

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

WE NEED YOU! The **GILMAN Religious Education** program **needs teachers** this Fall for grades : K, 6, 7, 8, & 9. Please consider serving our cluster of parishes in this important role and give Georgi Whelan a call for more information.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha - July 14

Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to be a saint. Her father was a pagan Mohawk chief and her mother a Christian Algonquin. Kateri was born near Auriesville, New York in 1656. Her mother named her Waniseriio which means **beautiful day**.



Kateri was a quiet, shy girl. Her father had forbidden her to be baptized, but her mother taught her the Catholic faith anyway. She was only four years old when her parents and brother died from smallpox. She survived the smallpox disease with a scarred face and poor eye-sight. Her pagan uncle and two aunts raised her. However, Kateri remembered her Christian mother's

teachings of the prayers, and she would secretly go deep into the woods to pray the Rosary. Young Kateri wished to be baptized Catholic with her whole heart!

When she turned thirteen, her uncle tried to arrange her marriage, but the young Mohawk girl refused. As the result of a peace treaty with the French, the Mohawk allowed Jesuit missionaries into their settlements. Kateri used this chance to begin instructions in the Catholic faith and was baptized in St. Peter's Chapel in Fonda, NY with water from the spring that stands on Shrine grounds today. She took the name Kateri as her baptismal name after St. Catherine of Siena. She was now twenty years old, and she said she would rather die than give up her Christian faith. She was treated badly by her family and tribe because she was a Christian.

Her life became so difficult that she escaped with other Native American Christians to the Catholic Native settlement in Canada near what is now Montreal. Kateri lived a life of deep prayer and intense sacrifice. Every morning, even in the bitterest winter, she stood before the chapel door until it opened at four in the morning and remained there until after the last Mass in the evening. She loved Jesus so much that when she prayed to him, her face became radiantly beautiful, as if she were speaking to Jesus face-to-face. Everyone was inspired by her holiness. She died of illness at the age of twenty-four. After her death, the smallpox scars on her face disappeared, and she became known as the **Lily of the Mohawks**. She had a strong, unshakable faith. She recognized God's truth and it filled her heart with joy!

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>*NEEDED*</u>
July 2-3		
Ss. Peter & Paul		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 920.00	885.00
Loose	\$ 167.00	77.00
Total	\$ 1,087.00	*962.00*
Month of July Building Fund =	\$ 1,232.00	*1,500.00/mo*
St. Stanislaus		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 685.00	423.00
Loose	\$ 82.00	67.00
Total	\$ 767.00	*490.00*
Month of July Building Fund =	\$ 540.00	*417.00/mo*
St. John		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,010.00	750.00
Loose	\$ 89.00	48.00
Total	\$ 1,099.00	*798.00*
Month of July Building Fund =	\$ 307.00	*667.00/mo*
St. Michael		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 350.00	250.00
Loose	\$ 113.00	30.00
Total	\$ 463.00	*280.00*
Month of July Building Fund =	\$ 110.00	*100.00/mo*
<i>*The weekly Envelope & monthly Building Fund totals needed are based on the fiscal year budget set by each Parish Council.</i>		

*Christ has no BODY
but YOURS*

Catholic Services Appeal 2021-2022

	Assessment	Payments & Pledges	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 10,960.00	\$ 4,720.00	\$ 6,240.00
St. John	\$ 8,639.00	\$ 4,075.00	\$ 4,564.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,436.00	\$ 4,740.00	\$ 696.00
St. Michael	\$ 2,953.00	\$ 3,212.00	\$ 0.00

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