

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time *“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” - MATTHEW 16:26* St. Francis of Assisi said, *“Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.”* We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world’s riches. We need to set our priorities based on God’s values and not the values of the material world.

St. Kateri & St. Joseph: Blessing of the students & their backpacks: Fr. Felix will have the blessing on Saturday, September 5th & Sunday, September 6th immediately after Mass. School children are encouraged to come with their backpacks for the blessing.

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 23rd at 7 p.m. Contact any choir member with questions, or call/text Kim Martin at 841-8303 for more information!

Paul J. Kim-Catholic Speaker: September 9th-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 10th-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>



Ladies of St. Kateri: The Altar Society of St. Kateri will begin with our monthly meetings on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 6:30pm in the North Room. I wish to extend this invitation to you if you have not before considered becoming a member of our organization, please consider so now. Our mission is to unite the women within our parish in religious, educational, and social activities. To assist our Pastor in spiritual and material undertakings for the welfare of the parish and the community. We are to serve as the agency through which the women of the parish shall participate in various Vicariate programs of Catholic Action, by affiliation with the Diocesan and National Councils of Catholic Women. I hope to see you in September. Thank you, Tracy McGuire, St. Kateri Altar Society President

4th Annual St. Francis of Assisi 5K: Join us October 17th, 2026, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Harrisburg, IL for a Run/Walk 5K. **All Pets welcome just bring a leash.** Race starts at 9:00 am. Blessing of the pets by Fr. Christian. All proceeds go to local animal shelters. Raffle tickets for a pet basket and a runner basket. You can register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Harrisburg/StFrancisofAssisi5k>

Respect Life Corner: Prayer for Those Hoping to Conceive or Adopt a Child God our Creator, by your love the world is filled with life, through your generosity one generation gives life to another, and so are your wonders told and your praises sung. We look to you in our love and in our need: may it be your will that we bear (adopt) a child to share our home and faith. Loving God, be close to us as we pray to love and do your will. You are our God, nourishing us forever and ever. Amen. usccb.org/prayers/prayer-those-hoping-conceive-or-adopt-child

Your Calendar:

- 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 3rd 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
- September 9, Wednesday:** St. Joseph of the Woods-#3936 KofC Meeting Harrisburg 7:00 p.m.
- September 11, Friday:** Adoration after Mass at St. Kateri
- September 14, 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.
- September 16, Wednesday:** Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Columbus Club in Ridgway

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

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, Jake Neilson & Lynn Gass

OUR RETURN GIFTS TO GOD LAST WEEK: Thank you for your generosity.			
St. Kateri Parish		St. Joseph Stewardship weekly budget goal	
(51 Envelopes)		(Our weekly goal \$1600.00)	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$3614.00	Sunday Envelopes:	\$2170.00
Loose Collection:	\$312.00	Loose Collection:	\$108.00
Weekend Snack Pack	\$300.00	Weekly Sunday Envelope Total:	\$2278.00
St. Joseph Equality Cemetery:	\$85.00		
St. Joseph Ridgway Cemetery:	\$210.00		
St. Mary’s Cemetery:	\$65.00		
Glenmary Mission:	\$50000		
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, September 5, 2026 - St. Kateri		Sunday, September 6, 2026 - St. Joseph	
Lector: Tracy McGuire		Lector: Everett Davis	
Eucharistic Ministers: Mike & Tracy McGuire		Eucharistic Ministers: LeAnn Davis, Will Soward	
Servers: Jim Neumann, Doug Drone		Ushers: Dempsey Lievers, George Sehi	
Greeters: Mike & Tracy McGuire			
Sunday, September 6, 2026 – St. Kateri			
Lector: Lindsay McGuire			
Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Berry, Thomas McGuire			
Servers: Randy Drone, Wyatt Goebel			
Greeters: Pat & Mary York			

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8:30am - 12:00pm
1:00pm - 4:00pm



Bishop Godfrey Mullen, OSB
Bishop of the Diocese of Belleville

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 29th, 2026 & August 30th, 2026
Mass Schedule for this week

Saturday	Aug	29,	5:00 PM	RDWY	Thad, Betty, Dwight & Art Seely
Sunday	Aug	30,	8:00 AM	ETWN	Mitch & Ruth Mitchell
Sunday	Aug	30,	10:30 AM	RDWY	For Our Parish
Monday	Aug	31,	No Mass		
Tuesday	Sept	1,	6:30 PM	RDWY	Faye Rotramel, Bob Raben, Bob Naas
Wednesday	Sept	2,	8:00 AM	RDWY	Lawrence Drone Family
Thursday	Sept	3,	9:00 AM	ETWN	Steve Pelcha
Friday	Sept	4,	8:00 AM	RDWY	Tony Scates
Saturday	Sept	5,	5:00 PM	RDWY	Special Intentions, John & Bernice Lawler, Bill Baker
Sunday	Sept	6,	8:00 AM	ETWN	Paul Hubbs
Sunday	Sept	6,	10:30 AM	RDWY	For Our Parish

Please consider remembering your parish in your will