

## From Fr. Beatty-

Easter is almost here... stay strong in your Lent! I hope yours has been as fruitful as mine.

I have a meeting scheduled with Bishop Braxton on April 13th regarding our parish restructuring. I don't know the specific agenda but the context is that we are continuing discussion of how we might complete our consolidation into our one parish church. We've spoken with the City of Shawneetown about a possible civic use for that property, which I think would absolutely be a best-case scenario. Other than that no particularly attractive options have presented themselves so far. If you or some person or group of people you know of may have interests or ideas, please speak with me about it. We haven't been given a specific timeline to accomplish this, but the Bishop has indicated that we should be ready to receive one. It wouldn't surprise me if that happens next month; we'll see.

I'd like to propose a thought experiment that's helped my perspective, and I recommend for yours. Think of all the Catholic souls who have drifted away from among us. Either they spent time with us and were never truly converted to Christ, or they never accepted the fullness of Catholic faith, or they simply rejected it. You can think of particular people, I'm sure. There are many. Have any of those departures been mourned the way we mourned St. Joseph Church when it blew down, the way we will mourn the others when they close? Did we collectively fight as hard to win them back as we've fought for our buildings? I would much rather have our new St. Kateri Church swallowed by the earth than have one single soul drift away from the Catholic Faith. But how many times has that latter disaster happened with barely a comment or a lifted finger? This question hits me like a 20-pound sledge, and I propose it for your consideration.

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**St. Kateri's Altar Society is having a Ham & Bean dinner on Tuesday, March 20,** from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Parish Center in Ridgway. \$5.00 Donation. Preschool children eat free. The dinner includes ham & beans, slaw, corn bread, drink and pie. Carry-outs available, call [618-313-0878](tel:618-313-0878).

**A Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land, Prayer - Solidarity – Peace, Co-Sponsored by: Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville, Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.** You are invited to join us on a once-in-a-lifetime 'Pilgrimage to the Holy Land,' 12-days November 26 to December 7, 2018 Includes visits to Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Mt. of Beatitudes, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, CRS Projects in the area, and much more! Only \$3,399 from Chicago (ORD) plus \$195 in tips. Spiritual director for the trip is Rev. Msgr. David Hoefler, Vicar General of the Springfield Diocese. Pilgrimage coordinator will be Cheryl Sommer, CRS Coordinator for the Belleville Diocese. To download the free color brochure and registration form, visit end: [www.GoCatholicTravel.com/18017](http://www.GoCatholicTravel.com/18017), or for more information, please contact Cheryl Sommer at 618-234-1166 or send an email to [crsdiobelle@gmail.com](mailto:crsdiobelle@gmail.com). Space is limited. Register today!

**We will be collecting baby items for the Egyptian Health Department WIC program during Lent.** The following items are needed: diapers, wipes, baby soap, baby lotion, etc. New items only please. Items can be place in black bin in the Narthex. Thank you. Emily York 618-841-9076.

**Please Support The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal!** A most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to The 2018 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal; we are truly grateful. If you have not yet done so, there's still plenty of time...one-time donations or pledges – in any amount – are needed. Our seminarians, people served by Catholic Urban Programs and Daystar Community Program, the youngsters at Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School and 10 other ministries and programs are counting on your support. Donations can be made through your parish or online at [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org). Please consider making your gift today or at any time in the coming months. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

**Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 17-18, 2018 – Year B - About dying.** Many are already thinking of spring planting and waiting for bulbs to show and then flower. Dying seeds. Dormant bulbs. Plentiful produce. Beautiful flowers. As Lent winds down, what still needs to die in me? As Easter draws near, what needs to flourish? How will I remain obediently faithful?

### For Your Calendar:

**March 18, Sunday:** PSR Class

**March 19, Monday:** Altar Society Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in St. Joseph North Room.

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**March 23, Friday: 6:30 p.m.:** Stations of the Cross at St. Kateri Church in Ridgway.

**March 25, Sunday:** PSR Class  
Parent Class in North Room

**March 27, Tuesday:** Parish Council Meeting, beginning with Mass at 6:30 p.m. at St. Kateri Church, in Ridgway.

### Holy Week Schedule:

**March 29, Holy Thursday:** Mass at 7 p.m. at St. Kateri Church

**March 30, Good Friday:** Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m. & Veneration of the Cross at 7 p.m. All at St. Kateri Church

**March 31, Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m. at St. Kateri Church.

**April 1, Easter Sunday:** Mass at 7 a.m. at St. Patrick's Chapel, Pond's Settlement. Mass at 9 a.m. at St. Mary's Chapel, Shawneetown. Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Chapel, Equality.

**Pray for those who are sick or in hospital:** Mary Lou Aton, Kevin Baker, Silas Scott Bohannan, Gabriel Capeheart, Elizabeth Carpenter, Connor Charleton, Susan Edwards, Genny Lu Scates Freeman, Diane (Bard) Graves, Gary Holmes, Sharon Holmes, Susie Holmes, Dode Drone Howerton, Campbell Faulkner, Neil Jackson, Bill Jarrett, Matt Kreiter, Richard Moore, Daniel Mulkey, Jerry Penrod, Bruce Rankin, Lawrence Rider, Delores Scherrer, Sandra Skaggs, Penny Sisk, Sandy Snoddy, Kelly Storto, Anita Wargel and Bob Williams.

**Also remember our sick and shut-ins:** 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.

<b>Envelopes (118):</b>	<b>Loose Collection:</b>	<b>Building Fund:</b>
\$3884.00	\$405.00	\$210.00
<b>Building Fund (Pledges)</b>	\$4140.00	
<b>Weekend Snack Pack</b>	\$30.00	
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	\$327.00	
<b>Catholic Relief Services</b>	\$235.00	
<b>Gym Rent</b>	\$350.00	

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule:**

**Saturday, March 24, 2018** **St. Kateri Church**  
Lector: Rick Zirkelbach  
Eucharistic Ministers: Tony & Gayla Cox, Kappy Scates, Simon Naas  
Servers: Haley Bonneville, Carli DeVous  
Greeters: Burt & Sue Naas

**Sunday, March 25, 2018** **St. Kateri Church**  
Lector: Dolores Schmitt  
Eucharistic Ministers: Steve & Kendra McGuire, Bob & Judy McGuire  
Servers: Zac & Nic Stanford  
Greeters: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## *Fifth Sunday of Lent* **March 17<sup>th</sup> & March 18<sup>th</sup> 2018**

*Mass Schedule for this week*

Saturday	March	17,	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>SHAW</b>	<b>Delbert York</b>
Sunday	March	18,	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>RIDG</b>	<b>For Our Parish</b>
Monday	March	19,	<b>No Mass</b>		
Tuesday	March	20,	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>RIDG</b>	<b>Non Drone</b>
Wednesday	March	21,	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>EQUY</b>	<b>Margie Fromm</b>
Thursday	March	22,	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>PONDS</b>	<b>Lee Zirkelbach</b>
Friday	March	23,	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>SHAW</b>	<b>Genny Lu Scates Freeman</b>
Saturday	March	24,	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>RIDG</b>	<b>For Our Parish</b>
Sunday	March	25,	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>RIDG</b>	<b>Doris Febuary</b>

*Please consider remembering your parish in your will.*