

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - “*We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.*” - Romans 8:28 Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God’s plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

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

Hello, everyone! My name is Magan Lydick. I am the new CRE, Coordinator of Religious Education, for Saint Kateri Parish. Many of you know me, or are familiar with my family. My husband, Ryan, and I have two daughters and have been members of Saint Kateri since 2015. I have been involved with the PSR program here at St. Kateri since 2018 when our oldest started Kindergarten. I began as a classroom helper in the Kindergarten/1st grade room. Then, moved into a sub teacher position, and finally landed in the 2nd grade, First Communion class, where I have spent the last six years teaching alongside Amanda Jones. Co-teaching that class each year has been such a blessing and I look forward to continuing to work with the 2nd graders as they prepare for two blessed sacraments, Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

God has placed it on my heart to serve our parish. There is always something you can do to help within our parish; whether it be greeting, Eucharistic minister, altar server, lector, PSR teacher, offering meals to sick parishioners or new mothers, serving on parish council, or many others ministries. I pray that if you feel led to join in serving our parish, in any capacity, reach out to Cathy in the parish office, myself, or Father Felix. While, in some roles, there is a little extra paperwork that might be needed it isn’t as scary as you’ve made it out to be in your head, I promise, and the blessings it brings is well worth it.

There will be PSR pre-registration before and after Mass on August 29 and 30th and an Open House on Sunday, Sept. 13th at 10:00 where your child will get a chance to meet their teacher, see their classroom and parents will get a brief description on what to expect for the upcoming year. PSR classes will begin on Sunday, September 20th at 9:00. Each class will be held in the school building this year. I truly look forward to this year and can’t wait to see what God has in store.

Lastly, I would like to say a huge thank you to Michele Raper for her many years of service as the CRE here at St. Kateri. She has poured so much time and energy into this program for our youth and she deserves to be recognized. Thank you, Michele, from the bottom of my heart!

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

Knights of Columbus golf scramble fundraiser

The Ridgway Knights of Columbus and St. Kateri will have their 13th annual golf scramble fundraiser this year on Saturday August 29 at the Saline Co. golf course in Eldorado. Tee off at 8:00 a.m. \$400.00 per team includes cart, green fee, food, drinks and prizes. Thanks to you we donated ~\$17,000 to 20 benefits last year. This year’s proceeds will help support the following benefits:

1) Gallatin County St. Kateri Church underground water drainage improvements for foundation stabilization.

2) Community area charitable organizations:

- *Family assistance in Saline and Gallatin counties (food pantries/4C's)
- *The Guardian Center (child advocacy 7 county area)
- *Pregnancy crisis centers in the immediate area (alternatives to abortion)
- *Survivor Empowerment Center (The Women's Center, domestic violence)
- *St. Kateri needy fund / Help Center / Snack pack program
- *St. Joseph of the Woods Church maintenance fund
- *Camp Ondessonk youth camp
- *The Newman Center SIU campus (Catholic youth support)
- *The Laboure Society (Helping to rescue vocations)
- *St. Meinrad Seminary (Educating future priests / Deacons)
- *The Golden Circle senior citizens group
- *Cross Catholic Outreach (humanitarian assistance)
- *Hospice of Southern IL.
- *WEUC Catholic radio (Morganfield, KY.) EWTN (Catholic television network)
- *St. Mary Mother's Center Harrisburg (Mothers & children assistance)

If you’re not a golfer, hole sponsorship for \$100.00 with your sign on a tee box is very helpful and appreciated. Signs with your business, individual, in memory of, or family sponsorship are all welcome.

For more information you can contact a member of the Ridgway Knights of Columbus or: Rick Zirkelbach , 6870 Raben Rd., Ridgway, IL. 62979, 618-313-3130, rzirk7@gmail.com

First Baptist Church in Ridgway invites everyone to a free concert: Westward Road the Joy Tour Concert on July 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Ridgway.

Your Calendar:

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

August 12, Wednesday: St. Joseph of the Woods-#3936 KofC Meeting Harrisburg 7:00 p.m.

August 14, Friday: Adoration after Mass at St. Kateri

August 14, Friday: Mass of Assumption- St. Joseph of the Woods 6:00 p.m.

August 15, Saturday: Mass of Assumption- Kateri 8:00 a.m. **(The Saturday morning Mass for Assumption does not count as the Sunday Mass)**

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	
(48 Envelopes)		(Our weekly goal \$1600.00)	
Sunday Envelopes:		\$3761.00	
Loose Collection:		\$312.00	
Building:		\$120.00	
Gym Rental:		\$125.00	
Weekend Snack Pack:		\$290.00	
Food Pantry:		\$100.00	
St. Mary's Cemetery:		\$20.00	
St. Joseph Equality Cemetery:		\$50.00	
St. Patrick Cemetery:		\$140.00	
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, August 1, 2026 - St. Kateri	Sunday, August 2, 2026 - St. Joseph
Lector: Emily Dardeen	Lector: Mike Steele
Eucharistic Ministers: Steve McGuire, Donald Seely	Eucharistic Ministers: Kim & Sharon Newbold
Servers: Mike McGuire, Pat Abell	Ushers: Steve Daily, Will Soward
Greeters: Chris & Tory Wargel	
Sunday, August 2, 2026 – St. Kateri	
Lector: Boulds Family	
Eucharistic Ministers: Boulds Family	
Servers: Boulds Family	
Greeters: Boulds Family	

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Monday through Friday

8:30am - 12:00pm

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time					
July 25 th , 2026 & July 26 th , 2026					
Mass Schedule for this week					
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
Monday	July	27,	No Mass		
Tuesday	July	28,	No Mass	RDWY	
Wednesday	July	29,	No Mass	RDWY	
Thursday	July	30,	No Mass	ETWN	
Friday	July	31,	No Mass	RDWY	
Saturday	Aug	1,	5:00 PM	RDWY	For Our Parish
Sunday	Aug	2,	8:00 AM	ETWN	Mitch & Ruth Mitchell
Sunday	Aug	2,	10:30 AM	RDWY	Roy & Theresa Boulds & family