

From Fr. Beatty-

I've begun reading *The Sign of Jonas*, by Thomas Merton. Merton was born in France to American parents, and in childhood moved to New York. He was a bright and clever and quite secular Manhattanite but... to make a long story short, he ended up entering a Trappist monastery in Kentucky. To get the very worthwhile long story I heartily recommend his autobiography, *The Seven Storey Mountain*, a copy of which is in our little narthex library for the first person who gets to it. Merton's monastic superiors directed him to continue his writing, and he obeyed, becoming the most beloved American Catholic spiritual writer of the 20th century. I'm a Merton fan and have made a few pilgrimages to Gethsemane Abbey near Bardstown, Kentucky. It's just 3-4 hours from here and his simple grave is outside the simple chapel. It's in the heart of bourbon country if you're into that, and Mammoth Cave National Park isn't too far out of the way either! Probably his most famous single text is this beautiful prayer:

“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.”

Our next nursing home ministry visit is planned for Friday, February 22, 10:00 a.m. at Villas of Hollybrook in Harrisburg. We will be visiting and singing songs with the residents. All are welcome!

Who is ready for sweet, delicious strawberries? The Altar Society will begin taking orders for strawberries thru February 15. Also, orders will be taken after mass on the weekends of Feb. 9th & 10th and Feb. 16th & 17th which will meet this deadline. Prices are \$25.00 a flat (8qts per flat) and \$13.00 for a ½ flat (4qts per ½ flat). Money needs to be collected at time of order. Checks payable to St. Kateri Altar Society. Will need customer's name and phone number. Strawberries will be delivered the week of March 4th at St. Joe Gym. Order can be picked up at this time. If you have any questions you may contact Barb Pearce 618-838-6554 or any Altar Society officer.

The Heaven's Babies Committee will meet on Thursday, February 21st, at 6:30 pm at St. Kateri. If you feel called to participate in this ministry please join our committee. If you have questions please contact Emily York or Cathy Scates. Thank you.

MARDI GRAS PARTY: March 2, 2019, 6pm to 8pm at St Joseph Gymnasium. Family, Fun & Food- Free. Bring a can good for the food pantry and a finger food or dessert if you like. There will be a silent auction and 50/50 drawing. Jane Harmon will be in charge of decorations, Becky Abell in charge of kitchen, Melissa Heath in charge of silent auction (if someone wants to donate an item), Tabitha DeVous and family for DJ/games and fun. Please feel free to see these people to offer help or donation. Thank you in advance! Always a fun night!

The Knights of Columbus will have an initiation on Sunday, February 17, 2019 at the Columbus Club in Ridgway at 12 noon. The afternoon will conclude with a meal at 5 PM. Please consider joining us. For additional information, contact Grand Knight Jim Neumann at 618-313-2977 or any member of the Knights of Columbus.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Good-attitudes and bad-attitudes. Jesus speaks the same words to kinsfolk, town folk, and foreigners alike: four blessed and four woes. The blessed are those in need of works of mercy. So are we. The woeful are those who need to do mercy works. Note well: they are not cursed; they are reminded. Let me review the works of mercy. Even if I think I have only a little, what can I give and do for another? What will I let someone do for me? **Corporal Works of Mercy** “ Feed the hungry “ Give drink to the thirsty “ Shelter the homeless “ Clothe the naked “ Visit the sick “ Visit the prisoners “ Bury the dead “ Give alms to the poor “ Care of our Common Home “ **Spiritual Works of Mercy** “ Counseling the doubtful “ Instructing the ignorant “ Admonishing the sinner “ Comforting the sorrowful “ Forgiving injuries “ Bearing wrongs patiently “ Praying for the living and the dead “ Caring for our Common Home “

For Your Calendar:

February 19, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.: Building committee meeting after 6:30 p.m. Mass.

February 21, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.: Heaven's Babies Committee Meeting

February 22, Friday, 10:00 a.m.: Nursing Home Ministry visit at Villas of Hollybrook in Harrisburg. We will be visiting and singing songs with the residents. All are welcome!

February 24, Sunday: PSR Class

February 26, Tuesday: Parish Council Meeting, beginning with Mass at 6:30 p.m.

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 Cathy Scates 618-534-3212 or Fr. Steven Beatty.

Pray for those who are sick or in hospital: Betty Abell, Judy Atkins, Mary Lou Aton, Jill Austin, Kevin Baker, Silas Scott Bohannon, Elizabeth Carpenter, Connor Charleton, Austin Cole, Linda Drone, Mary Drone, Joey Etienne, Campbell Faulkner, Wade Finnie, Genny Lu Scates Freeman, Steve Galt, Diane (Bard) Graves, Norma Hocesvar, Gary Holmes, Sharon Holmes, Dode Drone Howerton, Jennifer (Rider) Humphrey, Sarah Miles Keltner, Sean Kinsler, Neil Jackson, Indy Jones, Matt Kreiter, Tom Logsdon, Ray Maxson, Janet Moore, Richard Moore, Daniel Mulkey, Barbara Naas, Bill Naas, Barb Pearce, Jerry Penrod, Ruth Raben, Bruce Rankin, Clarissa Raper, Abby Schuhardt, Penny Sisk, Hunter Sizemore, Carol Smith, Sandy Snoddy, Mike Thompson, Gabe Trimble, Tildon Van, Julia Wargel and Bob Williams.

Also remember our sick and shut-ins: Margaret Boulds, Mary Lee Buckman, Gregg Drone, Virginia L. Drone, Jan Haines, Dale Hobbs, Donna Holmes, Mary Jo Holmes, Roxanne Nicholas, Jim Raper, Alene Shea, Kelly Storto, 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.

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| Envelopes (77): | Loose Collection: | Building Fund: |
| \$3307.00 | \$318.00 | \$130.00 |
| Building Fund (Pledges) | \$350.00 | |
| Weekend Snack Pack | \$66.00 | |
| First Offering | \$20.00 | |
| St. Joseph Equality Cemetery | \$100.00 | |

Liturgical Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, February 23, 2019

Lector: Nina Wargel

Eucharistic Ministers: Dolores Schmitt, Becky Abell, Nina Wargel

Servers: Hailey Bonneville, Aiden Jones

Greeters: Tom & Leslie Stanford

Sunday, February 24, 2019

Lector: Mark York

Eucharistic Ministers: Bridget Payne, Tony & Gayla Cox, Jane Bond

Servers: Jillian Harmon, Noah DeVous

Greeters: 3rd Grade

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time *February 16th & February 17th 2019*

Mass Schedule for this week

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| Saturday | February | 16, | 5:00 PM | Mary Edna Febuary |
| Sunday | February | 17, | 9:00 AM | For Our Parish |
| Monday | February | 18, | No Mass | |
| Tuesday | February | 19, | 6:30 PM | Delores Scherrer |
| Wednesday | February | 20, | 8:00 AM | Jim Schmitt |
| Thursday | February | 21, | 8:00 AM | John Lawler |
| Friday | February | 22, | 8:00 AM | Lawler, Mary Nell & Larry McGuire |
| Saturday | February | 23, | 5:00 PM | For Our Parish |
| Sunday | February | 24, | 9:00 AM | Tony Scates |

Please consider remembering your parish in your will