

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time *“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.” - MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38* As children of God, we are all “good seeds”. We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God’s plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God’s kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow “good seeds” on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

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.

L. A. Lambert Knights of Columbus annual steak fry will be on Wednesday, August 5th starting at 7:00 p.m. at Ridgway Community Park. All KC members are invited to attend

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

Respect Life Corner: 2026 Natural Family Planning Campaign Week 3 **“Natural Family Planning (NFP): Science-Backed. Life-Changing.”**

So, how do you actually learn NFP? Start by choosing an NFP method that you prefer. Most take about 3 months to learn, guided by a certified instructor. Contact our diocesan NFP Coordinator, Emily Joost, at mejoost@gmail.com for guidance. The payoff? A lifetime of body literacy — a gift from God to be used in harmony with His design — to avoid or achieve pregnancy, navigate PMS, PCOS, postpartum, infertility, and even perimenopause. And yes — it works. Modern NFP methods are 97–99% effective at avoiding pregnancy, backed by continually advancing research and rooted in the Church's teaching on the beauty of the human person. Scan the QR code to see how the numbers compare and get more information about methods.



“The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist.” *-St. Pope Gregory the Great*

Back to School Block Party at the Southern Illinois Resource and Advocacy Center and The Spirit of Shawneetown in Shawneetown on August 1st from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Free Clothing, shoes and school supplies! Free snow cones! Come out, have fun, and get ready for a great school year!

“The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day.” *-St. Gianna Molla*

Your Calendar:

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

August 5, Wednesday: L. A. Lambert Knights of Columbus annual steak fry starting at 7:00 p.m. at Ridgway Community Park. All KC members are invited to attend

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, Dan Block, Roger and Judy Hopkins

OUR RETURN GIFTS TO GOD LAST WEEK: Thank you for your generosity.			
St. Kateri Parish		St. Joseph Stewardship weekly budget goal	
(38 Envelopes)		(Our weekly goal \$1600.00)	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$3745.00	Sunday Envelopes:	\$2050.00
Loose Collection:	\$373.00	Loose Collection:	\$196.00
Building:	\$150.00	Weekly Sunday Envelope Total:	\$2246.00
Gym Rental:	\$125.00		
Weekend Snack Pack:	\$30.00		
St. Mary’s Cemetery:	\$20.00		
St. Joseph Equality Cemetery:	\$30.00		
St. Patrick Cemetery:	\$50.00		
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 25, 2026 - St. Kateri	Sunday, July 26, 2026 - St. Joseph
Lector: Ryan Lydick	Lector: Everett Davis
Eucharistic Ministers: Magan Lydick, Donald Seely	Eucharistic Ministers: Charlie Soward, LeAnn Davis
Servers: Ella Lydick, Jason Abell	Ushers: Stanley Pelcha, Caiden Pelcha
Greeters: Richard Carruba, Jane Bond	
Sunday, July 26, 2026 – St. Kateri	
Lector: Debbie Hughes	
Eucharistic Ministers: Denzil & Debbie Hughes	
Servers: Carl Payne, Doug Drone	
Greeters: Denzil & Debbie Hughes	

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Monday through Friday

8:30am - 12:00pm

1:00pm - 4:00pm

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time					
July 18 th , 2026 & July 19 th , 2026					
Mass Schedule for this week					
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
Monday	July	20,	No Mass		
Tuesday	July	21,	6:30 PM	RDWY	James L. Browning
Wednesday	July	22,	8:00 AM	RDWY	Michael Harmon & Fr. Don Abell, Cletus Drone, Jerry Cain
Thursday	July	23,	9:00 AM	ETWN	Paul Hubbs
Friday	July	24,	8:00 AM	RDWY	Steve, Pauline, Kenny & David Duffy
Saturday	July	25,	5:00 PM	RDWY	Joyce Drone, Don, Phyllis & Peter Drone, Patty DeVous
Sunday	July	26,	8:00 AM	ETWN	William Smoot
Sunday	July	26,	10:30 AM	RDWY	For Our Parish