

From Fr. Beatty-

There will be another organization meeting for Heaven's Babies Ministry (serving area parents who suffer pregnancy loss) on February 1st at 7pm in the North Room. We're off to a good start and have already completed one burial.

Congratulations are in order for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Herrin, and to the wider OLMC School community, on the dedication of their new building this weekend. The Dedication Mass will be Sunday at 11am, and as you read this there still may be time to make the Open House which ends at 3pm Sunday, January 21. It's been a massive project for them. It was tricky enough to build a church, but a school is an order of magnitude more complicated. I look forward to seeing the new facility!

The Tony Scates family wish to thank all of you for the wonderful things done for us during Tony's illness. Thank you for the many meals and friendship, for the conversations, prayers, visits and calls. It means so much to us. A special thanks to Fr. Steven and Monsignor Lawler for the beautiful mass, the choir for the beautiful music and all those who participated in the mass. Thanks to all those ladies who provided the cake and punch afterwards. Thanks to Mike and Diane Vickery for making a difficult time full of compassion and empathy.

The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord make his face shine upon you,

And be gracious to you,

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,

And give you peace.

Date Change for January/February Altar Society Meetings: Please note that the date for the monthly Altar Society Meeting for January and February are both on the 2nd Monday of the month instead of the third Monday. January meeting: 1/8/2018 and February meeting: 2/12/18. Time and location remains the same: 6:30 pm in the North Room. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend any meetings throughout the year. If the weather seems iffy or too cold for you, please take care of yourself and do not venture out! As always, if school or masses are canceled due to inclement weather, Altar Society meetings are canceled as well. If you have any questions, please contact Nina Wargel, 273-6462 or any officer.

2017 Contribution Statements were mailed this week. Please call the Parish Office if you have any questions. 618-272-7059

World Youth Day 2019 will be held the week of January 20-27, 2019 in Panama. This event will gather Catholic youth of high school and college ages from all over the world to celebrate with Pope Francis. Of course, a week-long trip to Central America requires a great deal of planning and financial resources. In order for our parish to coordinate such an effort, we will need to determine the level of interest in our youth. Those under age 25 interested in participating, or those over age 25 interested in chaperoning, need to call Mark York at 618-499-3801. Questions about this potentially life-changing experience may be directed to those in our parish who have attended other World Youth Days in the past: Megan Cremeens, Marissa McGuire, Emily York, Ella York or Fr. Steven.

We would love to have you join us! "7th Annual St. Jude's Craft Fair"

Hosted by: Gallatin County Jr. High Student Council, When: Saturday, March 24th 9 A.M. to 2 P.M., Where: Gallatin County School (5175 Hwy 13; Junction, IL), Booth Fee: \$25.00 (8X10), Additional: \$10 Table Rental Fee / \$2 Chair Rental / \$5 for Electricity
6th Annual Chili Cook-Off, All proceeds from vendor fees go to St. Jude.

The Messenger Renewal Weekend is February 3-4, 2018. In your messenger envelope, please make your check out to The Messenger, or go online to www.bellevillemessenger.org.

Subscription cost: Print-\$25.00, Electronic-\$25.00,

Both-\$30.00.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 20-21, 2018 - Different first words today. The first words of Jesus in the gospel of Saint Mark are: "Time of fulfillment...kingdom of God...at hand...repent...believe in the gospel." We will hear them again with the giving of ashes at the first start of Lent. We need to be reminded, don't we? What is this gospel, this Good News I choose to believe today? How can I live both in this world and in the kingdom of God that is already begun? How will my belief spill into action, into mercy work?

For Your Calendar:

January 21, Sunday: PSR Class

January 23, Tuesday: Parish Council Meeting, beginning with Mass at 6:30 p.m. at St. Kateri Church, in Ridgway.

January 28, Sunday: PSR Class
Parent Class in North Room

February 2, Friday, 6:00 p.m.: First Friday Holy Hour at St. Kateri Church

February 4, Sunday: PSR Class

February 12, Monday: Altar Society Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in St. Joseph North Room.

Pray for those who are sick or in hospital: Mary Lou Aton, Kevin Baker, Kristy Boulds, Theresa Patton Burke, Elizabeth Carpenter, Connor Charleton, Susan Edwards, Diane (Bard) Graves, Gary Holmes, Sharon Holmes, Dode Drone Howerton, Campbell Faulkner, Neil Jackson, Bill Jarrett, Matt Kreiter, Richard Moore, Daniel Mulkey, Jerry Penrod, Bruce Rankin, Delores Scherrer, Sandra Skaggs, Penny Sisk, Sandy Snoddy, Kelly Storto and Bob Williams.

Also remember our sick and shut-ins: Helen Bond, Mary Lee Buckman, Gregg Drone, Virginia L. Drone, Dale Hobbs, Donna Holmes, Mary Jo Holmes, Roxanne Nicholas, Jim Raper, Gertrude Scherrer, Alene Shea, Ronny Lynn Bond Watkins and Melissa Wilson.

(To add/delete a name from the list please call the office: 618-272-7059.)

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

Envelopes (71):	Loose Collection:	Building Fund:
\$3435.00	\$387.00	\$110.00
Building Fund (Pledges)	\$400.00	
Weekend Snack Pack	\$60.00	
First Offering	\$60.00	

Liturgical Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, January 27, 2018 **St. Kateri Church**
Lector: Simon Naas
Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Scates, Mike & Tracy McGuire, Kappy Scates
Servers: Zac & Nic Stanford
Greeters: Kevin & Rhonda Drone

Sunday, January 28, 2018 **St. Kateri Church**
Lector: Wes Duffy
Eucharistic Ministers: Keith Farris, Derwin Drone, Carolyn Jones, Thomas McGuire
Servers: Carli DeVous & Gunner Wilson
Greeters: 4th Grade

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Office Hours:
 Tuesday through Thursday
 8:30am - 12:00pm
 1:00pm - 4:30pm



“The Cross was the glory of my life and of my death, and I want you to make it yours.”

- Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks

Most Rev. Edward K. Braxton
 Bishop of Belleville

Fr. Steven L. Beatty
 Pastor

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time *January 20th & January 21st 2018*

Mass Schedule for this week

Saturday	Jan	20,	5:00 PM	SHAW	For Our Parish
Sunday	Jan	21,	9:00 AM	RIDG	Frank, Nettie, Mike Bayer
Monday	Jan	22,	No Mass		
Tuesday	Jan	23,	6:30 PM	RIDG	Thelma Hardin
Wednesday	Jan	24,	No Mass		
Thursday	Jan	25,	8:00 AM	PONDS	Rita Brown
Friday	Jan	26,	8:00 AM	SHAW	Delbert York
Saturday	Jan	27,	5:00 PM	RIDG	For Our Parish
Sunday	Jan	28,	9:00 AM	RIDG	Tony Scates

Please consider remembering your parish in your will.