

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time “*Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last*”. - MATTHEW 20:16 You’ve heard the saying “it’s not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.

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!

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

Belleville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women South Vicariate – (all women within the diocese are welcome) A morning of worship, sharing and prayer on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at St. Kateri Tekakwitha 220 S. Combs Street, Ridgway, IL. 8:00 Mass at St. Kateri Church, 8:45 will be Registration & breakfast in the gym, 9:00 Welcome, 9:15 Presentation “A Sister Parish experience in Guatemala”, Fr. Tom Barrett, Jo Mayer 10:15 break, 10:30 Parish Sharing, 11:30 Rosary. **\$5.00 registration fee to cover cost of food, Pay at the door. RSVP Jo Mayer, (call, text, or email) 618-751-3549, or email icurse81@yahoo.com**

PRAYING FOR SEMINARIANS - Please pray for our Diocesan Seminarians. Each week, we will feature one of our 11 seminarians. Please consider dropping them a note of support. At the very least, a simple prayer would be helpful. For this week: Greg Kassen, Mundelein Seminary, 1000 E. Maple Ave. ,Mundelein, IL 60060

40 Days for Life: Vigil location outside Planned Parenthood (317 Salem Pl, Fairview Heights, IL) Vigil hours 7 am to 7 pm daily. Learn more, get involved, and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address. *40daysforlife.com/fairviewheights*

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes will begin on September 20 at 7:00 PM in the school basement. They will last one hour and will be held on the first and third Sunday of each month until Easter. If you know of anyone curious about the Catholic faith, please invite them to attend. All parishioners are welcome to attend any or all of these sessions to learn more about your faith, or simply to support those who are considering joining us.

The Pastoral Council feels that it is time to offer the adults of our parish opportunities for faith formation. So, we have put together a program that will provide a chance for us to gather together for some refreshments and social time, as well as to receive some professional expertise on practicing our faith. Please join us on Sunday, Oct 4 at 2:00 PM in the North Room for cookies and homemade ice cream, followed by a presentation by the Sisters of St. Benedict from Ferdinand, Indiana, who will share ideas on how we can live out our Catholic faith. Our youth group has been making an annual mission trip to this monastery for many years, and we have a long-established relationship with this religious community. You will find this experience to be a good use of a couple of hours on a Sunday afternoon. PS: We are happy to provide free childcare if needed. Please call Mark York (618-499-3801) or the parish office (618-272-7059) to arrange for this service.

John Marshall Home and Bank Museum, 434 Main St. Old Shawneetown, IL: Come see us Sunday, October 4th, 2026, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. **October Fest “The Way it Used to Be…”** Visit inside the museum and see the history of Gallatin County. See old irons, washing machine, tools, coins, ect. Raffle, 2 wreaths, homemade old cross from old barn wood, homemade jewelry from deer antlers, handmade Afghan. Bake Sale- brownies, cookies, breads, etc.

Special Thanks-We express our sincere gratitude to each of you who contributed to the annual Retired Diocesan Priests Collection which was held last weekend. Your generosity ensures our commitment to safeguard the professional and personal dignity of our diocesan priests who are currently retired and our younger priests who will retire in the years ahead. If you were unable to give last week, you may still contribute at any time through your parish; be sure to note “Retired Diocesan Priests Collection” on the memo line of your check. Please also keep all our priests in your prayers. Thank you very much!

Your Calendar:

September 20, Sunday: St. Kateri Parish PSR Classes 9:00 to 10:15

September 20, Sunday: St. Joseph of the Woods Faith Formation 9:10 -10:15 a.m.

September 20, Sunday: St. Kateri OCIA classes at 7:00 p.m. in school basement

September 21, Monday: Altar Society Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the North Room

September 22, Tuesday: St. Kateri Parish Council Meeting beginning with Mass at 6:30 p.m.

September 23, Wednesday: St. Kateri Choir-New member open house in choir loft at 7:00 p.m.

September 25, Friday: Adoration after Mass at St. Kateri

September 27, Sunday: St. Kateri Parish PSR Classes 9:00 to 10:15

September 27, Sunday: St. Joseph of the Woods Faith Formation 9:10 -10:15 a.m.

September 30, Wednesday: Help Center 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Equality Parish Hall

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, Tom Patton and Sharon Mitsdarffer

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, Sharon Humm & Jordyn Reckinger

OUR RETURN GIFTS TO GOD LAST WEEK: Thank you for your generosity.			
St. Kateri Parish		St. Joseph Stewardship weekly budget goal	
(47 Envelopes)		(Our weekly goal \$1600.00)	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$2650.00	Sunday Envelopes:	\$859.00
Loose Collection:	\$530.00	Loose Collection:	\$157.00
Building:	\$600.00	Weekly Sunday Envelope Total:	\$1016.00
Building-KC Golf Scramble donation:	\$1000.00	Retired Priests:	\$410.00
Weekend SnackPack KCGolf Donation	\$300.00		
Help Center KC Golf donation:	\$300.00		
Needy: KC Golf Scramble donation:	\$300.00		
Retired Priests:	\$1785.00		
St. Joseph Equality Cemetery:	\$50.00		
CSMA GOAL: \$14,971.00		CSMA GOAL: \$4,223.00	
CSMA Collection/Pledges		CSMA Collection	
Totals: \$10,599.00		Totals: \$4,323.00	

Liturgical Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, September 26, 2026 - St. Kateri <u>Lector:</u> Rick Zirkelbach <u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Donald Seely, Jane Bond <u>Servers:</u> Zac Stanford <u>Greeters:</u> Tom, Leslie & Nic Stanford	Sunday, September 27, 2026 - St. Joseph <u>Lector:</u> Debbie Soward <u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Tom Barbercheck, Kim Newbold <u>Ushers:</u> Dempsey Lievers, Gary Gross
Sunday, September 27, 2026 – St. Kateri <u>Lector:</u> Simon Naas <u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Magan Lydick, Randy Drone <u>Servers:</u> Norah Lydick, Lydia Browning <u>Greeters:</u> Ryan & Magan Lydick	

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 19th, 2026 & September 20th, 2026
Mass Schedule for this week

Saturday	Sept	19,	5:00 PM	RDWY	Bob, Judy & Rebecca McGuire
Sunday	Sept	20,	8:00 AM	ETWN	Louis, Martha & David Hamp
Sunday	Sept	20,	10:30 AM	RDWY	For Our Parish
Monday	Sept	21,	No Mass		
Tuesday	Sept	22,	6:30 PM	RDWY	Non & Melissa Drone
Wednesday	Sept	23,	8:00 AM	RDWY	Rita Gilliam & Jerry Cain, Don, Phyllis & Peter Drone, Cletus Drone
Thursday	Sept	24,	No Mass	ETWN	
Friday	Sept	25,	8:00 AM	RDWY	Lewis, Rosalia & Roger Drone
Saturday	Sept	26,	5:00 PM	RDWY	Patty DeVous, Jerry Cain, JR & Carolyn Boulds
Sunday	Sept	27,	8:00 AM	ETWN	Mitch & Ruth Mitchell
Sunday	Sept	27,	10:30 AM	RDWY	For Our Parish

Please consider remembering your parish in your will