

7th Sunday of Easter (The Ascension of the Lord)

"I am praying for them..." JOHN 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

Ferdinand Trip: Our parish's annual Mission Trip to the convent in Ferdinand, IN, will be held on July 6-10. Any youth age 12 and above are welcome. Friends, whether Catholic or not, may be invited. There is no cost for participants. Adults are also welcome if they have completed diocesan child protection training. This can now be done online and takes about an hour, however, the State Police background check can take weeks, so that would need to be started soon. For more information or to sign up, call Mark York at 499-3801. The deadline for registering is May 31.

Tend My Sheep: Addressing Poverty Through Catholic Social Teaching - Thursdays June 4 -July 30, except for July 23. 10:00-11:30 a.m. CT Facilitated on Zoom by Sr. Elizabeth Greims, DC Registration Cost: Sliding Scale of Participant's Choice of \$45, \$65, or \$85. In a time of deep division and social inequity, this JustFaith Ministries program will return to the foundational principles of our Catholic faith as we discern how we are called to love one another, including and especially our neighbors experiencing poverty. Brief weekly assignments will include Pope Leo's recent encyclical, *Dilexi Te* and resources from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. For a more detailed program description and registration, email cchddiobelle@gmail.com.

Coalition Life Circle is the Nation's Largest 9-Day Public Prayer for Life, a movement uniting believers across America in public, faithful prayer outside, anywhere in the public square. This could be sidewalks outside abortion facilities, or the street corner of the busiest intersection in your town. Learn more about opportunities to pray or lead a circle campaign in your community at: CoalitionLifeCircle.com Sign up to pray June 11th through 19th.

Graduates: Please provide the Parish Office with the graduate's name and school of our Parish graduate, college, high school, or 8th grade, who would like to be recognized in the bulletin. You may email, drop note in collection basket or call Parish office.

Congratulations!

Preston Seely 8th grade-Warhorse Christian School in Carmi.

When submitting a donation to the cemetery please specify which cemetery you're donating to. Please write a separate check for the cemetery donations. This will ensure we use funds according to your intentions. Thank you!

The four church cemeteries are supported by donations, and mowing expenses are a significant expense. Donations through the collection are helpful. The rotation of Memorial Day Mass at the cemetery falls to St Patrick Cemetery, Pond Settlement this year. Mass will be celebrated May 25th , 8 am.

Discernment Float Trip: Step away from the noise of daily life and into something deeper. Single young adult men ages 18 and older are invited to join Fr. Thomas Lugge, Fr. Levi James, & Fr. Steven Beatty for a summer retreat June 8th-10th to encounter Christ and His call in the beauty of the outdoors. Spend a few days on the Current River in Missouri while building brotherhood with other men seeking purpose and direction. Please email vocations@diobelle.org for more information.

Respect Life Corner - "The Lord says to us, 'Do not fear I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, *"Be Not Afraid"* NABRE © 2010 CCD. *Used with permission*

Huge Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market at Benton, IL: Saturday, June 6, 2026, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 506 West Main St, Benton, Il. Tools, Art, Collectibles, Glassware, Musical Instruments, Appliances, Fabric, White Elephant items, Plants, Yard Art, Furniture, Toys, Holiday Items and much more! 50/50 and Quilt Drawings. Food/Refreshments. Donations accepted though May 29th. For More Information call 618-438-9941 (Ellen Neikes, Church Secretary)/

Your Calendar:

May 20, Wednesday: Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Columbus Club in Ridgway

May 22, Friday: Adoration after Mass at St. Kateri

May 25, Monday: Memorial Day Mass-St. Patrick Cemetery at 8:00 a.m.

May 26, Tuesday: St. Kateri Parish Council Meeting beginning with Mass at 6:30 p.m.

May 27, Wednesday: Help Center 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Equality Parish Hall

May 29, Friday: Adoration after Mass at St. Kateri

May 31, Sunday: L. A. Lambert Knights of Columbus will have a Corporate Communion at St. Kateri 10:30 a.m. Mass. Members are asked to sit together in the reserved pews.

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, Ty Hollingsworth, Gregg Drone and Kay Johnson.

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, Jim Patton, Ken Schimp, Becky Barnard, Sarah Humm, Erin Armstrong, 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, Troy Hirsch, Larry Robinson & Diane Darnell

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

St. Kateri Parish	(42 Envelopes)
Sunday Envelopes:	\$4720.00
Loose Collection:	\$259.00
Building:	\$520.00
North Room rental:	\$125.00
Seminarian Education:	\$250.00
Catholic Communication Campaign:	\$50.00
St. Mary Cemetery:	\$120.00
St. Joseph Equality Cemetery:	\$125.00
St. Patrick Cemetery:	\$50.00

CSMA GOAL: \$14,971.00
CSMA Collection/Pledges
Totals: \$9399.00

St. Joseph Stewardship weekly budget goal	
(Our weekly goal \$1600.00)	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1895.00
Loose Collection:	\$252.00
Weekly Sunday Envelope Total:	\$2147.00
Catholic Home Mission Appeal:	\$5.00
Building:	\$25.00

CSMA GOAL: \$4,223.00
CSMA Collection
Totals: \$3765.00

Liturgical Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, May 23, 2026 - St. Kateri
Lector: Stevie Scates
Eucharistic Ministers: Donald Seely, Tracy McGuire
Servers: Mike McGuire
Greeters: Becky James & Kodi, Tracy McGuire

Sunday, May 24, 2026 – St. Kateri
Lector: Eric Witges
Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Berry, Eric Witges
Servers: Easton Witges, Thomas McGuire
Greeters: Denzil & Debbie Hughes

Sunday, May 24, 2026 - St. Joseph
Lector: Joe Ciarlette
Eucharistic Ministers: Everett & LeAnn Davis
Ushers: Dempsey Lievers, Gary Gross

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 Monday through Friday
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 1:00pm - 4:00pm

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Very Reverend Godfrey Mullen, OSB
 Bishop of the Diocese of Belleville

Seventh Sunday of Easter
(The Ascension of the Lord)
May 16th, 2026 & May 17th, 2026
Mass Schedule for this week

Saturday	May	16,	5:00 PM	RDWY	Mary Edna February, Jenny Fromm, Bradley Friend
Sunday	May	17,	8:00 AM	ETWN	Steve Pelcha
Sunday	May	17,	10:30 AM	RDWY	For Our Parish
Monday	May	18,	No Mass		
Tuesday	May	19,	6:30 PM	RDWY	Jim & Dode Drone, Patty DeVous, Cletus Drone
Wednesday	May	20	8:00 AM	RDWY	John, Marge, & Gary Fals, Julia Wargel
Thursday	May	21,	6:00 PM	ETWN	Bernie & Connie Herrmann
Friday	May	22,	8:00 AM	RDWY	Steve, Pauline, Kenny & David Duffy
Saturday	May	23,	5:00 PM	RDWY	Joyce Drone, Don, Phyllis & Peter Drone, June Drone
Sunday	May	24,	8:00 AM	ETWN	Paul Hubbs
Sunday	May	24,	10:30 AM	RDWY	For Our Parish