

## **21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?” - ROMANS 11:35*

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

**ST. KATERI SNACKPACK PROGRAM:** As we prepare for the start of another school year, we are loading up on supplies for the SnackPack program. Gallatin County School has approximately 100 students who qualify for this ministry, and that is the number of sacks we will be preparing each weekend. You can support this ministry by dropping a check into the collection made out to St. Kateri Parish with “SnackPack” on the memo line.

**Can you carry a tune?** We invite you to share your singing talents with your church through the St. Kateri Choir Ministry! You do not have to read music to be a good choir member. Practices are held on Wednesday evenings, mid-September through late April. 7 to 8 p.m. See what it's all about at our new member open house, in the choir loft on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. Contact any choir member with questions, or call/text Kim Martin at 841-8303 for more information!

**Funeral Policy:** Please contact our Parish Priest before any arrangements are made with the funeral home involving the priest and the church.

**Paul J. Kim-Catholic Speaker:** September 9<sup>th</sup>-St. Clare of Assisi Church, O'Fallon, IL. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., talk at 6:30 p.m. A guide to catholic adulting. September 10<sup>th</sup>-Gibault Catholic High School Waterloo, Il Social at 5:00 p.m., talk at 7:00 p.m. Life is short, Eternity is Forever. No RSVP Needed. Free & Open to the Public!

**Laity invited to study theology at Saint Meinrad:** Seek God through prayer, study, and a tradition of Benedictine hospitality. The Saint Meinrad Graduate Theology Program invites you to learn about its MA and certificates in theology during an online Open House on Wed Sept 23 at 6:30 pm CT, OR an in-person Open House on Sat Oct 10. Discover how theological study can enrich your faith and your service to the Church. Learn more at <https://www.saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse>

**Post-Master's Spiritual Direction Certificate:** Do you feel called to accompany others in their journey of faith? Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology's Post-Master's Certificate in Spiritual Direction prepares more experienced students to serve as spiritual directors through theological study, formation, and supervised practice rooted in the Benedictine tradition. We are forming a new certificate cohort. Register your interest by October 1 to save your spot. Learn more at <https://www.saintmeinrad.edu/SD>



**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](mailto:rzirk7@gmail.com)**

### **Your Calendar:**

**August 25, Tuesday: St. Kateri Parish** Council Meeting beginning with Mass at 6:30 p.m.

**August 26, Wednesday:** Help Center 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Equality Parish Hall

**August 28, Friday:** Adoration after Mass at St. Kateri

**August 29, Saturday:** KC Golf Scramble

**August 30, 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.

**September 2, Wednesday:** Knights of Columbus 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Columbus Club in Ridgway

**September 3, Thursday:** Adoration after Mass at St. Joseph of the Woods

**September 4, 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, Ty Hollingsworth, Gregg Drone, Kay Johnson, Tracy Russell, Brenda Raben, Theodore Kert and Tom Patton.

**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, Danny Sanders, Troy Hirsch, Larry Robinson, Diane Darnell, JoAnn Jordan, Bob Winchester, Kathy Hogshead Repasky, Larry Ashford, Stacy Tolbert, Dan Block, Roger, Judy Hopkins and Jake Neilson

| OUR RETURN GIFTS TO GOD LAST WEEK: Thank you for your generosity. |           |                                           |                  |
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| St. Kateri Parish                                                 |           | St. Joseph Stewardship weekly budget goal |                  |
| (52 Envelopes)                                                    |           | (Our weekly goal \$1600.00)               |                  |
| Sunday Envelopes:                                                 | \$3730.00 | Sunday Envelopes:                         | \$1300.00        |
| Loose Collection:                                                 | \$420.00  | Loose Collection:                         | \$184.00         |
| Building:                                                         | \$150.00  | <b>Weekly Sunday Envelope Total:</b>      | <b>\$1484.00</b> |
| Weekend Snack Pack:                                               | \$440.00  | Glenmary Mission:                         | \$717.00         |
| Help Center                                                       | \$600.00  | Building Fund:                            | \$50.00          |
| St. Joseph Equality Cemetery:                                     | \$1100.00 |                                           |                  |
| St. Joseph Ridgway Cemetery:                                      | \$1000.00 |                                           |                  |
| St. Patrick Cemetery:                                             | \$20.00   |                                           |                  |
| St. Mary’s Cemetery:                                              | \$40.00   |                                           |                  |
| Glenmary Mission::                                                | \$1050.00 |                                           |                  |
| CSMA GOAL: \$14,971.00                                            |           | CSMA GOAL: \$4,223.00                     |                  |
| CSMA Collection/Pledges                                           |           | CSMA Collection                           |                  |
| Totals: \$10,599.00                                               |           | Totals: \$4,265.00                        |                  |

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule:**

**Saturday, August 29, 2026 - St. Kateri**  
Lector: Ella Lydick  
Eucharistic Ministers: Donald Seely, Magan Lydick  
Servers: Nora Lydick, Lydia Browning  
Greeters: Ryan & Magan Lydick

**Sunday, August 30, 2026 – St. Kateri**  
Lector: KC Corp Communion  
Eucharistic Ministers: KC Corp Communion  
Servers: KC Corp Communion  
Greeters: KC Corp Communion

**Sunday, August 30, 2026 - St. Joseph**  
Lector: Tamera Berger  
Eucharistic Ministers: Charlie & Debbie Soward  
Ushers: Steve Daily, Will Soward

**St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish**  
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**Office Hours:**  
Monday through Friday  
8:30am - 12:00pm  
1:00pm - 4:00pm

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***Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
***August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 & August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026***  
***Mass Schedule for this week***

|           |     |     |                 |             |                                                              |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday  | Aug | 22, | <b>5:00 PM</b>  | <b>RDWY</b> | <b>Val Wargel, Mary Beth Wargel, Nina Wargel</b>             |
| Sunday    | Aug | 23, | <b>8:00 AM</b>  | <b>ETWN</b> | <b>Fr. Anthony Nyamai</b>                                    |
| Sunday    | Aug | 23, | <b>10:30 AM</b> | <b>RDWY</b> | <b>For Our Parish</b>                                        |
| Monday    | Aug | 24, | <b>No Mass</b>  |             |                                                              |
| Tuesday   | Aug | 25, | <b>6:30 PM</b>  | <b>RDWY</b> | <b>Jenny Fromm</b>                                           |
| Wednesday | Aug | 26, | <b>8:00 AM</b>  | <b>RDWY</b> | <b>Thelma Smith, Frona &amp; Walter Smith, Delorse Smith</b> |
| Thursday  | Aug | 27, | <b>9:00 AM</b>  | <b>ETWN</b> | <b>William Smoot</b>                                         |
| Friday    | Aug | 28, | <b>8:00 AM</b>  | <b>RDWY</b> | <b>Ronnie Shea, Alene Shea, Bud Schmitt</b>                  |
| Saturday  | Aug | 29, | <b>5:00 PM</b>  | <b>RDWY</b> | <b>Thad, Betty, Dwight &amp; Art Seely</b>                   |
| Sunday    | Aug | 30, | <b>8:00 AM</b>  | <b>ETWN</b> | <b>Mitch &amp; Ruth Mitchell</b>                             |
| Sunday    | Aug | 30, | <b>10:30 AM</b> | <b>RDWY</b> | <b>For Our Parish</b>                                        |

*Please consider remembering your parish in your will*