23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time *"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel…" - EZEKIEL 33:7* Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

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

Retired Diocesan Priests Collection September 12-13 Our Belleville Diocese currently has 53 diocesan priests: 28 are currently retired and 25 are in active ministry. Of those 25 in active ministry, 13 are of retirement age but continue to serve us. With this large number of retirement-age priests and escalating health care costs, the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection on September 12-13 will help provide the resources needed for their care now and in the future. All monies will be used only for long-term nursing care, Medicare supplemental insurance and prescription medications for our retired diocesan priests. Show your appreciation to the priests who have walked with you on your life's journey with a generous gift to this special collection. **Envelopes for this collection should be in your Parishioners' regular envelope packets.** Note: Our diocesan priests do not receive any funding from the Retirement Fund for Religious collection which is held in December.

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: CASMIR COZZI Mundelein Seminary, 1000 E. Maple Ave. ,Mundelein, IL 60060

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

Fair Trade Sale for Catholic Relief Services: Next weekend, we welcome CRS Global Fellow, Deacon John Gomez. Deacon John will preach at all our Masses about the work the Catholic Relief Services does around the world on behalf of U.S. Catholics. Members of our CRS Diocesan Chapter will also be on hand at the Saturday evening Mass to sell fair trade products from global farmers. Through fair trade, farmers receive a just price for their products which enables them to thrive where they are at and not have to migrate to support their families. Besides directly supporting farmers your purchase of products like tea, olive oil, chocolate, coffee, and more, 15% of sales will go to the CRS-led Growing Hope Globally agriculture program in Tanzania. In this program young people receive training to become spice farmers and to successfully market their products. To learn more about this program, go to *growinghopeglobally.org/program/tanzania-muheza-same/.*

Seeking Volunteers for The Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen - An historic moment for the Catholic Church in the United States that will bring together thousands of pilgrims from across the country to celebrate the life and legacy of one of America's most beloved Catholic evangelists. This extraordinary event in St. Louis, Missouri, will only happen once, and we are looking for volunteers to help make it a joyful and welcoming experience for everyone who attends.
Whether you have a few hours or several days to give, there are a variety of volunteer opportunities available before and during the celebration. **Beatification Mass & Expo** Thursday, Sept. 24, The Dome at America's Center, St. Louis, MO
To volunteer, go to. https://www.celebratesheen.com/volunteer

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.

Your Calendar:

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
September 18, Friday: Adoration after Mass at St. Kateri
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 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.

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, 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

OUR RETURN GIFTS TO GOD LAST WEEK: Thank you for your generosity.

St. Kateri Parish	**(46 Envelopes)**
Sunday Envelopes**:**	$4261.00
Loose Collection:	$372.00
Building:	$250.00
Weekend Snack Pack:	$40.00
Donation:	$20.00
Retired Priests:	$50.00
St. Joseph Equality Cemetery:	$50.00
St. Patrick Cemetery:	$500.00
St. Mary's Cemetery:	$40.00
Glenmary Mission:	$100.00

CSMA GOAL: $14,971.00
CSMA Collection/Pledges
Totals: $10,599.00

St. Joseph Stewardship weekly budget goal	
(Our weekly goal $1600.00)	
Sunday Envelopes:	$1530.00
Loose Collection:	$232.00
Weekly Sunday Envelope Total:	**$1762.00**
CSMA:	58.00

CSMA GOAL: $4,223.00
CSMA Collection
Totals: $4,323.00

Liturgical Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, September 12, 2026 - St. Kateri
Lector: Niall McConville
Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Bond, Jacki Drone
Servers: Jackson Drone, Jameson Drone
Greeters: Josh & Jacki Drone

Sunday, September 13, 2026 – St. Kateri
Lector: Emily York
Eucharistic Ministers: Denzil & Debbie Hughes
Servers: Carl Payne, Easton Witges
Greeters: Denzil & Debbie Hughes

Sunday, September 13, 2026 - St. Joseph
Lector: Mike Steele
Eucharistic Ministers: George Sehi, Tamara Berger
Ushers: Dempsey Lievers, Gary Gross

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 5th, 2026 & September 6th, 2026

Mass Schedule for this week

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**
Monday	Sept	7,	**No Mass**		
Tuesday	Sept	8,	**6:30 PM**	**RDWY**	**Margaret, Blackie Mossman & Patricia McGuire**
Wednesday	Sept	9,	**8:00 AM**	**RDWY**	**John & Bernice Lawler, Sue Kimbro, Michael Harmon**
Thursday	Sept	10,	**9:00 AM**	**ETWN**	**Sarah Humm**
Friday	Sept	11,	**8:00 AM**	**RDWY**	**Ryan & Kris Kilmer, Tyler Huston, Brad Friend**
Saturday	Sept	12,	**5:00 PM**	**RDWY**	**Cedric, Regina & Stanely Drone**
Sunday	Sept	13,	**8:00 AM**	**ETWN**	**Mona Bishop**
Sunday	Sept	13,	**10:30 AM**	**RDWY**	**For Our Parish**

Please consider remembering your parish in your will