

**St. Kateri Liturgical Ministers training** for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Greeters and Cantors after Mass on April 25<sup>th</sup>, and April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Ladies Save the Date: The Mother Daughter Banquet will be held May 6th.** It will be catered by Pleasant Valley Catering. We will once again have you decorate with your own dinnerware service, glasses etc. The theme can be your choosing. Last year we had: Fiesta ware, Beach, Tea Party, Family Antique dinnerware; can't wait to see what you all think of this year! Sign up will start April 12th thru April 30th cost to be \$7 per person and all reservations need to be in by April 30th Decorating of tables will be Tuesday, May 5th. We will mingle at 5:30p.m. and the meal will be served at 6:00 p.m.

**St. Kateri & St. Joseph Child Protection Information:** If someone wants to volunteer for PSR, Vacation Bible School, Mission Trip or anything like that, you need to contact the Parish Office 272-7059 to get information on being in compliance with the Child Protection guidelines. There is a process to go through **so please don't wait till the last minute to sign up** because you may not be able to attend until all paperwork is approved by the Diocese. Sometimes this can take a month or so to get through the process. Thank you so much to every parishioner who makes the effort to stay up with the training and paperwork. Our Parish appreciates all you do and so grateful to everyone willing to help. As many of you know, The Diocese of Belleville requires all volunteers who work with or around children (in any capacity) to be in compliance with the Diocesan Child Protection Policy: More information about this policy can be obtained at the Diocesan website at [www.Diobelle.org](http://www.Diobelle.org)

**Thank you to all for the prayers, congratulations, cards, and gifts for our Confirmation and First Communion.** We feel blessed. The Easter Vigil and reception were very nice. Special thanks to Michele Raper, Mark and Nadine York, Johnita Moore, and Fr. Felix. Preston and Priscilla Seely

**The Gallatin County Historical Society and the Long Knives Chapter of the ILSSAR welcomes you** to the opening season of the John Marshall Home Bank Museum and The Liberty Tree honoring the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the John Marshall Museum front yard at Main 434 St., Old Shawneetown, IL.

**St. Joseph of the Woods & St. Kateri: The Messenger will publish the High School Graduation Supplement on May 21, 2026. A request for some information - we are seeking names of 2026 High School Graduates in the Diocese that are Catholics (If Valedictorian or Salutatorian please send photo)** this information would be very much appreciated and is needed promptly for The Messenger. **Please submit it to the Parish Office by April 27th.** Would you please help us by contacting the office at 272-7059 during business hours, or drop in collection basket, or email to [GallatinCatholic@gmail.com](mailto:GallatinCatholic@gmail.com)

PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_  
Graduate Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parents: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Valedictorian: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Salutatorian: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**St. Kateri First Communion, May 3, 10:30 a.m. Mass:** We congratulate these students as they celebrate First Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers. Emery Jo Drone, Griffin James Drone, Emma Marie Jones, Jadelyn Rose Pearce and Camdyn Lee Raben. **There will be bags for the First Communion in the NARTHEX** during Saturday evening and Sunday morning of First Communion weekend for those who wish to leave a card of congratulations.

**George and Glenda Sehi would like to thank everyone who came to help them celebrate their 50th anniversary** and for all the anniversary wishes from everyone and cards. They were very appreciated and it was a great day. Special thanks to Fr. Felix for coming out and saying a prayer and blessing for us and the table prayer. God bless you all!!

**Memorial Day is fast approaching, and we hope to do a story related to this holiday.** If anyone in your parish has a story to tell about someone they knew or a relative who died in war, please let us know. Send any information to [editor@bellevillemessenger.org](mailto:editor@bellevillemessenger.org). We also print the names of service members who were killed in action (WWII onward) in The Messenger. **We have a list from years past, but if we have missed anyone or there have been a death since last year at this time, please send that person's name, rank if it is known, and the war in which they served and died.** In addition, we would like to include a list of service people who are presently serving in harm's way, asking for prayers for their safe return home. **Please submit the information to The Messenger by May 8th.**

**Ridgway Knights of Columbus invites Catholic men age 17 ½ and older to join their order.** An initiation will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 110 S Monroe ST, West Frankfort beginning at 10:30 AM. Additionally, an Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will begin at 1:30 PM at the same location. For more information contact Jason Abell at 618-313-1811, Tyler Drone, 618-560-6700 or any K of C member.

#### Your Calendar:

**April 19, Sunday: St. Kateri Parish PSR Classes** 9:00 to 10:15  
**April 19, Sunday:** Ridgway Knights of Columbus will have a chicken dinner from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Columbus Club in Ridgway. Dine in and carryout. \$10.00 a plate. 272-7615. Members are asked to bring a dessert  
**April 20, Monday:** Altar Society Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the North Room  
**April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>:** St. Kateri Liturgical Ministers training for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Greeters and Cantors after Mass  
**April 26, Sunday: St. Kateri Parish PSR Classes** 9:00 to 10:15  
**April 28, Tuesday: St. Kateri Parish Council Meeting** beginning with Mass at 6:30 p.m.  
**April 29, Wednesday:** Help Center 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Equality Parish Hall  
**May 1, Friday:** Adoration after Mass  
**May 3, Sunday: St. Joseph of the Woods Family Faith Formation** 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  
**May 3, Sunday:** St. Kateri First Communion  
**May 6, Wednesday:** Knights of Columbus 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Columbus Club in Ridgway

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, Charlie Wargel, Alice Duvall, Tim Duvall, David Schmitt and Baby Mila Abell.

**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, 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, Ricky Williams, Christie Tetford, Peyton Daymon, Steve Hunt, Jerry Humm, Betty Monroe, Mike Carver, David Dunstan, Mike Belford, Danny Sanders and Troy Hirsch

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

<b>St. Kateri Parish</b>	<b>(46 Envelopes)</b>
Sunday Envelopes:	\$3,125.00
Loose Collection:	\$400.00
Building:	\$75.00
Help Center:	\$50.00
Easter Offering:	\$50.00
St. Patrick Cemetery:	\$50.00
St. Joseph Equality Cemetery:	\$25.00

**CSMA GOAL: \$14,971.00**  
**CSMA Collection/Pledges**  
**Totals: \$9299.00**

<b>St. Joseph Stewardship weekly budget goal</b>	
<b>(Our weekly goal \$1600.00)</b>	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,270.00
Loose Collection:	\$142.00
<b>Weekly Sunday Envelope Total:</b>	<b>\$2412.00</b>
Building:	\$60.00

**CSMA GOAL: \$4,223.00**  
**CSMA Collection**  
**Totals: \$2565.00**

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule:**

**Saturday, May 2, 2026 - St. Kateri**  
Lector: Niall McConville  
Eucharistic Ministers: Mike & Tracy McGuire  
Servers: Jason Abell  
Greeters: Mike & Tracy McGuire

**Sunday, May 3, 2026 – St. Kateri**  
Lector: Mark York  
Eucharistic Ministers: Denzil & Debbie Hughes  
Servers: Lydia Browning, Randy Drone  
Greeters: First Communion Class

**Sunday, May 3, 2026 - St. Joseph**  
Lector: Ashley McCuan  
Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Barbercheck, Everett Davis  
Ushers: Dempsey Lievers, Gary Gross

**St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish**  
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**Office Hours:**  
 Monday through Friday  
 8:30am - 12:00pm  
 1:00pm - 4:00pm

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**Very Reverend Godfrey Mullen, OSB**  
 Bishop-Elect of the Diocese of Belleville

***Fourth Sunday of Easter***  
***April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 & April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026***  
*Mass Schedule for this week*

Saturday	Apr	25,	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>RDWY</b>	<b>For Our Parish</b>
Sunday	Apr	26,	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>ETWN</b>	<b>Louis, Martha &amp; David Hamp</b>
Sunday	Apr	26,	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>RDWY</b>	<b>Faye Rotramel, Bob Naas, Linda &amp; Mark McGuire</b>
Monday	Apr	27,	<b>No Mass</b>		
Tuesday	Apr	28,	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>RDWY</b>	<b>Burt Naas, Ray, Irma &amp; Bob Rider, Rosa &amp; Morgan Rheaume</b>
Wednesday	Apr	29,	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>RDWY</b>	<b>Patricia Naas</b>
Thursday	Apr	30,	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>ETWN</b>	<b>For Our Parish</b>
Friday	May	1,	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>RDWY</b>	<b>Joseph Li &amp; Maria Chen</b>
Saturday	May	2,	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>RDWY</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Judy McGuire, John C, Pauline &amp; Sr Kathleen McGuire</b>
Sunday	May	3,	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>ETWN</b>	<b>Bernie &amp; Connie Herrmann</b>
Sunday	May	3,	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>RDWY</b>	<b>For Our Parish</b>