ANOTHER PANDEMIC, ANOTHER TIME:

Kateri Tekakwitha, (1656-1680) July 14, first Native American saint. Smallpox devasted Kateri's village, left her without parents, nearly blinded her and scarred her face. Kateri converted to Catholicism at the age of 19. She was persecuted in her village for her beliefs and escaped to a Christian native community. Kateri was known for her love of Jesus. Her tribe referred to her as, "The Lily of the Mohawks." As she lay dying at the age of 24, Kateri's face regained its former beauty.

In this time of suffering, may Kateri's example of steadfast devotion helping us live with faith and hope.



Our spirits rose above the pandemic and unrest of the week as we celebrated the Eucharist with Bishop Rivituso last Sunday. Each of us ensured a prayerful and welcoming spirit of being uplifted and "oneness" as we sang, "Take this Bread."

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Lloyd Miller, parish council president, and Barbara Russell, liturgical chairperson, for welcoming Bishop Rivituso as he stepped from his car.

Nicky Hoxworth, Meg Reask, Nevaeh and Patty Whaley for making our church sparkle.

Bernadette Mooney for enhancing our celebration with the joy and heart of music.

Joe Tracy for helping those riding the elevator.

Mattie Patterson for clearly proclaiming God's word.

Mike Freymuth and Mary Grayson for leading our intercessions.

Nicky Hoxworth and Meg Reask for bringing the delicious pastry for all to take home.

Sister Gail for the emails and website information getting the word out to all.

Vickie Deason and Terry Bacott in their Facebook effort to reach friends.

Willy Howard and Mike Freymuth for putting the fans in cooling places.

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We are a people graced by God, who come together as a community of faith, supporting each other as we live and celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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Matthew 13:44, 46

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"You can't take it with you." How many times have we heard this?

Yet there is a treasure that is ours to take with us forever. In today's gospel, Jesus uses our common human desire for wealth and com-



pares the reign of God to a fortune waiting to be found in a pearl of immeasurable value.

What is our treasure that, once found, is worth all? What is the pearl of great price for which we would sacrifice everything?

Real treasure is that which has eternal value. It is what we desire to have always. St. Paul says the greatest of all virtues is love because it lasts forever. In love we carry our relationships with God and loved ones with us into the reign of God.

Perhaps the pearl of great price is life without walls: all peoples, all creation living as brothers and sisters. Here, clean air, water and food are precious gifts for everyone. Here all are neighbors serving all. Here all share dinner as friends. Only kind words are spoken. God is seen in all.

This is the gospel reign of God: our hearts' desire, our deepest longing-to love and to be loved.

Compassionate God, you gift us with wisdom to possess the real treasure, the pearl of great price. You help us joyfully reorient our priorities in the light of the prize.

– S. Janice

STEWARDSHIP 7/5/2020

\$ 2,482.00	Total – Thank you!
253.00	Cash Contributions
\$ 2,229.00	Parishioner Envelopes

MASS INTENTION

Sunday, July 26, 9:30 am Marie Kremer

We welcome all who are visiting today! We invite you to join us every Sunday at 9:30am. PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING FOR: Helen Barber, Vickie and Ed Deason, Mary Green, Mary Lee Howard, Joetta Lukowski, John Towles, Ethel Long, Diana Schmidt, Michael Lemond, Mary Meyer, Mary Collins (sister of Ann Russek), Hazel Hosea, Willy Howard, and the needs of the Tracy and Usanga family

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: Your generosity allows the Church in the Archdiocese of St. Louis to help people of many different faiths, from many different cultures. Some have never heard the Good News of Jesus Christ. Your gift helps to give them an experience of God's love and mercy in real and practical ways.

Our appreciation to Kenneth Patterson, who for years has been successful in getting our parish to reach the challenge goal set by the Archdiocese. Please call him to make your donation 314.941.7452. Thank you.

JULY TRINITY CLUB WINNER is Michael and Marv Bender, friends of Father Rich from St. Mathias Church in south St. Louis County.

MEDICAID EXPANSION BALLOT, AUGUST 4 WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO VOTE YES ON

AMENDMENT 2? Amendment 2 provides healthcare to individuals in Missouri who earn less than \$18,000 per year while also bringing more than \$1 billion of our tax dollars home from Washington every year (36 other states benefit because they have approved Medicaid expansion). Medicaid expansion will help 230,000 working Missourians who have jobs that don't include health insurance benefits.

LATIN AMERICA APOSTOLATE: This appeal helps our St. Louis priest missionaries bring the Gospel to Bolivia, one of the poorest countries in South America. Father Hayden and Father Michler have been serving there for more than 25 years. Comprised of 14 neighborhoods with about 70,000 people, they celebrate the Sacraments, and provide for those most in need. Let us support them through our prayers and generosity.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and God's Blessings

JULY

- Diana Schmidt 4
- 21 Nicky Hoxworth
- 24 Lisa Manno
- Doris Speed 24
- 26 Meg Reask
- 26 Ifok Usanga
- 30 S. Janice



Ordinary Time

The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time comprise the thirty or so weeks that are marked by extraordinary everyday moments of grace. Ordinary Time begins at Pentecost and continues to the First Sunday of Advent. The seasons of the Church reflect the rhythms of our lives, with peak moments and times of quiet growth. The liturgical color of Ordinary Time, green, reminds us that this is a season of growth in our discipleship, a time to continue maturing into the followers of Christ that we are meant to be.

