

Prayer for the young and our families with Kateri

Oh, most humble Kateri
I seek your love and prayers.
I turn to you for your inspiration.

May I know the power of humility; the strength of seeking God's will in everything I do this day; the compassion to care this way for those who are weak and in need of help; and the faith to forgive those who walk a hurtful violent path.

Pray with me Kateri that through us, God our Creator

will comfort the orphan, watch over the neglected child, and wait with the youth who go astray.

You lost your parents and found others along the way to care for you and guide you. May all parents and grandparents stay healthy, seek the selfless love of Jesus, and give where giving is most needed. May they make wise decisions and heed daily the Wisdom of the Great Spirit.

Your spirit was strong and your love for Jesus is deep. May I trust that Christ will turn my weakness into His strength and meekness; so that whatever comes to me this day, I may choose to do God's will and faithful will I stay. AMEN

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist points to Jesus and declares, "Behold, the Lamb of God." While simple, these words reveal the heart of our faith: Jesus takes away the sins of the world, not through violence, but through sacrifice, love, and obedience.

I recall a powerful lesson from my seminary days in North India. During the Holi festival, we found a lamb covered in colors left outside our gate. We learned this was a local ritual; villagers symbolically placed their sins upon the lamb and left it to die or become prey, believing it carried away their guilt.

These custom illuminates the Gospel but highlights a vital difference: whereas those lambs were used unwillingly, Jesus freely offered Himself out of love for humanity. As the prophet Isaiah foretold, He was "led to the slaughter" without opening His mouth (Isaiah 53:7). St. John Chrysostom beautifully noted that Christ became a lamb to transform "wolves into sheep."

Every Holy Mass, we hear the invitation: "Behold the Lamb of God." This is not just a ritual; it is a call to follow Him. When the disciples followed Jesus, He asked them, "What are you looking for?" This question echoes for us today. Are we seeking worldly success, or are we truly seeking Christ? As St. Augustine said, our hearts remain restless until they rest in Him.

Let us recognize the Lamb of God in our daily lives—in the Eucharist, in the poor, and in our own sacrifices. May we allow Him to heal our wounds and carry our sins. We pray with faith: "Lord, I am not worthy... but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed."

Rev Biju Mathew

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Parish Office Hours Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Masses for the Lord’s Day

Sunday: 12:30 PM.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday: 12:00 PM.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS Please contact the parish office.

THE HOLY ROSARY is recited half hour before all Weekday Masses

Sacraments and Pastoral Needs

Baptism: Please contact the parish office at least one month before the baptism date (622-5138).

First Communion (Grade Two and older): Please register with school or with the parish office. Families will be contacted with requirements and other information.

Confirmation (Grade Eight and older): Please register with school or with the parish office. Families will be contacted with requirements and other information.

Marriages: Please contact the parish office at least **six months** before the wedding date. Preparation will be required for the couple.

Reconciliation (Penance): Please make an appointment with one of the priests. (622-5138).

Sacrament of the Sick (anointing): please contact the parish office (622-5138) **or in the Regional Hospital, the on-call priest is available in an urgent need.**

Funerals: Please contact the parish office to arrange a funeral (622-5138).

Needed for Kateri an Assistance

Sacristan is a person who helps prepare for the mass, if interested please talk to Penny.

Confirmation, First Communion

This is a call out to parents that have children who would like first communion, or confirmation to contact the office so formation can be planned it needs to start soon.

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Volunteers’ are always needed in Kateri, if you think you have any service or gift to offer, let us know. Just talk to Father or phone the office and leave a message and we will call you back.

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Jesus is” the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. “a truth that we also proclaim at every Mass. Yet what does this mean for us today in a world that often denies the reality of sin, even when its harmful impact is all around us?

This Week in Our Parish 2026

Monday Mass Jan 19,2026 12:10 p.m.

Sunday: Jan 25th,2026.

Last Sunday’s Collection: 477.10

Candles:48.50



THE SIGN OF THE CROSS IN OJIBWE LANGUAGE

Od ijinikasowining Weossimind,

(In the name of the Father,)

gaie Wegwissimind,

(and of the Son,)

gaie Wenijishid-Manito.

(and of the Holy Spirit.)

Mi ge-ing (Amen)

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