

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 11, 2021



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(Closed 12:00PM - 1:00PM, Saturdays, Sundays, & Holidays)

Daily Eucharistic Liturgy: Tuesday - Friday at 8:00AM

Temporary Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:

Saturday at 4:00PM; Sunday at 9:00AM

*** Daily Eucharist: Call the Parish Office**

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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



July 11, 2021

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized. The question is, however, how do we do it? The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence. That's a risk God asks us to take.

Readings for the week of July 11, 2021

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-14/Eph 1:3-14/Mk 6:7-13 [15th Sunday]

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1-8/Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-34/Mt 11:20-24 [St. Henry]

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1-7/Mt 11:25-27 [St. Kateri Tekakwitha]

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1, 5-9, 24--27/Mt 11:28-30 [St. Bonaventure]

Friday: Ex 11:10-12:14/Ps 116:12-18/Mt 12:1-8 [Our Lady of Mount Carmel]

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34 [16th Sunday]

Sacrament of Baptism: Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation

programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

Confirmation preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint Luke's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.6920).

Sacrament of Holy Orders: God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Fr. Scott Jabo, at 1.814.824.1181.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

Sacrament of the Sick: Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

Leave A Legacy: Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

Bulletin Information Deadline: Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

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"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Rose Marie at 814.923.4438.

"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Kay (825-7328) or Shirley (452-3395) from Saint Stanislaus, or Kathy Benes (898-1091) or Kathy Smith (392-8974) from Holy Trinity.

PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Linda at 814.864.8476.

THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Ray Luniewski at 882-1032.

PROLIFE COMMUNITY

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please Check: New Registration Change of Address Change of Telephone Number

Change of E-mail Moving out of Parish Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome

Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., July 12th- Private Intention
 Tues., July 13th - Helen Mikolajczak (Family)
 Wed., July 14th - Gabriella Wlodarczyk (Family)
 Thurs., July 15th - Edward Czulewicz (Jim & Kathy Grochulski)
 Fri., July 16th - Carl Klan (Dorothy Fearn)
 Sat., July 17th, 4:00PM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)
 Sun., July 18th, 9:00AM - Special Intention (Doug & Eleanore Anderson)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **CHARLES BRITTON** as gifted by his Family.



CONGRATULATIONS...

To Haley Rohrbach on earning "Second Honors" from Villa Maria Academy. Know that we are proud of your classroom accomplishments!

"CARE & CONCERN COMMITTEE" 50/50 RAFFLE

For the next two weekends (August 14 & 15, 21 & 22), our parish Care & Concern Committee will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets before and after Mass. The proceeds allow the committee to purchase cards for parishioners who are ill, homebound, in care facilities, or grieving. Please be generous with your support.

Our readings today remind us to live our lives in total surrender to God's care. The Gospel recounts when Jesus instructs His twelve apostles to begin their missionary work two by two. He encouraged them to take very little — a walking stick and sandals. If you can recall a time you packed for a trip, or even left the house for a day's travel, you might remember making a list or packing days in advance. We tend to pack so we know we will be comfortable. If we extend this concept of "comfort" into other areas of our lives, we will most likely find a few instances where we ensure life is comfortable. It could be buying extra food at the grocery store, making sure we have the most updated technology, or even feeling safe in our bank accounts. It is not bad to have extra food in the pantry or a new phone. And it isn't bad to save money. These things can be good when used properly. But what if we are looking to these things for comfort, security or even happiness? Imagine if Jesus approached you and said, "Go out and do my work, but you can only bring a walking stick and shoes." Would you be willing to surrender all the rest? A key component of living out our call as Christian stewards is total surrender. It is trusting in God during our best moments and our hardest. It is looking to Him for security, comfort and happiness. Reflect on the ways you might be looking for comfort in the things of this world. Tangibly find a way to become independent from that "thing" so that you can become more dependent on God.

CANDLE MAKING

By popular demand, on Wednesday, July 21st, Fr. Jason will hold a candle making lesson in the Parish Hall, beginning at 10AM. The session is intended to be informative. The following Wednesday (July 28th), Fr. Jason will host interested parishioners for an actual candle making session beginning, again, at 10AM. Wax, votive glasses, wicks, and other materials will be provided. Parishioners from both Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity are warmly welcomed to attend. If you are interested, but your work schedule prevents you from attending, let Fr. Jason know and he will schedule evening sessions as well.

FAITH IN MARRIAGE

Your spiritual life as a couple is important. The sacrament of Marriage is a gift and a grace, but living it well isn't always easy! It requires intentionality and perseverance. Growing your spiritual life as a couple also requires a plan. Life can be incredibly busy. There's never "enough time" for everything we want to do. But we can live by our priorities. If we don't prioritize prayer, we'll find it slowly disappear from our lives.

If you're not already praying individually, that's a good place to start. If your schedules are similar, take some quiet time at the same time to help hold each other accountable. Praying together is also important! You could start by looking at the religious practices of your family and of families around you that you respect. Talk with your spouse about the ones who make the deepest impression on you or were most meaningful when you were young. Think about what you want your future children to experience. Making faith a commitment now will mean it is engrained habit when you grow your family. Ultimately, these faith practices should help us grow in our love for God and for one another.


WEEKLY OFFERING (JULY 4, 2021)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$4,156.00
Amount Received	\$2,360.00	\$2,360.00
Net over/under	(\$1,796.00)	(\$1,796.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 44; 9:00AM = 65
 Envelopes: 60/134



Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in for **RICHARD SEBASTIAN** as gifted by Jane & Dave Thiemann.



7/16) Ray Luniewski

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., July 12th - Gary Baron (Ed Czulewicz)
 Tues., July 13th - Kulig, Laszczewski, and Habas Families (Estate)
 Wed., July 14th - For All Fathers, Living and Deceased
 Thurs., July 15th - John Magraw (Family)
 Fri., July 16th - Anna Marie Neimeic (Family)
 Sat., July 17th, 5:15PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)
 Sun., July 18th, 10:30AM - John Figurski (Bill & Corrine Dyakon)

46 Days until ZABAWA 2021

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER


Zabawa signup sheets will be out in the Social Center July 15th. Gather your friends and family and sign up to help!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT ZABAWA

Looking for a great opportunity to help out over the summer and be involved in one of the Erie Diocese's most well attended events? Then Holy Trinity's Zabawa is the place for you! Ten to 12 energetic volunteers (teenagers and up) are needed for each shift to serve food. Shifts are Aug. 27 from 4:30 to 9 p.m.; Aug. 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and 5:30 to 9 p.m.; and Aug. 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sign up for as many hours as you'd like by contacting Sarah Chermack at schermack@eriefamilylaw.com. Note that this is an ideal way for high school students to get service hours.

ZABAWA SPONSORS AND ADS


Want to be a personal sponsor for Zabawa 2021? Know someone who does? You can find ad information at the bulletin stations in the Social Center. If you know anyone that would like to place an ad in the book, please contact Julie or Edie.



After the Baptism of his baby brother in church, little Johnny sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you guys."

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Jesus sent out His apostles without a lot of "things" because THINGS distract. We collect, argue about and protect our "things." We even ignore each other because we have "things" to do. What "things" are separating you from your family?



CHRUSCIKI MAKING!

This Monday, July 12th

Also, please join us:
 July 19th
 July 26th

If you would like to help our bakers, please come to the Social Hall. Doors open at 5:00PM.


SENT, TWO BY TWO

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Mark 6:8 (NIV)"
 Based on Mark 6:6-13 (NIV)

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 S X H A O R R Y R C M B R L H
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AUTHORITY	TWELVE	TAKE	REPENT	SANDALS
SPIRITS	JESUS	TUNIC	MONEY	BAG
EVIL	VILLAGE	JOURNEY	BREAD	HEALED
TEACHING	STAFF	SENT	PREACH	NOTHING



Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two. Mark 6:7 (NIV)

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR JULY 4, 2021

Regular Offering: \$2,897.00 (30/134)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$2,365.00
Total Offertory:	\$2,897.00	\$2,897.00
Net (over/under):	\$532.00	\$532.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 15; 10:30AM = 52

"[Jesus] began to send them out two by two."

- Mark 6:7

News for Our Partnership

CHIAVETTA'S BBQ CHICKEN DINNER

Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Council 11818, 816 W 26th St, Erie, PA announces a Drive-Thru **Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ Dinner on Sunday, July 18th from Noon to 5**, or till sold out. Dinner includes ½ Chiavetta's BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Croissant, Bottled Water and a Cookie! \$12 ea. Cash-Credit-Debit accepted. Enter Sacred Heart lot from W 26th St.

HELP WANTED

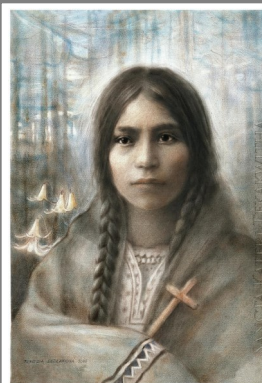
"Senior Helpers" is actively seeking caregivers to assist clients with day to day activities, such as: personal care needs, transportation, housekeeping, meal preparation, socializing, etc. Experience is not necessary. A variety of paid training opportunities available. Currently offering a \$500 hiring bonus. For more information, call Robin or Crystal at 814-454-9500.

CHILD PROTECTION & CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Those who abuse children look like everyone else. They don't look like scary people that we should know to avoid. Rather, most abusers are known to the child, such as the parent, sibling, parent's paramour, parent's spouse, other relative or babysitter. One of the most important ways to ensure the safety of children in our environments is to know the warning signs of adults who present a risk of harm to children. Among these signs are when the person (1) always wants to be alone with children in areas where no one can monitor the interactions, (2) allows children to do things their parents would not permit, (3) is always more excited to be with children than with adults, and (4) discourages others from participating in activities involving kids. For more information and resources visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/>.

COVID VACCINATED?

If you have been fully vaccinated, simply sign the form in the back of the church so that we can determine how far along our parishes are toward immunity. Your willingness to assist us in this effort is **COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY**. Thanks, in advance, to those who choose to cooperate so that we can bring greater normalcy back to parish life.



Kateri Tekakwitha was the child of a Mohawk father and a Christianized Algonquin mother. At age four she was the only member of her family to survive smallpox, which affected her own health. She was deeply impressed at age 11 by the lives and words of three visiting Jesuits, likely the first white Christians she had ever encountered. She began to lead a life inspired by the example of those men, and at age 20 she was instructed in religion and baptized Catherine.

Harassed, stoned, and threatened with torture in her home village, she fled 200 miles to the Christian Indian mission of St. Francis Xavier at Sault Saint-Louis, near Montreal. There she came to be known as the "Lily of the Mohawks" in recognition of her kindness, prayer, faith, and heroic suffering. She was proclaimed "blessed" by Pope John Paul II in 1980. In December 2011, after evaluating the testimony of a young boy who claimed that his infection with flesh-eating bacteria disappeared after he prayed for her intercession, Pope Benedict XVI recognized Tekakwitha as a saint. She was canonized the following October.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT NEEDED

The Diocese of Erie is seeking a dedicated, organized and enthusiastic individual to become the administrative assistant for the Office of the Religious, St. Mark Seminary and the Vocation Office at St. Mark Catholic Center. This is a full-time, non-exempt position that is split between the three departments. For complete details on the position and the application process, go to <https://www.eriercd.org/employment.html>.

SCHEDULE CHANGE

Next weekend, Fr. Jason will be officiating at a wedding Saturday afternoon in Linesville. Consequently, Fr. Dan will have both Saturday Masses and Fr. Jason will have both Sunday Masses. Our usual routine will return the following weekend.



THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

7/11) Sandy Kempisty & Ray Przybyszewski; 7/12) Edie Luniewski & Debbie Oldenski; 7/13) Deacon Tom Matusiak & Shirley Widomski; 7/14) Julie Slomski & Katherine Krainski; 7/15) Dorothy & Mead Carlson, Nancy & Art Kujawinski, & Carol Clark; 7/16) Corinne Dyakon, Mary Jo Sulecki, & Kay Stankiewicz; 7/17) Dave Slubowski; 7/18) Pearl Wisniewski

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

7/11) Fr. Rick Tomasone; 7/12) Msgr. Joe Riccardi; 7/13) Fr. Nick Rouch; 7/14) All Vocations; 7/15) Bishop Trautman; 7/16) Msgr. Richard Stack; 7/17) Fr. Matt Strikenberger; 7/18) Fr. Glenn Whitman

Sunday, Jul 11, 2021

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Each one, bring one

Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13

"Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two."

A lot of things in life are lonely. Being sick, being wrong, and being broke are hours difficult to share with anyone not inside the experience. Happily, religion isn't intended to be a solitary undertaking. Jesus formed a community before he engaged his ministry, and he urged his followers to go out in pairs. If you're struggling to ground your prayer life, or get a work of service or justice off the ground, remember: Companions in faith make the way more joyful and fruitful.

Monday, Jul 12, 2021

Cross purposes

Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Matthew 10:34—11:1

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."

No one said the path of Christian discipleship was going to be a bed of roses—but it is indeed the way of love. "The temptation is to follow a Christ without a cross," Pope Francis said—that is, to succumb to an easy albeit empty life that the world offers. Instead, "If we live our lives for the Lord, set on fire with love, then our lives will be fruitful and we will have genuine joy," said Francis. What's more, there's food for the journey, he reminds—we rediscover the mystery of Christ's cross every time we participate in the Eucharist.

Tuesday, Jul 13, 2021

MEMORIAL OF HENRY

Words matter

Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24

"Jesus began to reproach the towns where most of his mighty deeds had been done, since they had not repented."

Holy Roman Emperor Henry II championed the Nicene Creed. He encouraged its official recitation during the Mass, a practice that didn't gain papal approval until the 11th century. And he promoted the filioque. Filioque is Latin for the four small words—"and from the Son"—used in the Nicene Creed to describe the origin of the Holy Spirit, who, Catholics and Protestants believe, "proceeds from the Father and the Son." Draw strength from our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer God, and honor the Blessed Trinity today by praying a "Glory Be."

Wednesday, Jul 14, 2021

MEMORIAL OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN

See with the eyes of faith

Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27

"Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike."

Some people survive trials and adversity with a faith that cannot be explained. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-80) is one of those people. At the age of 4, Tekakwitha was physically scarred and left nearly blind by a smallpox epidemic that took the lives of her parents. Though she continued to live among her people, she followed a different path than most. Baptized Kateri (Catherine) at the age of 19, she soon found a distant village of Christian Native Americans who accepted her desire to remain single and devote her life to Jesus. The life of this first Native American saint was short, but her kind and deep faith left its own lasting mark. Visit the website: Shrine of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha.

Thursday, Jul 15, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Bask in reflected glory

Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

Understanding and proving the existence of God has been a human pursuit since the beginning of time. For medieval Franciscan philosopher Saint Bonaventure, vestiges of God's existence are found in all God's creatures and, indeed, in all creation. Thus, he posits, we see God, "through a mirror." As our understanding of God increases, we begin to see God "in a mirror"; that is, we see the image and likeness of God in all things. For Bonaventure, signs of God's existence are all around, and God is present in each of us. "Therefore," says Bonaventure, one "who is not brightened by such splendors of created things is blind." Open your eyes to our all-around God.

Friday, Jul 16, 2021

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

The view from on high

Exodus 11:10—12:14; Matthew 12:1-8

"If you knew what this meant, I desire mercy, not sacrifice, you would not have condemned these innocent men."

If there were such things as spiritual "power points" on Earth, Mount Carmel would have to qualify as one. A range on the Mediterranean coast in Northern Israel, Mount Carmel has been a crossroads for religious traditions, military strife, monastic life, biblical archeology, and now, modern urban living. There is something for everyone on Mount Carmel, which is perhaps why it has a long and contentious history. Today, join your prayers for peace in the Middle East with those of Carmelites the world over. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us!

Saturday, Jul 17, 2021

No one is without dignity

Exodus 12:37-42; Matthew 12:14-21

"A bruised reed he will not break, a smoldering wick he will not quench."

Bruised reeds and smoldering wicks were commonly discarded in ancient society because they were no longer useful for the purpose they served. People were often treated the same way. If a person was blind, lame, or suffered leprosy, they were essentially discarded by society because they were seen as a burden that couldn't be sustained. But Jesus taught of the sacred dignity of all human life regardless of health or usefulness, and that our final judgment would be based on our treatment of the least among us. Can you take a moment today to in some way lift up a lowly or outcast person?

O Saint Kateri,
please pray for me...

To know that God
is always with me.

To trust God as you
trusted Him.

To act with courage in
following in the
footsteps of Christ.

To live every day
with a thankful heart.

Amen



