



ST. BRIDGET

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm
(closed noon to 1:00pm)

Friday 8:30am-Noon

parish@stbridgetlovespark.org

Call the Parish Office to: Register as a New Parishioner,
Schedule a Baptism, or Schedule a Wedding
Please call at least six months before your wedding.

You may also register as a new parishioner on
the parish website.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 7:00am, 8:15am 10:00am,
11:30am

Daily Mass
Monday-Saturday 7:00am, 8:15am

LIVESTREAM

Monday-Saturday 8:15am
Sunday 10:00am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday 7:30am-8:00am
Saturday 8:45am-9:45am
3:30pm-4:15pm
Sunday 9:15am-9:45am

PARISH CLERGY

Reverend Msgr Steve Knox - Pastor
sknox@rockforddiocese.org

Reverend Sean Grismer - Associate Pastor
frgrismer@gmail.com

Reverend Aaron Downing - Associate Pastor
adowning@rockforddiocese.org

Deacons

Philip Abel, William Riseley, John Gibson

July 11, 2021



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

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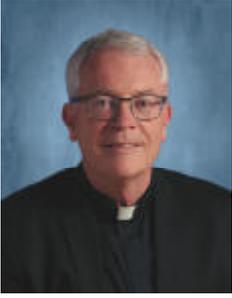


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FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. STEVE KNOX



Dear Friends in Christ,

Invite a Family Member or Friend to Mass

In today's Gospel Jesus sends his disciples out two by two. They are to go forth with the truths of the Kingdom of God and be instruments of healing. We use the word "evangelization" to describe what Jesus asks them to do. To evangelize means to share the Gospel message of Jesus in word and in action. At the end of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus gave his disciples the great commission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all I have commanded you. And behold I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20).

We have the same mission as the first disciples. The Church exists to evangelize and we are the Church. There is a new dimension to this outreach in light of the pandemic. During the pandemic there was a dispensation from attending Mass. Now that the dispensation has been lifted and the obligation and duty to attend Mass has been restored, there is a great need to reach out to Catholics who may have gotten disconnected. We know there are some who have serious health issues or concerns about attending in large group settings. For some it may take more time before they feel comfortable coming back. We still livestream our Sunday 10:00am Mass. For the majority who are still away, it should be fine for them to come back to Mass.

Some may have drifted and others may have just gotten out of the habit of attending. The Eucharist is at the heart of Church. Jesus' desire is that we are together as a community of faith, and that we receive spiritual nourishment through the Holy Eucharist. I would encourage you to reach out to the family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers who may have gotten disconnected during the pandemic. Now is a good time to return!

In recent weeks it has been great to see so many returning to Mass. It has been a challenging 16 months for all of us, but hopefully things are moving in a good direction. May the Lord's blessings be upon you and your family, and may we all be strengthened to share the good news of Jesus!

Missionary Speaker Here Next Weekend

Once a year, each parish in the diocese has a missionary speaker who is present to share a message on the missions and to ask our support. Next week, Fr. Honesto Munishi will be here to speak at all the Masses. Our support will go to assist the Church in the Diocese of Zanzibar in Tanzania. The faith is strong in this missionary diocese, but the resources are limited, so our support can assist them in being about the work of the Gospel. If you would like to write a check it can be made out to St. Bridget Parish. On the memo line please write "Mission Appeal". Thanks for your support for the works of the Church.

Family of Faith Religious Education Program and Confirmation Program

We will begin registration for our Family of Faith (PreK-7) program and our Confirmation Program the weekend of July 25th. Most of our Confirmation students are 8th graders, but we also invite high school students who desire to receive the sacrament to register as well. Mary Henson is our new Coordinator of Religious Education. Fr. Aaron Downing will be leading our Confirmation program with Ashley Munroe and Jake Washington assisting. Debby Brown will continue in her ministry of administrative assistant for these programs. We are looking forward to in-person classes for our young people. We will also be in need of Catechists and Aides for the Faith of Faith Program, so please contact Mary Henson in our Parish Office if you have a desire to share your time and talent in handing on our faith.

Please Help Us Reach Out

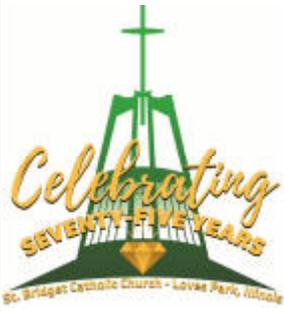
We know there are many people in Rockford, Loves Park, Machesney Park, and the surrounding area who still need to hear the Gospel Message of Jesus Christ. It is for this reason that we are hoping to advertise for our upcoming RCIA through the use of the electronic billboards in our area. We also want to invite home those who have been away from the Church. We believe that God has a desire to bring in those who are lost, feeling empty, and yearning for peace. We could use your help toward this initiative. We are seeking to raise \$3,000 so that we can invite people through the use of those billboards for 28 days. If you can make a donation toward this outreach initiative, please write "parish outreach" on an envelope and place in the baskets at Church, drop off in Parish Office, or mail to the parish. Thank you!

In Christ,

Msgr. Steve Knox

ST. BRIDGET'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 15TH

Our parish came into existence when Mass was celebrated for the first time on Sunday, August 15, 1946. In order to celebrate this significant anniversary, Bishop Malloy will be at St. Bridget to celebrate our 11:30am Mass on August 15th, which is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Fr. Jon Bakkelund and Fr. Bobby Blood, who both grew up at our parish, will be here for the celebration. Also joining us will be Msgr. Dan Deutsch, Fr. Burt Absalon, Fr. Chris DiTomo, Fr. John McNamara, and Fr. Ryan Browning. We are hoping Msgr. Arquimedes Vallejo and Fr. Keith Romke will also be able to attend.



After Mass, we will be having an outdoor celebration behind the school. We have a nice area for some tents, tables, and chairs. At this time, we have three food trucks that will be part of our day: Olivo Taco, Savor BBQ, and Veebo's Woodfire Grill. We are also happy to announce that "Three Good Men", a local live act, will be providing musical entertainment. Kids will also have access to a great playground and a field for games.

We will be sending out a SignUpGenius for the outdoor celebration soon, so that we have a good sense of the number of people in order to plan for food. People will also be able to call the office to let us know they will be attending the outdoor celebration. Mark your calendars now! For more information please email Lynn at lynnhagedorn@stbridgetlovespark.org

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH

As we preparation for our 75th Anniversary, we invite you to lift up our parish community in prayer throughout the summer.

First, spend an hour with our Lord in the Adoration Chapel. The chapel is open from Sunday 12:30pm through Saturday 1:00pm. The chapel is open to the public 6:00am - 8:00pm.

Later this month, we will be distributing prayer cards with a special anniversary prayer. We encourage you to pray a rosary (or several!) with your family and conclude with the anniversary prayer.

Finally, we will be praying a novena to St. Bridget beginning on August 7th and concluding on August 15th. The novena prayers will be available in print after Mass the weekend of August 5th/6th and sent by Flocknote.

We look forward to praying with you in the months leading up to the celebration!

THEOLOGY ON TAP



**Built on Rock: Summer Young Adult Gatherings
(Ages 18-35)
St. Bridget Parish Center**

"Built on Rock" will take place at St. Bridget Parish Center in Loves Park. Our goal is to bring young adults together to build up their faith and their relationship to the Church. The evening will feature a great talk, conversation, and fellowship. The atmosphere will be casual with some light snacks and non-alcoholic beverages provided. For more information contact Fr. Grismer at frgrismer@gmail.com.

Tuesday, July 27, 6:30-8:00pm "What's the Point?" - Fr. Sean Grismer

Fr. Grismer will be speaking about the necessity of religion in a society plagued by confusion. Join him as he explores the spiritual, emotional, and psychological benefits of having a foundation in religion, specifically in Jesus Christ.

Tuesday, August 3, 6:30-8:00pm "Intentionally Today" - Fr. Bobby Blood

Fr. Blood will share some tips on how to find fulfillment in the now. As the world tries to force us into a perpetual struggle between "remember when" and the fear of tomorrow, the Lord draws us into this very moment, where rest, peace, and genuine hope can be found.

Tuesday, August 10, 6:30-8:00pm "Yes, that Really Happened. Now What?" - Fr. James Linkenheld

Fr. Linkenheld will share how diving into the questions raised in us by the pandemic, and not shying away from them, can lead us into a more dynamic and exciting relationship with God.

JULY DISCIPLESHIP NIGHTS

**"The Gospels and the Old Testament"
Presented by Seminarian Ian Ordonez**

Wednesdays 7:00pm-7:45pm

"The Gospels and the Old Testament" will be a 3-part series aimed at pulling out Old Testament echoes found in the Gospels and understanding their importance and their connection to the person and message of Jesus. All are welcome to participate in person in the Church or through the livestream.

**Wednesday, July 14th—The Gospel of Mark
Wednesday, July 28th—The Gospel of Luke**

Ian Ordonez is a seminarian of the Rockford Diocese. He is spending his summer at St. Bridget to gain some pastoral experience before returning to Mundelein Seminary in the Fall. He is also taking a class in sign language this summer in addition to his ministry duties. You can connect with him at iordonez@rockforddiocese.org.

If you missed Wednesday, July 7th, presentation on The Gospel of Matthew you can watch it by clicking on the livestream link on our website.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Have you ever thought about joining the Catholic Church? Are you unbaptized but feel a call from God to draw closer to Him and the Church? Were you raised in a Protestant tradition but now feel drawn toward Catholicism? Are you a baptized Catholic who has never celebrated First Communion or Confirmation? Is your spouse or fiancé Catholic and perhaps you would like to share in his or her faith? If so, we would invite you to consider entering into the RCIA process (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) which begins in the Fall. This process helps participants enter into full communion with the Church at Easter. Through weekly meetings you will learn about the Catholic faith with many others who will be on a similar journey. If you would like more information on RCIA, please contact Fr. Sean Grismer at 815-633-6311 or email him at frgrismer@gmail.com

ENCOUNTER

MEN'S DAY RETREAT

Seek and you will find

- Jesus

9:00AM - 2:30PM

FOR MEN 14-25

JUNE 19 ST. PATRICK CHURCH, ST. CHARLES, IL

JULY 17 ST. BRIDGET CHURCH, LOVES PARK, IL

AUGUST 7 ST. MARY CHURCH, HUNTLEY, IL

REGISTER AT: [TINYURL.COM/3PPAXMRU](https://tinyurl.com/3PPAXMRU)

OR

EMAIL: FRGRISMER@GMAIL.COM



HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER MINISTRY

HIGH
SCHOOL
MINISTRY

SUMMER
NIGHTS

6-7:30PM
BEHIND THE
RECTORY



We had so much fun hanging with our high school students last Tuesday and we are so excited to do it again this coming Tuesday, July 13th! We meet from 6:00pm - 7:30pm behind the rectory for a bonfire, prayer, s'mores, volleyball, bags, spike ball, and more! We hope to see you there! Our Summer Nights are open to all incoming Freshman (Class of 2025) through Seniors that just graduated (Class of 2021).



SILVER & GOLD WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY MASS

Is 2021 the year in which you and your spouse celebrate your 25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th, 70th, or more wedding anniversary? Bishop Malloy and the Life & Family Evangelization Office would like to celebrate this milestone with you. Couples celebrating the milestone wedding anniversaries of 25, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, or more years of marriage in 2021 are invited to a special Mass in their honor at St. Mary Parish in Huntley, IL, on Sunday, August 22nd, at 2:30pm celebrated by Bishop David J. Malloy. A cake and punch reception will immediately follow. The Life & Family Evangelization Office welcomes your registration by phone 815-399-4300 or online at www.rockforddiocese.org/anniversary by August 10th. Commemorative certificates to mark this special occasion will be available for those who register for this event.

ST. BRIDGET
SUMMER
RETREATS
STUDENT MINISTRIES

Join us for our Middle School and High School Summer Retreats! Our Middle School Retreat is for all incoming 6th graders through incoming 8th graders will be on Saturday, July 24th, from 9:00am-4:00pm. Our High School Retreat is for all incoming freshmen through the Class of 2021 seniors on Saturday, August 7th, from 10:00am-5:00pm. Sign up on our ministry page on the website or through the flock-note. For more information contact Ash Munroe at amunroe@stbridgetlovespark.org or Jake Washington at jwashington@stbridgetlovespark.org

July 11th - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



In the Gospel, today we see how Jesus sent his Apostles out two by two. From the beginning of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, members visit in pairs "two by two", those who are poor and needy in their homes. It is there, in the family setting, that Vincentians listen, offer humble advice, and render assistance.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

If you are interested in finding out more about St. Vincent de Paul, please email us your name, phone number and email address to hvstbridget@stbridget.svd-p-rfd.org

ANGEL DUSTERS

Angel Dusters needs volunteers to help clean the Church! Many hands are needed to keep our Church beautiful and safe! We are also looking for help on **Mondays after the 8:15am Mass.**

If you have any questions, call Randy Gulotta at 815-262-6840 or just drop in after Mass.

Angel Dusters will be cleaning the Church on Saturday, July 30th, after the 8:15am Mass and Rosary.

DIVORCED AND HEALING

Divorced and Healing is an open and ongoing support group that helps individuals cope and heal from divorce and separation. Speakers and faith sharing are offered throughout the year. Whether recently divorced or 20+ years out, this group is for you.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 21st
Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Location: Classroom A in Parish Center

Please call Rita at 815-277-7118 or Len at 815-654-9727 with any concern you may have. We are always happy to talk with you. Stay healthy! God Bless!

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Live the Gospel of Life

During the month of July, we will be praying for marriages and married couples. God established this sacred union of love and fidelity to provide a home for children and assistance to heaven.

Respect Life Mass - Saturday, July 17th, at 8:15 am. Respect Life Rosary will be prayed before the Mass.

Respect Life Rosary Intention for July - Married Couples. The 24 hour Rosary will be on Monday, July 26, the Feast Day of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary, Our Blessed Mother. Sign ups will be in the back of Church beginning Tuesday, July 20th until 1:00pm on Sunday, July 25th.

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week - July 25th through July 31st. The goal of this national awareness week is two-fold:

1. To share the beauty of NFP with everyone - including those who have never heard of it, those who misunderstand it, married couples, engaged couples preparing for marriage, women with reproductive health challenges, couples struggling with infertility, and single women looking for greater understanding of how their body works.
2. To affirm, encourage, and support those who already know NFP and are living it in their marriage. For more information, contact Mary O'Grady RN, BSN, CFCP at 815-332-3015.

Contact Shirley Poole at 815-654-9416 for all Respect Life information.

"A baby crying during Mass is a blessing."

MARY'S CORNER

Things are dry outside due to the lack of rain. Do not let the Mary's garden in your heart dry up. As you would take care of your Mary's garden outside, take care of the Mary's garden in your heart. Pray your rosary each day, give her your love, invite her to come with you as you go through your day. As you take care of your outside garden, you also need to take care of your "inside" garden.



ADORATION CHAPEL

We are in need of additional adorers to fill our schedule. The hours that are currently open are:

Monday 2:00-3:00pm
Friday 4:00-5:00am



If you cannot commit to an hour every week, consider filling in as a substitute adorer. You would receive emails when an opening becomes available and fill in as you can.

If you have any questions or to sign up, please contact or text Rita at 815-277-7118 or email her at Rita@DrRobertKohn.com

THE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Meets every Tuesday evening in Classroom C of the Parish Center from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 13th.

For more information contact Ron Bergman by phone at 815-654-8420 or email at r-cbergman@att.net



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!



We have an outstanding corps of volunteers who share their time and talent for the well being of our parish community. We have many who are currently serving at Masses during the week and on the weekends. During these challenging times, they are serving as ushers at Mass. They also help with the sanitizing of the pews after liturgies so that we can maintain a safe environment. A special thank you to all of these volunteers. We are also thankful for our sacristans, music ministers, lectors, and deacons.

During warm weather months, our grounds are maintained by parish volunteers. They do the mowing and trimming where it is needed. They also remove the weeds, branches, and leaves. We have many acres so it is quite a task. They save the parish a great deal of money by volunteering their services to keep our grounds looking good. Many thanks to all those who quietly serve behind the scenes for the good of our parish.

We have many more who humbly serve with no desire for accolades. We are grateful and pray that the blessings of the Lord be upon them! If you are interested in volunteering, please call the Parish Office.

FRIDAY EVENING ROSARY AND ADORATION

Each Friday evening from 7:00pm-7:45pm, we pray the Rosary in the Church with Eucharistic Adoration. The gathering is also livestreamed. The evening is led by our priests. This evening allow us to connect with the Lord in a special way and be led into deeper spiritual waters through Adoration, the Rosary, and uplifting, prayerful music. We all need peace of mind and peace of heart so please consider joining us.

SAINT RITA CHAPLET

We will now be praying the Chaplet to St. Rita of Cascia every Thursday. Our next meeting is Thursday, July 15th. We continue to meet in the Cry Room of the Church after the 8:15am Mass. Rosaries, Chaplet Copies, and Prayer Cards will be available in the Narthex.

The intercession of this blessed saint of the most hopeless and impossible cases would be a tremendous aid not only in our personal situations, but even more so on a global level.

For any questions, contact Sid Papini at 815-985-3404 or email papini72@aol.com

"No problem is too small to bring to Saint Rita. She will draw you close to the Heart of Jesus, and she will not fail you!"

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Jesus is asking us to go out two by two and proclaim His good news. Learn how to make your Sacrament of Marriage shine by participating in the next in person Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on August 20th-22nd in Madison, WI, or September 17th-19th in Geneva, IL. There are virtual experiences on September 13th thru October 4th and November 13th-14th.

Visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call 888-574-5653.

Para un fin de semana en español por favor llamen a Candelario y Emilia al 815-375-4250.

SELFCARE AFTER CANCER

St. Peregrine Cancer Support Group



Will be meeting at Holy Family Catholic Church in the Frassati Room on Thursday, July 15th, from 1:00pm-3:00pm

- * We invite you to join Denise Nicholols, Director, OT, of Motivate
- * What exercise looks like after cancer treatment
- * Why scar care is so important
- * What movement bring you joy
- * Guiding you towards your whole-body healing potential

Everyone is welcome, you do not need to be dealing with cancer to attend, this information will be beneficial to anyone. Do not miss this very important and informative meeting. I guarantee you will leave with an understanding of therapy that will benefit your health.

Please RSVP to Dixie at diferguson1@comcast.net to save your place, if possible. Refreshments will be available. Blessings, hope to see you at the meeting!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Bridget Knights of Columbus, Council 4330 is part of the world's largest Catholic Fraternal Organization. Our purpose is to serve St. Bridget's families, Seminarians, and our community. Our meeting will be on the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30pm - 9:00pm.

We are seeking like-minded men who are interested in joining us. Please contact Grand Knight, Martin Reyes, at Council4330KofC@gmail.com or call 815-988-2734.

SEASONS OF HOPE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Please come to this Christ-centered series where we seek to find hope in the midst of sorrow. Anyone in the Greater Rockford Area who is mourning the loss of a loved one is encouraged to attend and invited to bring a guest. Please join us.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 26th

Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Location: Hospitality Room of Church

Our sessions will involve meditation on Sacred Scripture, grounded in our Catholic faith, and no-pressure group discussion. Bring your Bible. For more information or to let us know that you would like to attend, please contact Kay Ethington 815-633-6311 or email k.ethington14@gmail.com

Future meeting dates: 8/9, 8/23, 9/13, 9/27, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/15, 12/6, 12/20

ST. BRIDGET FOOD PANTRY

The next distribution day will be Wednesday, July 21st, from 4:00pm until 6:00pm. Any questions, please call Deacon Phil Abel at 815-262-1847.

Food Pantry is in need of the following items: canned fruit, ravioli, canned tomatoes, pasta, and hand soap. All your donations are greatly appreciated!

Please know the recipients of your donations are so very grateful. Your generosity and kindness enables the Pantry to help many of those who otherwise might not have enough to eat or properly care for themselves. God bless you!

PROJECT RACHEL: POST-ABORTION HEALING MINISTRY

All inquires are confidential. Peace starts here!
815-387-3379 ~ www.hopeafterabortion.com
projectrachelrockford@gmail.com



GUARDIAN ANGEL ENVELOPE

Once every two months, we will have an envelope in the contribution envelope packet that gets sent out to parishioners. Proceeds from the Guardian Angel envelope will go to help provide temporary tuition support to our school families that are undergoing struggles because of sickness or employment issues. This will help them to keep their children in our school during tough times. If you would like more information on how to contribute to the Guardian Angel Fund, please contact Principal, Mary Toldo, at the school by calling 815-633-8255.

WEEKLY COLLECTION INCOME FOR JULY 4, 2021

Registered Families	2,167
Sunday Envelopes	\$13,708.00
Offertory	\$644.00
Online (255)	\$11,883.50
Total for the week	\$26,235.50

ST. BRIDGET ONLINE GIVING

Do you want to transition away from envelopes and contribute electronically? It is the earth and budget friendly way to go! It saves our Parish money not sending monthly envelopes. Visit our website at www.stbridgetlovespark.org and on the home page, click on "Giving". You will be directed to the St. Bridget Online Giving Page. Set up each way in which you would like to contribute. If you have any questions or need help, please call Lynn at the Parish Office at 815-633-6311. It is also fine to continue to receive envelopes through the mail.

The Holy Name Society of St. Anthony Parish
invites everyone to a bus pilgrimage

-TO-

HOLY HILL

*Basilica and National Shrine
of Our Lady Help of Christians*
Hubertus, Wisconsin

Saturday July 24, 2021

Bus Departs St. Anthony Church Parking Lot At 8:00 a.m.
and Returns to St. Anthony Church Around 4:30 p.m.

\$30.00 Per Person

For more information or to make your reservation please contact:

TOM WISE (815) 904-0527

PARISH OFFICE (815) 965-2761

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP



Are you burdened with a problem and feel you have nowhere to turn for help? The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help might be the place to find an answer. Many prayers have been answered by petitioning the Blessed Mother under the title "Our Lady of Perpetual Help". We will meet at 5:30pm in the Cry Room of the Church every Wednesday at 5:30pm. Our next meeting is July 14th.



Love is not just tolerance. It's not just distant appreciation. It's a warm sense of, I am enjoying the fact that you are you.

~ N. T. Wright

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PICK OF THE WEEK

July 11, 2021

Truth to Inspire: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, otherwise known as the "Lily of the Mohawks", became our first Native American Saint after her canonization in 2012. During her life, young Kateri suffered much ridicule due to her counter-cultural decision to remain a virgin out of love for Christ. As we celebrate Kateri's feast day today, enjoy this sort audio book that describes Kateri's struggles to follow Our Lord.



Under Search - Type "St. Kateri"

LITURGY SCHEDULE

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 12th

7:00am Margaret Holte
8:15am Eugenia Yastrab - 18th Anniversary

Tuesday, July 13th

7:00am Sam Baker
8:15am Bo Conroy

Wednesday, July 14th

7:00am Kenny & Manie Ellen McPeck - 17th Anniversary
8:15am Carole Bergman

Thursday, July 15th

7:00am Harold Eugene Wagner
8:15am Edward Kaszuba

Friday, July 16th

7:00am Sam Baker
8:15am Living & Deceased Members of the Bertrand Family

Saturday, July 17th

7:00am Baby Royal and all Adoptive Children ~ Special Intention
8:15am Respect Life
4:30pm Ed Blum

Sunday, July 18th

7:00am Living & Deceased Members of the Gustafson Family
8:15am John & Cecelia Redmond
10:00am People of St. Bridget
11:30am Mass of Special Intention

PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR JULY 17TH AND JULY 18TH

4:30pm Msgr. Steve Knox
7:00am Fr. Sean Grismer
8:15am Fr. Aaron Downing
10:00am Fr. Aaron Downing
11:30am Msgr. Steve Knox

CROATIAN MASS

1st Sunday of the month at 3:30pm

DEAF APOSTOLATE INTERPRETED MASS

Sundays at 10:00am



The Presence Lamp in the Church and the candles in the Adoration Chapel are burning this week for:

Bo Conroy



BAPTISMS

Please welcome into our Catholic Community the following who received the Sacrament of Baptism:

Karl Braunz

Max Braunz

Cheska Eslana

WITH SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Bernice Lower



MASS INTENTION BOOK FOR 2022

The 2022 Mass Intentions Book and Flame of Faith Intentions will be opening in late July/early August.

Please continue to watch the bulletin and Flocknotes for more updates on the new procedures. **At this time, we are not accepting Mass requests for 2022 in the Parish Office, so please do not mail, email, or call with requests.** Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 11TH

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

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