

## From Fr. Beatty-

You can find an online parish calendar linked from our homepage, [www.stkateri.net](http://www.stkateri.net), with a 'calendar' link on the top navigation bar. It's through Google calendars and will hopefully help us stay coordinated and aware. Events are color-coded according to the facilities they use. Please email the office if there are parish-related events we can include. I think to keep the calendar useful and uncluttered, it's best to limit it to parish facilities and activities.

St. Kateri has started a new Parish Nursing Ministry. Heaven's Babies Ministry focuses on pregnancy loss and burial services. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry please join us Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00pm in the North Room of St Joseph Gym. Questions please contact Emily York 618-841-9076.

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**There are no words adequate enough to express the gratitude we have for all the wondrous deeds you so selflessly did for our Rachel.** The many meals, unceasing prayers, generous gifts, help with the boys, visits & phone calls of encouragement. But most of all, loving her as she loved each of you. A special thanks to Michele, Pat Abell & the choir for the beautiful music that I know made Rachel so happy. A big thank you to all the ladies who provided the delicious meal everyone so enjoyed. To Tony & Gayla Cox for making such a difficult time full of compassion & empathy. And to you Fr. Steven, Msgr. Lawler, Msgr. Morris, Fr. Osberg and Fr. Phillip DeVous for the beautiful mass. Sometimes heaven is the healing God chooses to answer our prayers, and we have to believe his plan is the perfect one. The DeVous & Page families

**Sunday, Dec. 10--**At 11:00 AM the Confirmation and High School classes will leave for a visit with the sisters who live in the infirmary at the Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, Indiana and will return around 6:00 PM. Lunch & dinner will be provided. Parishioners or families who wish to caravan with us are welcome to follow along. For information, call Mark York at 499-3801.

**Our next nursing home ministry visit is planned for Wednesday, Dec 13, 10:00 a.m.** at the Villas of Hollybrook Assistant Living in Harrisburg. We will be visiting and singing songs with the residents. All are welcome.

**Sunday, Dec. 17--** Immediately following Mass, the pre-K through seventh graders will present a Christmas program in St Kateri Church. Refreshments in the Narthex will follow the program. Anyone wishing to provide cookies may call Nadine York at 276-4642. Questions about the program may be directed to Emily York at 841-9076.

**Saturday—Dec 16:** “Newsong Very Merry Christmas Tour featuring Crowder” Parents looking for a family activity in celebration of the season, might consider this Christian music concert at the Marion Civic Center. (Information at [www.marionccc.com](http://www.marionccc.com))

**Thank you for your generosity in helping our local food pantries.** The Shawneetown facility is now serving an average of 35 families per week while the one in Equality reached a new high of 83 families last week. The Backpack Program at school is serving 69 youth on a weekly basis.

**L. A. Lambert Knights of Columbus will have a Corporate Communion on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at the St. Kateri 9:00 a.m. Mass.** Members are asked to sit together in the reserved pews.

**Ugly Quilts-A total of 38 Ugly Quilts have been delivered to school children and homeless families in our area.** Gallatin Co. School received 10; Eldorado School received 12; and Hardin Co. School received 10. Crossroads Church in Norris City keeps 5 on hand for homeless families who come to their King's Closet. Thank you to everyone who donated fabric, blankets and supplies this 2017 year-you play an essential part in our Ugly Quilt Ministry. We look forward to our 2018 year.

**Second Sunday of Advent – December 9-10, 2017 - Until Christ returns.** Who shall we be and what shall we do while awaiting this Second Coming? Surely not standing around being idle. No – at work! The Bible readings early in Advent urge us to be at these works: giving comfort, straightening out pathways (both figurative and real), repenting, living without spot or blemish. Saint Paul asks, What sort of person ought I be? How does my life point to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ? What one act of mercy will I do this week?

### For Your Calendar:

**December 10, Sunday:** PSR Class

**December 13, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.:** Nursing Home Ministry visit at Villas of Hollybrook Assistant Living in Harrisburg.

**December 17, Sunday:** PSR Christmas Program

### Christmas Schedule:

**4:00 p.m. 12/24:** Mass at St. Kateri Church, Ridgway

**12:00 a.m. 12/25:** Midnight Mass at St. Joseph Chapel, Equality

**8:00 a.m. 12/25:** Mass at St. Patrick's Chapel, Pond Settlement

**10:00 a.m. 12/25:** Mass at St. Mary's Chapel, Shawneetown

**Pray for those who are sick or in hospital:** Mary Lou Aton, Kevin Baker, Kristy Boulds, Theresa Patton Burke, Elizabeth Carpenter, onnor Charleton, Susan Edwards, Diane (Bard) Graves, Dode Drone Howerton, Campbell Faulkner, Neil Jackson, Bill Jarrett, Matt Kreiter, Richard Moore, Daniel Mulkey, Jerry Penrod, Bruce Rankin, Delores Scherrer, Sandra Skaggs, Penny Sisk, Sandy Snoddy, Bob Williams and Lee Zirkelbach.

**Also remember our sick and shut-ins:** Mary Lee Buckman, Gregg Drone, Virginia L. Drone, Dale Hobbs, Donna Holmes, Mary Jo Holmes, Roxanne Nicholas, Jim Raper, Tony Scates, Gertrude Scherrer, Alene Shea, Ronny Lynn Bond Watkins and Melissa Wilson.

**(To add/delete a name from the list please call the office: 618-272-7059.)**

**OUR RETURN GIFTS TO GOD *LAST WEEK*:** Thank you for your generosity.

<b>Envelopes (137):</b>	<b>Loose Collection:</b>	<b>Building Fund:</b>
\$5810.00	\$470.25	\$400.00

<b>Building Fund (Pledges)</b>	\$515.00
<b>Weekend Snack Pack</b>	\$80.00
<b>Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.</b>	\$60.00
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	\$393.00
<b>Gym rent/deposit</b>	\$350.00
<b>Retirement fund for Religious</b>	\$50.00

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule:**

**Saturday, December 16, 2017**                      **St. Mary Chapel**  
Lector: Jean Wills  
Eucharistic Ministers: Jean Wills, Bill Scates, Mary Jo York  
Servers: Emma Gum, Drew Scates  
Greeters: Mary Jo York, Carmen Felker

**Sunday, December 17, 2017**                      **St. Kateri Church**  
Lector: Tabitha DeVous  
Eucharistic Ministers Tony & Gayla Cox, Jane Bond, Becky Abell  
Servers (KofC): Chuck McGuire, Jim Neumann  
Greeters: Pat, Becky & Oliver Abell

# St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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 1:00pm - 4:30pm



“The Cross was the glory of my life and of my death, and I want you to make it yours.”

- *Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks*

**Most Rev. Edward K. Braxton**  
 Bishop of Belleville

**Fr. Steven L. Beatty**  
 Pastor

## *Second Sunday of Advent* *December 9<sup>th</sup> & December 10<sup>th</sup> 2017*

*Mass Schedule for this week*

Saturday	Dec	9,	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>PONDS</b>	<b>J.B. &amp; Iona Holmes</b>
Sunday	Dec	10,	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>RIDG</b>	<b>For Our Parish</b>
Monday	Dec	11,	<b>No Mass</b>		
Tuesday	Dec	12,	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>RIDG</b>	<b>Dorothy Keane</b>
Wednesday	Dec	13,	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>EQUY</b>	<b>Frank, Nettie &amp; Mike Bayer</b>
Thursday	Dec	14,	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>PONDS</b>	<b>Mark McGuire</b>
Friday	Dec	15,	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>SHAW</b>	<b>Mary Ellen Neumann</b>
Saturday	Dec	16,	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>SHAW</b>	<b>Delbert York</b>
Sunday	Dec	17,	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>RIDG</b>	<b>For Our Parish</b>

*Please consider remembering your parish in your will.*