

PARISH NEWSLETTER & LITURGICAL BULLETIN

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Mass Schedule July 12 – July 18

Monday: 8:00 a.m. Ashley Schmeits
 Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. Increase in Respect for All Human Lives
 Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. – Utica – Dean & Marilyn Rocker
 Thursday: 8:00 a.m. Eugene Hladky
 Friday: 8:00 a.m. Mike & Rosemary Clements intentions
 Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - Sacred Heart – Pro Populo, for all people
 Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – St. Patrick's –Dean Wullenwaber

Confessions this Week – Saturday 4:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart and Sunday, 8:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's before Mass; call to set another time to meet in person or at the confessional. Weekly exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church on Friday mornings 7-8 a.m.

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Lector/Acolyte: Steve Wambold
 Statue: Diane Kallhoff

St. Patrick's

Acolyte: Kevin Medow
 Lector: Colin Bargaen
 Music: Angie & Mari
 Rosary: Pat Vavra
 Statue: Donna Richards

Stewardship Report

Sacred Heart

Adults.....800.00
 Plate..... 5.00
 Peter's Pence..... 230.00
 Total.....\$1035.00

St. Patrick's

Adults..... 1620.00
 Plate..... 5.00
 Peter's Pence..... 310.00
 Mass Stipend..... 10.00
 Building Renovation..... 3185.22
 Total..... \$5130.22

Crisis Pregnancy Centers: York 402-3622-273, 613 Grant Avenue, Suite 1A & Lincoln Crisis Pregnancy Center 402-483-4247; Birthright, Lincoln, 56250 O Street, Suite 4, 402-466-2609.

Monthly Intention of Pope Francis: We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Legion of Mary meets at 7:30 a.m. this Wednesday.

St. Patrick's Garage Sale: If you wish to donate your "easy used" clean items for the July garage sale, please bring them to St. Patrick's hall and put them in the classrooms as marked.

Garage Sale will be held at St. Patrick's, Utica, during Utica Heritage Days, July 23 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on July 24 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1656 at the Kanienkehaka ("Mohawk") village of Ossernenon, near the present-day shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs in Auriesville, New York.

Kateri's father was a Mohawk chief and her mother, taken from her tribe by the Mohawks, was an Algonquin catholic. At the age of four, small pox plagued Kateri's village, taking the lives of her parents and baby brother, and leaving Kateri an orphan. Although forever weakened, scarred, and partially blind by smallpox, Kateri survived and was raised by her two aunts and uncle.

The brightness of the sun bothered Kateri's eyes so she would often cover her head with a blanket when she was outdoors, and would feel her way around as she walked. Kateri grew into a young woman with a gentle, loving personality. She was also a hard worker, helping in the fields and caring for the longhouse in which they lived. Kateri became very skilled at beadwork. She often went to the woods alone to speak to God and to listen to him in her heart and in nature. Her family was perplexed when she refused an arranged marriage.

When Kateri was eighteen years old, a Jesuit priest came to the village. Kateri was inspired when she heard about Jesus Christ and wanted to learn more. Father de Lamberville asked her uncle to allow Kateri to attend religious instructions. The following Easter of 1676, twenty-year-old Kateri was baptized.

Not everyone in Kateri's village accepted her choice to follow Jesus. Kateri suffered for her faith. Her family refused her food on Sundays because she would not work on the Lord's Day. She received taunts, was pelted with stones, and was threatened with torture or death. Because of increased hostility from her people and her fidelity to Jesus, in July of 1677, Kateri left her village and traveled more than 200 miles to the Catholic mission of St. Francis Xavier at Sault Saint-Louis, near Montreal.

Although unable to read and write, Kateri led a life an exemplary life of prayer and penance. She taught the young and helped the poor or sick. People referred to her as the "Holy Woman." Kateri spoke words of kindness to everyone. One time a priest asked the people why they gathered around Kateri in church. They responded that they felt close to God as her face became full of beauty and peace when she was praying, as if she were looking at God's face. Kateri made a vow of perpetual virginity on Marcy 25, 1679. Kateri would spend hours of even days in Eucharistic Adoration in the church, even in the coldest weather. To recall Our Lord's Passion, Kateri wore a small crucifix, frequently kissing it with feelings of gratitude.

Kateri died on April 17, 1680, at the age of 24. Like the flower she was named for, the lily, her life was short and beautiful. Moments after dying, her scarred face miraculously cleared and became beautiful. This miracle was witnessed by two Jesuit priests and all the others able to fit into the room. Many miracles followed. Her last words were, "Jesus, I love You."