

**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.

#### **5th Sunday of Easter**

*“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” 1 PETER 2:7*  
Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called “charisms” and they are used to build God’s kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God’s salvation plan.

**“The family that prays together,** stays together, and if they stay together, they will love one another as God has loved each one of them. And works of love are always works of peace.”  
*-St. Teresa of Calcutta*

**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.

**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.**

**St. Kateri Parish, THANK YOU!** Together, we changed lives this Lent through **CRS Rice Bowl.** THANK YOU for being a part of this effort! **We collected a total of \$1296.41. St. Kateri Parish will get to keep 25 percent \$324.10 of what was collected will go to St. Kateri Weekend Snack Pack Program. The rest of the \$972.31 will be mailed to CRS Rice Bowls.**

**St. Joseph of the Woods Parish, THANK YOU!** Together, we changed lives this Lent through **CRS Rice Bowl.** THANK YOU for being a part of this effort! **We collected a total of \$508.74. St. Joseph of the Woods will get to keep 25 percent \$127.19 of what was collected will go to the Shawnee Development Councils Pope Hardin Co Food Pantry. The rest of the \$381.55 will be mailed to CRS Rice Bowls**

#### **Your Calendar:**

**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  
**May 8, Friday:** Adoration after Mass at St. Kateri  
**May 11, Monday:** Holy Name Men’s Society & St. Ann’s Council Catholic Women meeting of St. Joseph at Elizabethtown in Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m.  
**May 13, Wednesday:** St. Joseph of the Woods-#3936 KofC Meeting Harrisburg 7:00 p.m.  
**May 15, Friday:** Adoration after Mass at St. Kateri  
**May 20, Wednesday:** Knights of Columbus 4th 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, Baby Mila Abell, 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, 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, Troy Hirsch & Larry Robinson

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

<b>St. Kateri Parish</b>	<b>(49 Envelopes)</b>
Sunday Envelopes:	\$3,229.00
Loose Collection:	\$329.00
Building:	\$50.00
Catholic Home Mission Appeal:	\$285.00
St. Mary Cemetery:	\$220.00
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:	\$845.00
Loose Collection:	\$383.00
<b>Weekly Sunday Envelope Total:</b>	<b>\$1228.00</b>
Catholic Home Mission Appeal:	\$150.00
<b>CSMA:</b>	<b>\$1200.00</b>

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

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule:**

**Saturday, May 9, 2026 - St. Kateri**  
Lector: Rick Zirkelbach  
Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Bond, Donald Seely  
Servers: Ella Lydick, Doug Drone  
Greeters: Richard Carruba, Jane Bond

**Sunday, May 10, 2026 – St. Kateri**  
Lector: Simon Naas  
Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Payne, Lindsay McGuire  
Servers: Ely Boulds, Wyatt Goebel  
Greeters: Carl Payne, Mark York

**Sunday, May 10, 2026 - St. Joseph**  
Lector: Debbie Soward  
Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Steele, Kim Newbold  
Ushers: Dempsey Lievers, Gary Gross

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

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***Fifth Sunday of Easter***  
***May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 & May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026***  
*Mass Schedule for this week*

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>
Monday	May	4,	<b>No Mass</b>		
Tuesday	May	5,	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>RDWY</b>	<b>Ginnie Kuhn &amp; Jerry Cain, Sue Kimbro, Tyler Huston</b>
Wednesday	May	6,	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>RDWY</b>	<b>Raymond Lawler, John &amp; Bernice Lawler, Donna Koester</b>
Thursday	May	7,	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>ETWN</b>	<b>For Our Parish</b>
Friday	May	8,	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>RDWY</b>	<b>Ryan &amp; Kris Kilmer</b>
Saturday	May	9,	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>RDWY</b>	<b>James &amp; Lucretia Browning</b>
Sunday	May	10,	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>ETWN</b>	<b>For Our Parish</b>
Sunday	May	10,	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>RDWY</b>	<b>For Our Parish</b>