

From Fr. Beatty-

I've been reading the short stories of Flannery O'Connor. It's taking some time because they really pack a wallop. You kind of need some time to stare at a wall after most of them.

If you took a vote, O'Connor would definitely get the prize for the greatest Catholic American writer. Her stories are beloved by all kinds of people, but they are absolutely soaking in her Catholicism. She lived in the South where her Catholic faith was a small minority. The stories certainly don't read like Catholic devotional literature or apologetics. They are simply human. Like Tolkien, her writing has broad human appeal because her faith gives her insight into our true nature and our true situation.

I said they pack a wallop and the stories are not for all ages. Readers who expect good-guys to do all good things and villains to be neatly vanquished should look elsewhere. The people who populate O'Connors stories are all broken. One might have all kinds of great qualities but be horribly racist. Another might seem thoroughly rotten but be the only person with the courage to sacrifice himself in a crisis. Her writing is about how grace breaks into a world that resists it, a world that is often ugly. It's about broken people who are offered grace... which they may accept or reject. So, now that you've been warned what you're getting into, I offer my highest and most enthusiastic recommendation of Flannery O'Connor for adults and mature teens. Start with *A Good Man is Hard to Find* or *The River*.

The Columbus Club presents "The Marvelles" Reunion 1965 – 1974. Unfortunately due to serious unforeseen circumstances, the Columbus Club will be postponing indefinitely the Marvelles Reunion. All purchased tickets will be refunded in the Narthex on Sunday mornings after Mass on June 10 & June 17, or by calling Simon Naas 618-713-1600 or Jason Abell 618-313-1811. Our apologies for any inconveniences.

2018 St Kateri Benefit Auction will be Saturday, July 21st at the St Joseph Gym. Dinner ticket sales start June 1st contact church office or Becky Abell at 812-453-5060. Ticket price is \$25 per person which includes dinner and drinks. Lots of fun to be had. Fund-an-item will be on hold this year so that we can catch up with projects. Sweet shop silent auction, sack auction, bid auction and main auction as well as Tshirt sales and "Heads or Tails" will occur. Raffle tickets will begin being sold for a BOSE radio system and a Weedeater/blower combo pak. Any questions feel free to call.

St. Kateri will be sponsoring a Peanut Butter & Jelly Mobile this summer for our Snack Pack kids. If you are interested in helping make and/or deliver sandwiches please contact Emily York 618-841-9076. Thank you!

Game on! VBS will be June 25-29th 5:30-8:15 Ages 4-10. Dinner at 5:30 program begins at 6 with a closing reception Friday at 7:45 in the church. Please pre-register if possible. All are welcome. Volunteers always needed. There's a signup sheet in the Narthex or call/text Andi York 313-1398. Go Team!

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - About God's kingdom. It is hard to see the kingdom of God all at once. Perhaps it is impossible. It is as if, the parable goes, a single seed does its nurturing and growth, but not alone, with all the others. We can't see the forest for the trees. Each one of us is a small part of a very large kingdom. How can I, trusting in God, flourish this week? What fruit will I bear? How will mercy shape my behavior?

Join us for **Natural Family Planning Day 2018** to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Humanae Vitae and NFP! Starts with 10am Mass on July 15, at St. Mary's in Mount Vernon and followed by lunch, talks, and fellowship! Come for all of the day (10am-4pm) or whatever works for your family. **Please register NOW** to assure your spot at <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=500cbb> Any questions can be directed to Emily and Matt Joost at mejoost@gmail.com

Men's Casual Clothing/Accessories Needed: The Belleville Council Office of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul NEEDS YOUR HELP in providing essentials to the poor they serve. At the present time there is a desperate need for gently-used men's casual clothing and accessories: slacks, shirts, socks, belts and shoes. Items can be dropped off at: SVDP Thrift Store 3718 State Street, East St. Louis Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon or SVDP Office 13 Vieux Carre Drive, East St. Louis (across from the new Save-A-Lot store on Hwy. 157) Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. If you have questions or need additional information, please call the Council office at 618-394-0126. **YOUR DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE AND WILL BE A BLESSING FOR SOMEONE IN NEED! THANK YOU SO MUCH.**

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal... using your gifts to serve one another. You have the opportunity to support the six young men who have answered "YES" to God's call to serve in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. The annual cost for each of our seminarians is approximately \$46,700. Funding from The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps support the expenses of our seminarians and Vocation Office; your pledge or one-time gift is truly an investment in our faith and the life of the Church here in southern Illinois. Please continue to pray for vocations and consider making your gift today!

For Your Calendar:

June 25-29: Vacation Bible School at St. Kateri.

June 26, Tuesday: Parish Council Meeting, beginning with Mass at 6:30 p.m. at St. Kateri Church, in Ridgway.

Care Bears with cards are available in the Narthex for those that are sick or shut-in. If you visit someone at home or in the hospital please take them a bear and note from the parish.

Compassionate Miscarriage Bundles are available for anyone in need. Please contact Cathy Scates 618-269-3692 or Fr. Steven Beatty.

Pray for those who are sick or in hospital: Mary Lou Aton, Kevin Baker, Silas Scott Bohannon, Brendan Cain, Gabriel Capeheart, Elizabeth Carpenter, Connor Charleton, Daniel Drone, Kay Drone, Mary Drone, Susan Edwards, Genny Lu Scates Freeman, Diane (Bard) Graves, Sarah Henson, Gary Holmes, Sharon Holmes, Dode Drone Howerton, Campbell Faulkner, Carol Kaufman Helfrich, Neil Jackson, Indy Jones, Matt Kreiter, Logan Martin, Beverly Mills, Richard Moore, Daniel Mulkey, Jerry Penrod, Ruth Raben, Bruce Rankin, Lawrence Rider, Faye Rotramel, Delores Scherrer, Sandra Skaggs, Penny Sisk, Sandy Snoddy, Carl Wargel and Bob Williams.

Also remember our sick and shut-ins: Mary Lee Buckman, Gregg Drone, Virginia L. Drone, Dale Hobbs, Donna Holmes, Mary Jo Holmes, Burt Naas, Roxanne Nicholas, Jim Raper, Alene Shea, Kelly Storto, 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.

Envelopes (91):	Loose Collection:	Building Fund:
\$4317.00	\$495.50	\$295.00

Building Fund (Pledges)	\$220.00
Weekend Snack Pack	\$85.00
Donation	\$90.00
St. Mary's Cemetery	\$30.00

Liturgical Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, June 23, 2018 **St. Kateri Church**
Lector: Dolores Schmitt
Eucharistic Ministers: Chuck & Linda McGuire, Bob & Judy McGuire
Servers: Kallie & Abbie Keasler, Oliver Abell
Greeters: John, Tabitha & Noah DeVous
Collection Baskets: Kevin & Rhonda Drone

Sunday, June 24, 2018 **St. Kateri Church**
Lector: Debbie Hughes
Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Bond, Bill Scates, Steve & Kendra McGuire
Servers: Zac Stanford, Nic Stanford
Greeters: Andi York, Danielle Krikie

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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Office Hours:
 Tuesday through Thursday
 8:30am - 12:00pm
 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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time *June 16th & June 17th 2018*

Mass Schedule for this week

Saturday	June	16,	5:00 PM	SHAW	For Our Parish
Sunday	June	17,	9:00 AM	RIDG	John Lawler, Shelly Lawler
Monday	June	18,	No Mass		
Tuesday	June	19,	8:00 AM	RIDG	Hubert, Sarah & Mike Fromm
Wednesday	June	20,	8:00 AM	EQUY	Delbert York
Thursday	June	21,	8:00 AM	PONDS	Pauline, John C. & Sr Kathleen McGuire
Friday	June	22,	8:00 AM	SHAW	Tony Scates
Saturday	June	23,	5:00 PM	RIDG	Vernie Fry
Sunday	June	24,	9:00 AM	RIDG	For Our Parish

Please consider remembering your parish in your will