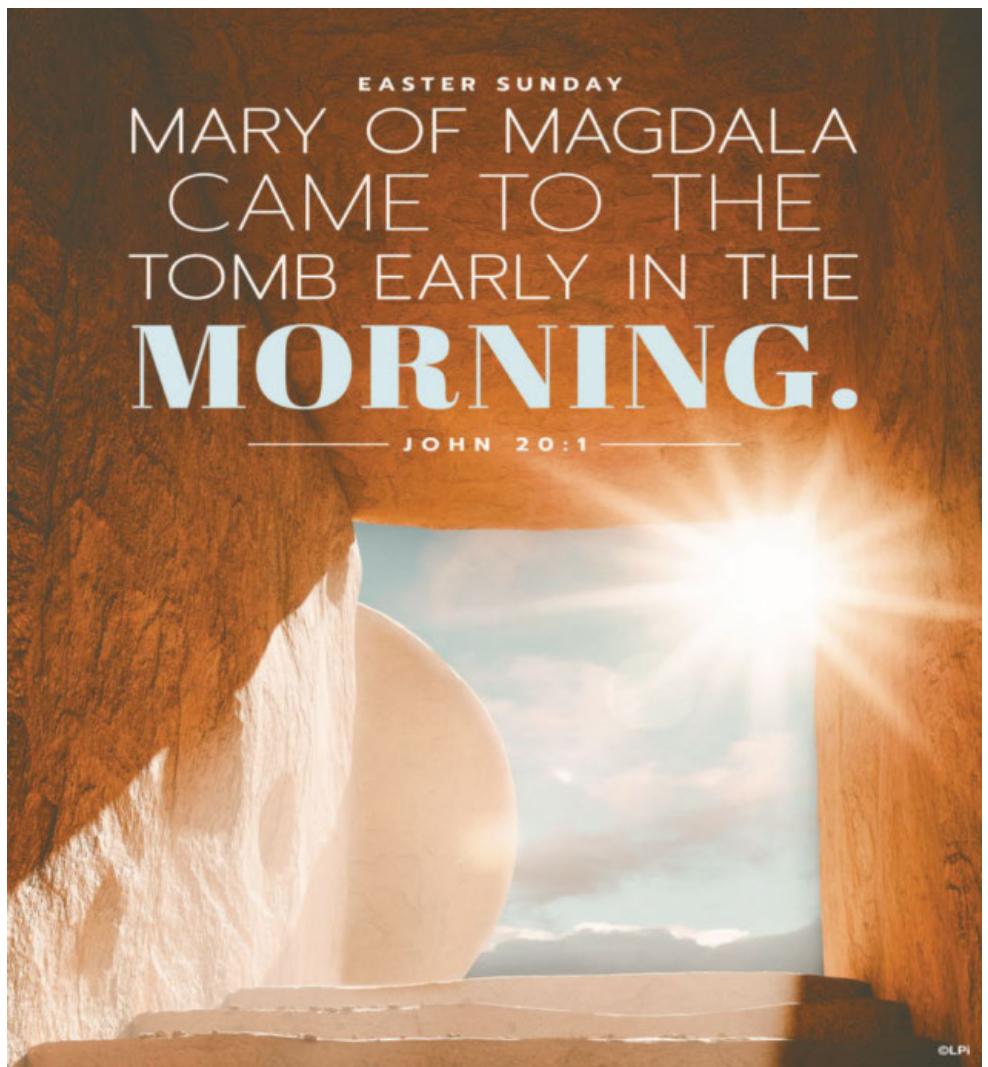
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Office hours: Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Connect with us online!

www.ststephencaseyville.org or office@ststephencaseyville.org

April 20, 2025



Hospital Visits

Due to the medical and hospital confidentiality laws and policies, the names of individual patients are not available upon request. If anyone wants a hospital visit from the pastor, please call the parish office.

Bulletin Deadline: To include information in the bulletin, please email the request to office@ststephencaseyville.org. All request MUST be received no later than Thursday prior to the requested date of publication.

Updated Mission Statement

As members of St. Stephen Parish in Caseyville, we challenge ourselves to be a family of believers. We accept the call to continue to mission and ministry of Jesus and be living signs of the marks of His Church; one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. We commit ourselves to be a welcoming community striving to grow in the love of God and our neighbors. We will be nourished for the task by proclaiming and hearing the Word of God and celebrating the Eucharist.

From our Pastor, Fr. Harold

A Blessed and Happy Easter to You!.

Praise God for the many signs of Christ's Resurrection here at St. Stephen!

Our parish offers a special "welcome home" to all those among us this weekend who are coming back to the Church and the Holy Eucharist. I pray that if you have been away for while, the Holy Spirit will touch your heart with a renewed commitment to return here every Sunday to "Keep Holy the Sabbath" day and show your gratitude to God for the blessings in your life. If you have been away from the Church and have questions or want to get reconnected please call Fr. Jim or me personally at the parish office at 618-397-0666 Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to set up a time to visit.

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This is a very special and exciting time for our Diocese. Everyone in the **Metro-East Vicariate** is invited to an evening of prayer and discussion with fellow Catholics, friends, and neighbors about our future call as a Diocese. This will be an opportunity to share ideas, hopes, and dreams about our Church.

Thursday, May 1, 2025, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Cathedral of St. Peter – Undercroft Belleville, IL

The meeting will focus on these three questions:

1. What excites/motivates you about the Diocese of Belleville?
2. What are your hopes/dreams for the Diocese of Belleville?
3. What changes are needed in the Diocese for the mission to grow?

Please seriously consider participating in the listening session. We ask that you help us get the word out in the community and personally invite people to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Pat McDevitt, Director for Mission and Planning at pmcdevitt@diobelle.org



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, April 20, 9 a.m. John Wojcik
12 p.m. Spanish Mass
Isabella Pacheco, Salena Pacheco

Monday, April 21, 8 a.m. Peggy Baumgartner

Tuesday, April 22, 8 a.m. Harriet Little

Wednesday, April 23, 6:30 p.m. Elbert "El" Edward Eschman

Thursday, April 24, 7 p.m. Reverend Jim Dougherty

Sunday, April 27, 9 a.m. Bob Polka
John Morlock
12 p.m. Spanish Mass

Readings for the week of April 20, 2025

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35 -48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Prayers for the Sick

Prayers for the sick /Oremos Por los Enfermos

We always welcome names for the sick. Please note that requests must only be made by the individual or an immediate family member. Names will remain on this prayer list for three months unless asked to renew for another three months.

Maureen Downs
Ed Hammond
Nick Stephy
Sharon

Laura Koskie
Cherita Beehn
Daniel Massey



Parish Activities

Sunday, April 20, 2025 Easter Egg Hunt after 9 am Mass
Monday April 21, 2025 Parish Office Closed



St. Stephen will have a Memorial Mass for Lucy Skibinski on Saturday, April 26 at 11:00 am, a brunch sponsored by St. Anne Altar Society will immediately follow the Mass. Please join us as we celebrate the life of Lucy.

Blessings COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

We would like to thank everyone for your most generous support of the St. Stephen Blessing Box. It means a great deal to so many people to have access to a wide variety of products to help them through a difficult time.

Prayers for our Prayer Chain Ministry have been answered. To request a prayer please text or call Donna Hanson at 618-960-5288.

Barb Morlock has generously agrees to chair Helping Hands Ministry. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding opportunity please contact the parish office, 618-397-0666.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe January 15-20, 2026 Hosted by Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville

Registration is now open for a six-day pilgrimage to Mexico to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and to witness the work that Catholic Relief Services does on our behalf. Pilgrimage leaders will be Fr. Bob Flannery, a retired priest in the Diocese of Belleville, Sue Huett Asbeck, retired Director of Worship for the Diocese of Belleville, and Cheryl Sommer, Diocesan Animator for Catholic Relief Services. Cost for the pilgrimage is \$2994 with final payment being due in mid-September. Many people are interested in this pilgrimage, so please register as soon as possible to secure your place. To register please go to this link: <http://www.gocatholictravel.com/26001>.

Vocation Corner

“My desire to become a priest began when I received my first holy Communion. In that moment, I had a profound understanding that Jesus was truly present in the Eucharist and that it was the priest who makes Him present in the Mass. Serving at Mass as a child drew me even further into the mystery of the sacred liturgy. It is an otherworldly experience, as it should be; it is the most extraordinary thing that ever happens on earth! St. John Vianney said of the Mass “Martyrdom is nothing in comparison, for it is but the sacrifice of man to God; but the Mass is the sacrifice of God for man.” Those words, which I came across in seminary, changed how I saw the liturgy. I have taken them to heart since my ordinations more than 15 years ago. As a priest, I stand in a special way with Mary and John at the foot of the cross every time I celebrate Mass. I feel so unworthy, but blessed, that God called me to the priesthood.” **Fr. Sean Danda; Archdiocese of Indianapolis; Columbia Magazine Jul/Aug 2024**

Deacon Mat’s Appreciation Party! May 3, 2025

Please join us on May 3 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to show how much we appreciate his dedication and devotion to our congregation. It is such a blessing to know we can rely on you, Deacon Mat, for support in our parish and our outreach ministries.



A luncheon will be served. Please watch the bulletin for more information.

Blessings!

Did you know you can support St. Stephen Catholic Church through your trust or will?

Time Talent and Treasure Thank you for your Stewardship

April 13, 2025

Church Envelopes \$ 6834.98

Candle Money \$ 60.00

Easter Flowers \$ 120.00

Sister Parish \$ 139.00

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