

Congratulations Fr. Felix on your 21st Ordination Anniversary on Thursday, July 16th, 2026!

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.” - Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

We will celebrate St. Kateri Feast Day and Fr. Felix’s 21st Anniversary at the Tuesday, evening Mass on July 14th at 6:30 p.m. followed by desserts in Northroom. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex.

Respect Life Corner: 2026 Natural Family Planning Campaign Week 2 “Discover the Power of Natural Family Planning” NFP is a church-approved, scientifically validated system of fertility awareness that honors your marriage vows to love Freely, Totally, Faithfully, and Fruitfully. But how many children should you have? The Church leaves that to your prayerful discernment through “responsible parenthood”—balancing a generous heart with a prudent look at your life circumstances. NFP also empowers ALL women by decoding the body's natural signs. It provides deep insight into reproductive health, helps uncover underlying medical issues, and fosters true marital connection. Contact mejoost@gmail.com for more help in finding the right method for you.

Ridgway Knights of Columbus will have a Chicken Dinner on Sunday, July 19, 2026, from 10:30 AM until 12:30 PM at the Columbus Club, 110 S Crawford St, Ridgway. Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, green beans, cole slaw, hot rolls, dessert and drink included. \$10/plate. Dine in or carry out. 618-272-7615. Everyone Welcome! Members are asked to please bring a desert.

“ We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become.” *St. Clare of Assisi*

Have you ever said, “Let me know if I can help” or, “Let me know if there is anything I can do”? I am here to say, **we can use your help!** St. Kateri PSR is looking for two catechists (PSR teachers) and possibly a classroom helper or two. This is a great opportunity to help the future of our parish to set a good foundation in their faith.. It isn’t required that you know all there is to know about the Catholic church. I have found that I am learning as I go, too. If you are interested, please contact Magan Lydick at 618-926-4904 or Cathy in the parish office, 618-272-7059. **Please see the paragraph below on information on being compliance with the Child Protection guidelines**

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 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

Your Calendar:

July 14, Tuesday: We will celebrate St. Kateri Feast Day and Fr. Felix’s 21st Anniversary at the Tuesday, evening Mass on July 14th at 6:30 p.m. followed by desserts in the Northroom.

July 15, Wednesday: Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Columbus Club in Ridgway

July 17, Friday: Adoration after Mass at St. Kateri

July 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 carry out. \$10.00 a plate. 272-7615. Members are asked to bring a dessert

July 24, Friday: Adoration after Mass at St. Kateri

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, Kay Johnson, Tracy Russell, Brenda Raben and Theodore Kert.

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, 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, Gary Carr, Bob Gibbs, Carol Wolf, Regina & Larry Hall, Ricky Williams, Christie Tetford, Peyton Daymon, Steve Hunt, Jerry Humm, Betty Monroe, Mike Carver, Danny Sanders, Troy Hirsch, Larry Robinson, Diane Darnell, JoAnn Jordan, Bob Winchester, Kathy Hogshead Repasky, Larry Ashford, Stacy Tolbert and Dan Block

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

St. Kateri Parish	(60 Envelopes)	St. Joseph Stewardship weekly budget goal
Sunday Envelopes:	\$4350.00	(Our weekly goal \$1600.00)
Loose Collection:	\$393.00	Sunday Envelopes: \$1194.00
Building:	\$410.00	Loose Collection: \$205.00
Gym Rental:	\$200.00	Weekly Sunday Envelope Total: \$1399.00
St. Joseph Ridgway Cemetery:	\$290.00	
St. Joseph Equality Cemetery:	\$125.00	
St. Patrick Cemetery:	\$20.00	
CSMA:	\$200.00	
CSMA GOAL: \$14,971.00		CSMA GOAL: \$4,223.00
CSMA Collection/Pledges		CSMA Collection
Totals: \$10,599.00		Totals: \$3,765.00

Liturgical Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, July 18, 2026 - St. Kateri	Sunday, July 19, 2026 - St. Joseph
Lector: Stevie Scates	Lector: Tamera Berger
Eucharistic Ministers: Mike & Tracy McGuire	Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Barbercheck, Debbie Soward
Servers: Pat Abell, Norah Lydick	Ushers: Stanley Pelcha, Caiden Pelcha
Greeters: Mike & Tracy McGuire	
Sunday, July 19, 2026 – St. Kateri	
Lector: Elizabeth Abell	
Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Berry, Eric Witges	
Servers: Randy Drone, Harper Fromm	
Greeters: Martin & Cathy Duffy	

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

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 11th, 2026 & July 12th, 2026
Mass Schedule for this week

Saturday	July	11,	5:00 PM	RDWY	Mary Edna Febuary, Ginnie Kuhn & Jerry Cain, Sue Kimbro
Sunday	July	12,	8:00 AM	ETWN	Sarah Humm
Sunday	July	12,	10:30 AM	RDWY	For Our Parish
Monday	July	13,	No Mass		
Tuesday	July	14,	6:30 PM	RDWY	John, Marge, Gary Fals & Julia Wargel
Wednesday	July	15,	8:00 AM	RDWY	Linda & Mark McGuire
Thursday	July	16,	9:00 AM	ETWN	Steve Pelcha
Friday	July	17,	8:00 AM	RDWY	Rita Gilliam & Jerry Cain, Jim & Dode Drone, Roger Drone
Saturday	July	18,	5:00 PM	RDWY	For Our Parish
Sunday	July	19,	8:00 AM	ETWN	Mona Bishop & Sherry Gross
Sunday	July	19,	10:30 AM	RDWY	Jenny Fromm, Bradley Friend, Barb Drone Fetch