

From Fr. Beatty-

We awake this morning (it's Thursday) to a fatality count of seventeen from a mass murder in a high school near Miami. We can expect to replay a devastatingly familiar script over the coming days. The usual people say the usual things, and few of us expect that any of it will amount to more than bluster. This is not to discount the sincerity and good will of those who comment and discuss. But does anyone feel like we're making any progress?

I'm on the side of anyone who sincerely wants to better understand what in the world is happening and how we can stop it. I hope that behind and despite the numbingly banal obscenity of most media commentary, we can pay more and more attention to the sicknesses that have beset our culture. We are awash in violence and pornography and drugs. We are drowning in them and it's getting worse.

Count me in for any reasonable pluralistic debate about how we can tweak the system to limit the damage. That's worth doing... but this is all symptom control and let's not delude ourselves otherwise. The culture of death is advancing and we need God.

What Does Your Lent Look Like?? An afternoon opportunity to gather with other Catholic youth (grades 6-12) in our region to meet and get to know one another and talk about our Lenten journey. Sunday, February 25 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Herrin. We will leave at 11:30 am immediately following classes and stop for lunch on the way to the Youth Gathering which lasts from 2:00-5:00 pm. We will stop for dinner and return at approximately 7:00 pm. Permission slips have been distributed in Confirmation and high school classes and more are available in the narthex of the church. Questions? Call Mark York at 618-499-3801.

Ridgway Knights of Columbus members and their guests interested in attending the **Knights of Columbus Charity Bowl at SI Bowl on Sunday, February 25**, are asked to contact Jim Neumann at 618-313-2977.

Ridgway Knights of Columbus invites everyone to their Lenten Fish Fry [Fiddlers/filets, and choice of two side dishes - baked beans, skillet fries, French fries, slaw and hush puppies] to be held **March 2nd at the Columbus Club in Ridgway. Serving from 5 - 8 PM with carry outs available.** Phone 618-272-7615

St Joseph Day Celebration. Saturday, March 3 at St Joseph Chapel Hall after evening Mass. Chili and hot dog meal provided. Bring a dessert if you wish. All are invited.

Pancake Breakfast- The Knights of Columbus L.A. Lambert 1581 will host their annual Pancake and Sausage breakfast on Saturday March 10, 2018 from 6:30 to 10:00 a.m. at the St. Joseph's Parish Center in Ridgway. Tickets are \$3.00 and may be purchased at the door or from a member, everyone invited. All proceeds go toward the upkeep of St. Joseph's ball diamond and community area benefits and charitable donations.

Our next nursing home ministry visit is planned for Wednesday, February 21, 10:00 a.m. at Brookstone Estates in Harrisburg. We will be visiting and singing songs with the residents. All are welcome!

Sham-ROCK! '18, the second annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance Party is March 17th, 6:30-11:45! Full-course Irish-Style Feast downstairs and upstairs; Live music w/ The O'Reunion Band upstairs; Crowd Games-Contests-other Shenanigans w/ emcees Se'an Mark and Tabby O'DeVous; Cash Bar w/ Guinness and Green Beer on Tap; Snacks included all night. Tickets: \$15- on sale in person on February 21st, 5-7:00pm at the club hall on S. Crawford Street in Ridgway, or call Simon Naas 618-713-1600, Jason Abell 618-313-1811, or Kim Martin 618-841-8303. A limited number of reserved whole tables for ten are available! Erin Go Bragh!

Ladies, Operation Old Purse is back..! We haven't collected purses for a couple of years because where we usually took them closed. I spoke to the Volunteer Manager at The Women's Center in Carbondale to see if there was a need and she said that this would be great. So if you have any gently used purses and would like to donate them for other women going through some difficult times, we would love to have them. Abused women at times walk away with nothing but the clothes on their back. What we would like also, if you could add a few travel size items in them that would help with our cost. Tooth brushes, tooth paste, facial cleanser, Kleenex and such would be greatly appreciated. If you have travel items from your travel, those are great also. Gallatin, Saline counties, I can pick them up, or you may drop them off at Cox & Son Funeral Home in Ridgway. Anything you give is greatly appreciated. We would like to have them no later than March 1st. Please share if you wish. Thank You, Gayla Cox

Saturday, March 10 - St. Patrick's Day Celebration after 5:00 PM Mass at St. Patrick's Chapel. Everyone is invited. Meat, table service & drinks provided. Please bring side dish and/or dessert. Hall decorating at 10:00 AM, Saturday March 10.

For Your Calendar:

February 21, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.: Nursing Home Ministry visit at Brookstone Estates in Harrisburg

February 23, Friday: Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Chapel in Shawneetown.

February 25, Sunday: PSR Class

Parent Class in North Room

February 27, Tuesday: Parish Council Meeting, beginning with Mass at 6:30 p.m. at St. Kateri Church, in Ridgway.

March 2, Friday: The Ridgway Knights of Columbus invites everyone to a Lenten Fish Fry from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Columbus Club in Ridgway. Carry out available, 618-272-7615.

March 2, Friday: 6:00 p.m.: First Friday Holy Hour/Stations of the Cross at St. Kateri Church

March 3, Saturday: St Joseph Day Celebration at St Joseph Chapel Hall after evening Mass. Chili and hot dog meal provided. Bring a dessert if you wish. All are invited.

March 10, Saturday: St. Patrick's Day Celebration at St. Patrick's Hall after evening mass. Meat, table service & drinks provided. Please bring side dish and/or dessert. All are invited

Pray for those who are sick or in hospital: Mary Lou Aton, Kevin Baker, Silas Scott Bohannan, Kristy Boulds, Theresa Patton Burke, Gabriel Capeheart, Elizabeth Carpenter, Connor Charleton, Susan Edwards, Diane (Bard) Graves, Gary Holmes, Sharon Holmes, Susie Holmes, 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, Kelly Storto 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, Roxanne Nicholas, Jim Raper, 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.

Envelopes (76):	Loose Collection:	Building Fund:
\$3680.00	\$333.00	\$80.00

Building Fund (Pledges)	\$1340.00
Weekend Snack Pack	\$50.00
First Offering	\$10.00

Liturgical Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, February 24, 2018

St. Kateri Church

Lector: Jim Neumann

Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Scates, Mike & Tracy McGuire, Derwin Drone

Servers: Haley Bonneville, Shelby Bartok

Greeters: Tony & Gayla Cox

Sunday, February 25, 2018

St. Kateri Church

Lector: Janet Cremeens

Eucharistic Ministers: Becky Abell, Steve & Kendra McGuire, Keith Farris

Servers: Lane & Will Henson

Greeters: Martin & Cathy Duffy

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

First Sunday of Lent
February 17th & February 18th 2018

Mass Schedule for this week

Saturday	Feb	17,	5:00 PM	SHAW	For Our Parish
Sunday	Feb	18,	9:00 AM	RIDG	John Lawler
Monday	Feb	19,	No Mass		
Tuesday	Feb	20,	8:00 AM	RIDG	John Abell
Wednesday	Feb	21,	8:00 AM	EQUY	Delbert York
Thursday	Feb	22,	8:00 AM	PONDS	Laurentine Febuary
Friday	Feb	23,	8:00 AM	SHAW	Leo & Ruth McGuire
Saturday	Feb	24,	5:00 PM	RIDG	For Our Parish
Sunday	Feb	25,	9:00 AM	RIDG	Jim Schmitt

Please consider remembering your parish in your will.