

1st Sunday of Lent - "It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" *Matthew 4:10* Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

The parish Youth Ministry Program has transitioned from Sunday mornings to Sunday evenings. High school youth should not come to Sunday morning classes from this point on, but are encouraged to attend Sunday evening gatherings at 6:00 PM.

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 hushpuppies] to be held **Friday, February 27th, March 13th and March 27th at the Columbus Club in Ridgway.** Serving from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. with carry outs available. Phone [618-272-7615](tel:618-272-7615)

Pancake Breakfast- The Knights of Columbus L.A. Lambert 1581 will host their annual Pancake and Sausage breakfast on Saturday March 7, 2026, from 6:30 to 10:00 a.m. at the St. Joseph's Parish Center in Ridgway, (dine in or carry-outs available). Tickets are \$3.00 and may be purchased at the door or from a member, everyone invited. All proceeds go toward the maintenance and improvements of St. Joseph's ball diamond, community area benefits, plus donations to charitable organizations.

Everyone, please mark your calendars and plan to attend the St. Kateri Spring Fling! The event will be held Saturday, March 14 from 9:00-2:00 pm in the St. Kateri Gym. The Ladies Altar Society will once again be offering a delicious lunch for everyone to enjoy. The Ladies are also hosting a GIFT CARD raffle. If anyone would like to help out and donate a gift card (it can be any amount to anywhere) it would be greatly appreciated. We are excited to welcome a wonderful mix of new and returning vendors, all ready to greet you. For more information, please contact: Barb Pearce at 618-838-6554 We hope to see you there!

Sham-ROCK '26 - March 14th - 6pm Upstairs KC Hall!

Email shamrockdinnerdance@gmail.com or call/text 841-8303 for tickets (\$22 ea.) and join the shenanigans at the 9th annual Ultimate St. Patrick's Dinner Dance Party! Special thanks to our generous sponsors Koerner Distributors, Inc., Guinness Beer and J. Bacher Fine Jewelry!

St. Kateri Altar Society Ham and Bean Dinner: Tuesday, March 17, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish Center, Ridgway, IL. Donations \$8.00. Includes Ham & Beans, slaw, cornbread, dessert and drink. Carry Outs available call 618-841-3678

St. Kateri Parish Council: There will not be a Parish Council Meeting on February 24th since we had a Discernment meeting on February 2nd. Next meeting will be March 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Your prayers and many acts of kindness during my recent surgeries and recovery were greatly appreciated. May God bless you! Sharon Seely

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT? *In the words of Pope Francis*

Fast from hurting words and say kind words
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worried and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
Fast from grudges and be reconciled
Fast from words and be silent and listen

Respect Life Corner - "The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent*

Your Calendar:

February 21, Saturday: Friendship Trays will be delivered to our sick and shut-in friends, start putting them together at 9:00 a.m.

February 22, Sunday: St. Kateri Parish PSR Classes 9:00 to 10:15

February 25, Wednesday: Help Center 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Equality Parish Hall

February 27, Friday: Adoration after Mass at St. Kateri

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February 27, Friday, 6:00 p.m.: St. Kateri - Stations of the Cross

March 1, Sunday: St. Kateri Parish PSR Classes 9:00 to 10:15

March 1, Sunday: St. Joseph of the Woods Family Faith Formation 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

March 1, Sunday: OCIA classes from 5:00 p.m. in School Basement

March 4, Wednesday: Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Columbus Club in Ridgway

March 6, Friday: Adoration after Mass at St. Kateri

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If anyone has a person that needs a card, please text name and address to Jane Bond 618-313-1817

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 Emily York 618-841-9076

St. Kateri

Pray for those who are sick or in hospital: Beverly Mills, Jeff Dearmon, Becky Ghrist, Charlie Wargel, Alice Duvall and Tim Duvall.

St. Joseph

Pray for those who are sick or in hospital: Carolyn Ellis, Susan Williams, Nathan Clark, Filii Tuliao, Steve & Sharon Robbs, Hadley Stowers, Pam & Dickie Pease, Sue Leonberger, Erin Adams, Tom Hirsch, Ronnie & Maryanne Armstrong, Deborah Smoot, Bill Smoot, Jim Patton, Ken Schimp, Becky Barnard, Sarah Humm, Erin Armstrong, David Humm, Rusty Cornell, Christy Busler, Janice Downey, Shannon Rose, Pat Rochford, Dora Kay Warren, Craig Fuller, Miranda Hutchison, Rachel Martin, Tammy Parkinson, Charlie Joyner, David Helmers, Larry Brugger, Jim & Cheryl Thornton, Lori Price, Dewayne Simmons, Jimmy Summers, Gary Carr, Bob Gibbs, Carol Wolf, Regina & Larry Hall, Nellie Essary, Ricky Williams, Christie Tetford, Peyton Daymon and Doris Atkinson and family

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

St. Kateri Parish

(47 Envelopes)

Sunday Envelopes:	\$4034.00
Building:	\$150.00
Loose Collection:	\$32500
Black & Indian Mission:	\$50.00
Help Center:	\$100.00
Donation:	\$50.00
St. Joseph Equality Cemetery:	\$25.00

St. Joseph Stewardship weekly budget goal

(Our weekly goal \$1600.00)

Sunday Envelopes:	\$1625.00
Loose Collection:	\$138.00
Children's collection:	\$2.00
Weekly Sunday Envelope Total:	\$1625.00

Liturgical Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, February 28, 2026 - St. Kateri

Lector: Rick Zirkelbach
Eucharistic Ministers: Steve & Kendra McGuire
Servers: Doug Drone, Jim Neumann
Greeters: Steve & Kendra McGuire

Sunday, March 1, 2026 – St. Kateri

Lector: 8th – 12th Grade
Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Payne, Thomas McGuire
Servers: 8th – 12th Grade
Greeters: 8th – 12th Grade

Sunday, March 1, 2026 - St. Joseph

Lector: Tamera Berger
Eucharistic Ministers: Charles & Debbie Soward
Ushers: Jeff Cash, George Sehi

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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Office Hours:

Monday through Friday
 8:30am - 12:00pm
 1:00pm - 4:00pm

St. Joseph of the Woods Parish

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 Elizabethtown, Illinois 62931



Fr. Felix Chukwuma

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 812-899-2415
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First Sunday of Lent

February 21st, 2026 & February 22nd, 2026

Mass Schedule for this week

Saturday	Feb	21,	5:00 PM	RDWY	John & Bernice Lawler, Mary Beth Wargel, Nina Wargel
Sunday	Feb	22,	8:00 AM	ETWN	Freda Siener
Sunday	Feb	22,	10:30 AM	RDWY	For Our Parish
Monday	Feb	23,	No Mass		
Tuesday	Feb	24,	6:30 PM	RDWY	John, Marge & Gary Fals, Julia Wargel, Sue Kimbro
Wednesday	Feb	25,	8:00 AM	RDWY	Browning & Febuary families
Thursday	Feb	26,	9:00 AM	ETWN	For Our Parish
Friday	Feb	27,	8:00 AM	RDWY	Ryan & Kris Kilmer, Tyler Huston, Fr. Federico
Saturday	Feb	28,	5:00 PM	RDWY	For Our Parish
Sunday	Mar	1,	8:00 AM	ETWN	Emma Sunga
Sunday	Mar	1,	10:30 AM	RDWY	George Naas & Naas family