

Parish Stewards/Animators Needed

Please we need parishioners (2-10 people), who will serve as Our Parish Animators/Stewards for the Bishop's Pastoral Plan for our diocese.

Their job will be:

- 1) To assist in helping other parishioners grasp stewardships such as Time, Talent, and Treasure along with the four pillars of stewardship: Hospitality, Prayer, Formation, and Service.
- 2) To take part in and help the next round of conversations about how parishes might work better together, considering their God-given gifts and learning into a hopeful future.

If you are willing to serve, please plan to attend any of the following Retreat/workshop by the Bishop:

1. Friday, October 9 @ St. Michael Parish, Radom 5:30PM Mass, Workshop 6:30-8:00PM
2. Friday, October 16 @ St. Paul Parish, Vienna 5:30PM Mass, Workshop 6:30-8:00PM
3. Saturday, October 17 @ St. John the Baptist, Piopolis 9:00AM Mass, Workshop 10:00-11:30AM
4. Tuesday, October 27 @ St. Joseph Parish, Olney 5:30PM Mass, Workshop 6:30-8:00PM
5. Friday, October 30 @ St. Augustine Parish, Hecker 5:30PM Mass, Workshop 6:30-8:00PM

Please, just call the Parish Office and let the secretary know that you are attending.

Thanks, and God's blessings – Fr. Felix

October is perinatal/neonatal loss observance month. The International Wave of light is October 15. Please feel free to take a candle from the Narthex and light it at 7pm in memory of a miscarriage or infant loss.

The Jim Keasler family would like to express our sincere appreciation for all of the wonderful people who sent food, prayers, kind words and many other acts of kindness too numerous to mention. Thank you to Fr. Tom and Fr. Felix for their spiritual guidance. A special thanks for the beautiful funeral mass and prayer service with Msgr. Carl Scherrer officiating and the amazing St. Kateri choir singing Jim's favorite choir songs. We are also very appreciative for the delicious dinner prepared and served by the Altar Society, and the parishioners, family and friends who attended physically and in spirit. All of your prayers and kind acts help us through this difficult time. God bless you!

Blest Art: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Blest Art will be visiting St. Kateri Parish & St. Joseph on behalf of Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Our mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. When Bless Art visits your parish, we will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. We gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards.

Please visit our display at your Parish on Saturday & Sunday, October 10th and 11th, 2026 After each Mass

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!

St. Mary's Fall Market in Eldorado, on October 24, 2026, from 9:00 am-2:00pm. We have a great lineup of vendors with something for everyone to enjoy. St. Mary's Altar Society ladies will once again be serving up their delicious lunch, so be sure to come hungry! Mark your calendar, grab a friend or two and make a day of it! Hope to see you there!

The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

“Positive interactions with our brothers and sisters in need honor God, reflect love and foster a cycle of goodness which is so desperately needed in our world today. Join us in our mission to serve those in need here in our Belleville Diocese. Please consider making a gift to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Thank you for your consideration and support.” -Most Rev. Godfrey Mullen, OSB

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: Chris Berry, Saint Meinrad Seminary, 200 Hill Dr. St. Meinrad, IN 47577

Diocese of Belleville-Anniversary Mass on October 25, 2026, 2:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Cathedral, Belleville, IL. Garden Reception to follow. All are invited to come celebrate their marriage.... And if you are celebrating your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary, call or email Martina Skorch for a special certificate by Oct. 16th. mskorch@diobelle.org 618-722-5043

Blessing of the Harvest: All are invited to join Bishop Godfrey for the **Blessing of the Harvest** which will be held on Friday, October 23, 2026, at 1:00 PM at the Mike & Julie Dietz Farm, 9920 Reider Road, Lebanon, IL. **DRIVING DIRECTIONS – (FROM THE BELLEVILLE AREA)** Take Rt 159 North to Lebanon Avenue, Follow Lebanon Avenue into Shiloh (S. Main Street). At 3-way stop in Shiloh, keep straight on N. Main Street till it ends at US-50 Turn Right onto US-50, and keep straight for 3 miles to Reider Road. Turn right onto Reider Road to the Deitz Farm. **DRIVING DIRECTIONS – (FROM THE EAST)** Take US-50 into Lebanon. At the 4-way stop in Lebanon, turn LEFT onto Rt 4. Keep on Rt 4 and veer right onto US-50. Keep straight on US-50 to Reider Road. Turn Left onto Reider Road. “Farm Blessing” signs will guide you along the way. Those attending are invited to bring seeds, farm animals, farm equipment and machinery to be blessed. You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. We look forward to having you join us!

Knights of Columbus 4th degree meeting on October 21 is cancelled, to allow members time to attend the Harrisburg knights of Columbus steak dinner the same evening.

Your Calendar:

October 10-11th: Blest Art after Mass at St. Kateri & St. Joseph

October 11, Sunday: St. Joseph of the Woods Faith Formation 9:10 -10:15 a.m.

October 12, 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.

October 14, Wednesday: St. Kateri Choir practice 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

October 14, Wednesday: St. Joseph of the Woods-#3936 KofC Meeting Harrisburg 7:00 p.m.

October 16, Friday: Adoration after Mass at St. Kateri

October 18, Sunday: St. Kateri Parish PSR Classes 9:00 to 10:15

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October 18, Sunday: St. Kateri OCIA classes at 7:00 p.m. in school basement

October 19, Monday: Altar Society Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the North Room

October 21, Wednesday: St. Kateri Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

October 23, Friday: Adoration after Mass at St. Kateri

October 23, Friday: St. Kateri Trunk or Treat 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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, 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, 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	
(56 Envelopes)		(Our weekly goal \$1600.00)	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$4257.00	Sunday Envelopes:	\$1055.00
Loose Collection:	\$542.00	Loose Collection:	\$277.00
Building:	\$170.00	Weekly Sunday Envelope Total:	\$1332.00
Youth Group Donation:	\$100.00		
Weekend Snack Pack:	\$100.00		
St. Joseph Equality Cemetery:	\$50.00		
St. Patrick Cemetery:	\$40.00		
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, October 17, 2026 - St. Kateri
Lector: Niall McConville
Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Bond, Jacki Drone
Servers: Jackson Drone, Jameson Drone
Greeters: Josh & Jacki Drone
October Counters: Jim Neumann & Cathy Fromm
Sunday, October 18, 2026 – St. Kateri
Lector: 5th Grade
Eucharistic Ministers: Denzil & Debbie Hughes
Servers: 5th Grade
Greeters: 5th Grade
October Counters: Simon Naas & High School Youth

Sunday, October 18, 2026 - St. Joseph
Lector: Tamera Berger
Eucharistic Ministers: Will Soward, Tom Barbercheck
Ushers: Jeff Cash, George Sehi
October Counters: Stanley Pelcha, Jeff Humm

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish
220 S. Combs St.
Ridgway, Illinois 62979

St. Joseph of the Woods Parish
15 St. Joseph Road
Elizabethtown, Illinois 62931



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Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:30am - 12:00pm
1:00pm - 4:00pm



Bishop Godfrey Mullen, OSB
Bishop of the Diocese of Belleville

Fr. Felix Chukwuma
Parish Administrator
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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 10th, 2026 & October 11th, 2026
Mass Schedule for this week

Saturday	Oct	10	5:00 PM	RDWY	Marti Storto, Dorothy Spahr, Joyce Drone
Sunday	Oct	11	8:00 AM	ETWN	Sarah Humm
Sunday	Oct	11	10:30 AM	RDWY	For Our Parish
Monday	Oct	12	No Mass		
Tuesday	Oct	13	No Mass	RDWY	
Wednesday	Oct	14	No Mass	RDWY	
Thursday	Oct	15	No Mass	ETWN	
Friday	Oct	16	8:00 AM	RDWY	Linda & Mark McGuire
Saturday	Oct	17	5:00 PM	RDWY	For Our Parish
Sunday	Oct	18	8:00 AM	ETWN	Mitch & Ruth Mitchell
Sunday	Oct	18	10:30 AM	RDWY	Faye Rotramel, Bob Raben, Bob Naas

Please consider remembering your parish in your will