

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

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**

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.

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!

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

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: Clinton Rauch, Saint Meinrad Seminary, 200 Hill Dr. St. Meinrad, IN 47577

Your Calendar:

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 practice at 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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

October 9, Friday: Adoration after Mass at St. Kateri

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 at 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

October 14, Wednesday: St. Joseph of the Woods-#3936 KofC Meeting Harrisburg 7:00 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	
(38 Envelopes)		(Our weekly goal \$1600.00)	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$6132.19	Sunday Envelopes:	\$1254.00
Loose Collection:	\$355.00	Loose Collection:	\$219.00
Building:	\$700.00	Weekly Sunday Envelope Total:	\$1473.00
Building Donation:	\$1500.00	Retired Priests:	\$100.00
Donation:	\$1500.00	Building:	\$40.00
Help Center-CSMA GRANT:	\$2000.00		
Weekend Snack Pack:	\$100.00		
St. Joseph Equality Cemetery:	\$150.00		
St. Patrick Cemetery:	\$790.00		
St. Mary Cemetery:	\$35.00		
St Joseph Ridgway Cemetery:	\$65.00		
PSR Register Fees:	\$430.00		
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 10, 2026 - St. Kateri
Lector: Kendra McGuire
Eucharistic Ministers: Steve & Kendra McGuire
Servers: Mike McGuire
Greeters: Steve & Kendra McGuire
October Counters: Jane Bond, Dolores Schmitt
Sunday, October 11, 2026 – St. Kateri
Lector: Ely Boulds
Eucharistic Ministers: Randy Drone, Carl Payne
Servers: Norah Lydick, Lydia Browning
Greeters: Martin & Cathy Duffy
October Counters: Simon Naas & High School Youth

Sunday, October 11, 2026 - St. Joseph
Lector: Joe Ciarlette
Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Steele, Everett Davis
Ushers: Jeff Cash, George Schi
October Counters: Stanley Pelcha, Jeff Humm

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

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



Bishop Godfrey Mullen, OSB
Bishop of the Diocese of Belleville

Fr. Felix Chukwuma
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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 3rd, 2026 & October 4th, 2026
Mass Schedule for this week

Saturday	Oct	3	5:00 PM	RDWY	For Our Parish
Sunday	Oct	4	8:00 AM	ETWN	Steve Pelcha
Sunday	Oct	4	10:30 AM	RDWY	Michael Abell, Renee Zirkelbach, Delbert & Mary Jo York
Monday	Oct	5	No Mass		
Tuesday	Oct	6	6:30 PM	RDWY	Charlie Wargel
Wednesday	Oct	7	8:00 AM	RDWY	Tony Scates
Thursday	Oct	8	9:00 AM	ETWN	William Smoot
Friday	Oct	9	8:00 AM	RDWY	Roger Suttner, Ginnie Kuhn & Jerry Cain, Steve, Pauline, Kenny & David Duffy
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

Please consider remembering your parish in your will