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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

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

Parish Office (618) 397-0666

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

Connect with us online!

www.ststephencaseyville.org or office@ststephencaseyville.org

April 27, 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

Thank You to so many people who shared their amazing talent to make our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies so lovely. To Fr. Jim, Deacon Mat, musicians, sacristans, servers, greeters, decorators, and everyone else who helped! For those who took part, I'm sure you add your gratitude to mine. The resurrection makes a daily difference in our lives if we remember! During this Jubilee Year of Hope, let's work diligently to allow the resurrection to be our constant source of hope.

Catholic and Service Ministry Appeal Update!

I am pleased to share that St. Stephen Parish has raised \$2,133.75 toward our Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal goal of \$13,058. Our heartfelt thanks to all who have helped make our campaign a success so far. The Appeal is a primary means by which we enfold our sisters and brothers into Christ's circle of care. If you have not had the opportunity to support the Appeal yet, I invite you to make your gift today to help us reach our goal. If unable to do so, please support the success of the campaign with your prayers. Your participation in our appeal is appreciated by our parish and all those who are served by the ministries funded by the Appeal that put faith into action to support all of our parishes, schools, and communities. On behalf of Bishop McGovern and all who benefit from your generosity. Thank you.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Over 40% of the dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States including in our own Belleville Diocese. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-mission.



Parishioners of St. Stephen Catholic Church are invited to an appreciation celebration for Deacon Mateusz (Mat) Garstecki. Saturday, May 3, 2025 in the gym. Please continue to keep Deacon Mat in your prayers as he prepares for his priestly ordination on September 13, 2025.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, April 28, 8 a.m. Michael Bollinger

Tuesday, April 29, 8 a.m. Eileen Rensing

Wednesday, April 30, 6:30 p.m. Wayne White

Thursday, May 1 p.m. Kathy Ann Acree

Sunday, May 4, 9 a.m. John Wojcik
12 p.m. Spanish Mass



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 Stephey
Sharon

Laura Koskie
Cherita Beehn
Daniel Massey



The SANCTUARY LAMP burns the week of April 27 to May 3, 2025
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ROMANS 6:4

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Parish Activities

Saturday, May 3, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Appreciation Party for Deacon Mat, lunch will be served

Sunday, May 11 Donuts and coffee after the 9 a.m. Mass

Saturday, May 17, 3 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Chicken Dinner and Bake Sale

Saturday, May 17, 7 p.m. Game Night

Wednesday, May 28, 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive



Helping Hands Ministry, contact person for this ministry is Barb Morlock.

This ministry provides temporary meals for those who have returned home after experiencing significant surgery, hospitalization, or the birth of a child. Each situation is handled on an individual basis through the parish office. Names of recipients are kept confidential. Volunteers are needed to cook meals. Time commitment varies based on the number of recipients needing help. Please call Parish Office for more information for help or to volunteer, 618-397-0666

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center

2-part Scripture Series – The Romanization of Christianity – Continued

Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD

Saturdays, May 31 and June 7, 2025, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

The earliest Christians were known more for what they did – the work of justice and charity – than what they believed. But as Christianity allied itself more and more to the Roman Empire, its focus shifted away from the work of justice and more toward only the work of charity. By the fifth century CE Christians were known more for what they believed than what they did. In this two-part series we will discuss what Christianity gained – and what it lost – as it became increasingly Romanized.

Cost: \$15 per session / \$30.00 for the series

Register online <https://snows.org/events/mark-etling-summer/or> call 618-394-6281.

Sexual Abuse Hotline:

Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a priest or other diocesan personnel please call the hotline: 800-640-3044

Vocation Corner

Today's Gospel is the familiar story of Thomas' declaration of unbelief in the Resurrection until "I put my finger in the nail marks." These kinds of thoughts often attack the minds of those discerning a religious vocation. They are seeking that "definite" sign that the path they are pursuing is the right one. The Lord does not always afford that. Let us pray, often and loudly, for these discerners that they "hear the call" of the Lord and continue to respond to it.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center, Memorial and Traditional Planting Starting May 29, 2024

As Pope Francis noted in his book *Laudato si'*, "Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it".

The Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows is a very beautiful oasis in Belleville, IL., hosting not only many devotional sites, but an abundance of trees, flowers, bushes, and plants to honor God's creations. We love to share our beautiful gardens and nature with thousands of visitors each year and are beginning this program to honor your loved ones or to start a family tradition for your future generations.

For information on pricing, plants and location, please go to <https://snows.org/memorial-and-traditional-planting/> or call 618-397-6700.

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>.

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Good Friday, Holy Land \$ 663.00



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