

The Messenger

SHARING THE GOSPEL AND TRANSFORMING LOVE OF CHRIST



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"L.I.T." Retreat -
Dec. 6, 7 & 8
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A Letter From The Pastor

From your pastor and Saint Kateri Parish, greetings to you! This newsletter is filled with updates and news that our staff have prepared about our parish and school. These past months have been more than challenging and stressful for everyone. So I am writing a note of encouragement!

Mass will continue to be posted on YouTube, as well as parish retreats and other events. While some people watch the mass from their laptop, many use what is called a "smart TV." There are many good TV models out there and, while I don't advocate particular brands, as there are many, I personally find the "Roku" model very easy to set up and use.

If you have an email, did you know that we send an electronic parish newsletter each week? Call the office if you have questions about our YouTube channel or if you need help with adding your email to our weekly update.

In this newsletter, we also included our Thanksgiving Day, Advent, and Christmas schedules to help with planning for the holidays. To keep "safe distancing," church seating is more restricted. However, we did double up on Mass times for Christmas to make seating easier. For example, on Christmas Eve, there will be a 4:00 pm Mass at Christ the King AND at St. Margaret Mary. The 4:00 pm Mass at Christ the King will be recorded and available on our YouTube channel.

May Gods bless you and your Family!
Fr. Gonyo

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THANKSGIVING MASS

November 26

9:00 am at Christ the King

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - DEC 8

Noon at Christ the King

6:00 pm at St. Margaret Mary

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:00 pm at Christ the King - Recorded

Sunday

8:00 am at St. Cecilia

9:30 am at Christ the King

11:00 am at St. Margaret Mary

Daily Mass

12:00 pm Monday-Friday at Christ the King

Confessions

3:00 -3:45 pm Saturday at Christ the King

10:15-10:45 am at St. Cecilia

Our Weekend Mass is recorded and uploaded to our

Parish YouTube Channel:

<https://bit.ly/3mwf47e>

Saint Kateri School Updates

On Sept. 10, Saint Kateri School welcomed students back to our building for the 2020-2021 school year. We had been away from our school family since March 13, and it felt great to return! We are so grateful to be able to offer in-person learning to all our Preschool- 5th grade students. Our students continue to participate in Monday Morning Prayer Services and Monthly School Masses. We held our 1st Alumni Mass to celebrate last year's 5th grade class, and we were able to honor the veterans in our community

with a small token of our appreciation for their service, prepared by our students. Due to Covid-19, it has been necessary to modify or put on hold many of our traditional Saint Kateri School activities. We are blessed to have a very creative and dedicated school family of teachers and parents that put 110% in making sure our students reach their highest potential, and have fun doing it! If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining our SKS family, please contact our Main Office at 585-467-8730. It is true that our students wear masks and have daily health checks, **but you can't mask our joy and excitement of being together again!**



Growing in Faith

We have kicked-off another academic year full of opportunities for all ages! In the face of the pandemic, we've added health and safety measures to meet everyone's needs, including virtual options! Children, families, and youth are meeting monthly for engaging Faith Formation and Sacrament prep session. Over 40 teens participated in a team building day at Camp Stella Maris in October.

Confirmation small groups continue to plan and work on service projects for the parish community. Our high school Peer Ministry Team is making plans for a way to reach out to those who feel isolated due to the pandemic.

Adults are meeting for bible study with Dr. Kelly and in other small faith sharing groups.

Consider joining us for the next Alpha term, which will launch after our "L.I.T" Retreat in December.

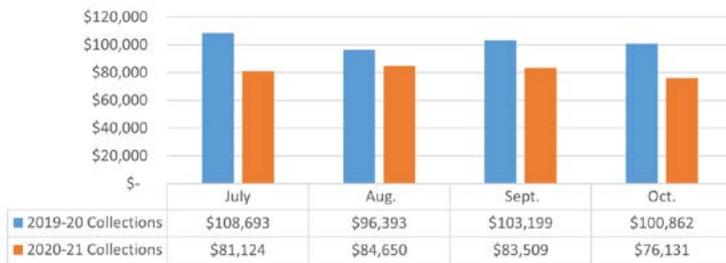
State of the Parish

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Many parishioners have inquired about how the Parish has fared during these uncertain times of Covid-19. The short answer is that we're hanging in there. The long answer is that we, just as many of you, are facing challenges due to the pandemic. Our weekly average collections have decreased ~16% over the same period last year. As responsible stewards of your gifts, cost cutting measures have

occurred, including staffing reductions, consolidation of contracts, and review of expenses. Even with these cost cutting measures, the parish is projecting a significant deficit for the current year. The parish will continue to look for ways to reduce spending, while encouraging donations. Even a dollar more a week, from each parishioner, can make a difference. A more in-depth Financial Report will be shared with the Parish in the coming weeks, for those of you like to dig into the numbers.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parishioner Giving



Monthly Total

Our parish's 2020-2021 **Catholic Ministries Appeal** goal remains the same as last year: \$213,706. Last year, the parish fell short of this goal by \$34,000, and paid that amount out of our savings in June 2020. As of November 3, 2020, 272 donors have pledged \$49,585 toward our goal of \$213,706 (23.39%). Please help us meet our goal this year by donating to the CMA. If you haven't made your 2020-2021 CMA pledge yet, please use the envelope you received in the mail or go to www.dor.org to make an online payment.



THANKYOU for your continued generous support of our Parish!

Parish Council is looking for new members!

Our focus is on maintaining and restoring connections within our parish community. Please email Rob Spatola at rspatolacpa@outlook.com or call the Parish Office with your interest!

As new information arises, we will continue to update the parish in regards to Covid-19.



We are happy to offer our annual Giving Tree Program! Following Covid-19 safety guidelines, we are collecting food and gifts for those in need in our community! We are accepting food items through December 6. See our website or social media for info.

Are you looking to help reach out to those who are feeling isolated? Join our **phone ministry!** Or if you would like to receive phone calls, let us know! Call the office to sign up to give or receive calls.

ST. ALBAN COMMUNITY

Sunday Mass

11:00 am Chair of St. Peter
Ordinate Mass at St. Cecilia

Advent Lessons & Carols

Service - Dec 19

7:00 pm St. Alban Community
at St. Cecilia

Christmas Eve

10:00 pm Chair of St. Peter
Ordinate Mass at St. Cecilia

Christmas Day

11:00 am Chair of St. Peter
Ordinate Mass at St. Cecilia

LATIN MASS COMMUNITY

Sunday Mass

9:00 am (English) and 11:15 am
(Latin) at St. Thomas

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm (English) at St.
Thomas

Christmas Day

9:00 am (English) and 11:15 am
(Latin) at St. Thomas



Let's get lit!

MUSIC, STORIES, & DYNAMIC TALKS
7 PM - JOIN US ON FACEBOOK OR YOUTUBE



Dec 6 - "Loving - how do we find ways to love one another in today's turmoil?"
Featuring **Deacon Lon Smith**



Dec 7 - "Inspiring - who has inspired you and how you can spark another's journey?"
Featuring **Fr. Gonyo & Sr. Karen Dietz**



Dec 8 - "Transforming - how can you grow and influence others?" Featuring **Jonathan & Jodi Schott**



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE Christmas Eve

4:00 pm at Christ the King - Recorded

4:00 pm at St. Margaret Mary

10:00 pm at Christ the King

Christmas Day

9:00 am at Christ the King

9:00 am at St. Cecilia

Solemnity of Mary, Our Mother - January 1

Noon at Christ the King

