

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - “*Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves...*” *Philippians 2:3* Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.

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!

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: Kyle Kellerman, Glennon College Seminary, 5200 Glennon Dr, St Louis MO 63119

Thanks to all who supported dignity for farmer owned cooperatives around the world through your purchase of fairly trade products on September 12. You purchased \$767 worth of fair trade products thus immediately helping farmers around the world to support their families with dignity. Fifteen percent of this will go to the Catholic Relief Services led Growing Hope Globally agriculture program in Tanzania. This program helps young adults enter into spice farming. There was \$152 in additional donations which will add to what other farmers in our diocese have given to support the program in Tanzania.

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 October 4th 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.

TRUNK OR TREAT IS COMING SOON! Mark your calendar for St. Kateri Trunk or Treat, Friday, October 23rd from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. We will be serving chili, hot dogs, and cookies, and there will be games for all! Prizes will be awarded for the most creative trunks! We are in need of kitchen servers and parishioners to donate cookies, brownies, or Rice Krispie treats. Please spread the word and sign up to help by calling Michelle Bosaw 313-1735 or Magan Lydick 926-4904. Let us know if you will be bringing a dessert so we can get an accurate count, and also if you are planning to set up a trunk. There are usually around 150 kids attending. Thanks in advance for supporting this festive event!

Thank you to our St. Kateri family and friends for your outpouring of kindness and compassion during the loss of our dad, grandpa, and great grandpa, Charlie Wargel. Thank you to Msgr. Lawler for the prayer service at visitation and to Fr. Tom, Fr. Christian and the choir for the beautiful funeral Mass to celebrate his life. For the Altar Society and all who helped prepare and serve the delicious meal, we can't thank you enough for your ministry! To everyone who has expressed their sympathies to us and are keeping our family in your continued prayers, God Bless You! The family of Charlie Wargel

Your Calendar:

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

October 1, Thursday: Adoration after Mass at St. Joseph of the Woods

October 2, Friday: Adoration after Mass at St. Kateri

October 4, Sunday: St. Kateri Parish PSR Classes 9:00 to 10:15

October 4, Sunday: St. Joseph of the Woods Faith Formation 9:10 -10:15 a.m.

October 4, Sunday: St Kateri Adult Faith Formation cookies & homemade ice-cream at 2 p.m. in North Room follow by a presentation by the Sisters of St Benedict from Ferdinand, IN

October 4, Sunday: St. Kateri OCIA classes at 7:00 p.m. in school basement

October 7, Wednesday: South Vicariate Meeting 8a-12p at **St Kateri**

October 7, Wednesday: St. Kateri Choir at 7:00 p.m.

October 7, Wednesday: Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Columbus Club in Ridgway

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

Pray for those who are sick or in hospital: Beverly Mills, Jeff Dearmon, Alice Duvall, Tim Duvall, Ty Hollingsworth, Gregg Drone, Kay Johnson, Tracy Russell, Brenda Raben, Theodore Kert, Tom Patton and Sharon Mitsdarffer

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

St. Kateri Parish	(51 Envelopes)
Sunday Envelopes:	\$3450.00
Loose Collection:	\$377.00
Building:	\$25.00
Retired Priests:	\$620.00
World Mission Sunday:	\$50.00
St. Joseph Equality Cemetery:	\$50.00
St. Patrick Cemetery:	\$200.00
St. Mary Cemetery:	\$100.00

St. Joseph Stewardship weekly budget goal	
(Our weekly goal \$1600.00)	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1099.00
Loose Collection:	\$217.00
Children's Collection	\$6.00
Weekly Sunday Envelope Total:	\$1322.00
Retired Priests:	\$120.00
Building:	\$10.00

October Counters: Simon Naas & High School Youth

Please consider remembering your parish in your will