



St. Kateri Catholic Church

16101 Rotunda Dr.
Dearborn, MI 48120



DECEMBER 8, 2019

2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday: 9:00 AM–Noon
and 1:00–4:30 PM

LITURGIES

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Tuesday: 6:40 PM

Wednesday–Friday: 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:00 PM

ADORATION

Tuesday: 4:00–6:30 PM

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday at 6:30 PM and

Thursday at 9:00 AM

For *Marriage, Baptism* and
Confirmation information, please
call the Parish Office.

BOOK & GIFT SHOP

Open weekends before & after Masses

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

By Fr. Terry Kerner

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is Monday and we will celebrate a Noon Mass followed by the Litany of Mary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4:00 PM. All are invited to come and celebrate the feast of our Lady who is the Patroness of the United States. We need to seek her help and intercession for our nation perhaps more than any time in the past.

We can be proud of the generous response made by all of you to the Giving Tree charities, the Holiday greetings to those in the military, and of course, all your weekly offerings to the food pantry at St. Sebastian. All the generosity reflects your spirit of Advent and the coming joy that Christmas brings. There is still time to bring your gifts and write your greetings.

A reminder that the traditional Christmas wafer, Oplatki, is available in the gift shop and parish office during business hours. This is a wonderful custom for many families and one that if you are not already celebrating you may want to begin this Christmas.

Mark your calendar for the Crèche (Nativity Scene) Dinner on Saturday, **January 4th** after the 4 PM Mass. You are invited to bring and display your nativity sets and the stories surrounding them. The dinner ticket is \$10 for the Italian menu. This ought to be a nice get together after the busy holidays!

Enjoy the Advent!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE *Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mass on December 9th
at NOON



Parish News

FAITH FORMATION

By Grace Lakatos

This weekend we light a second purple candle for the second Sunday of Advent to represent the hope of Christ coming to the world.

The word "hope" has two meanings in the Bible. The first, tiqvah, contains the sense of eager anticipation or waiting. The second, elpis, depicts a sense of confident expectation based on certainty. Biblical hope is secured by God's faithfulness to His promises. For the Old Testament leaders, their hope was in the Messiah's arrival. For us, it is the hope of the Messiah's return.

HOW IS YOUR HOPE THIS ADVENT SEASON?

Our **Giving Trees** provide HOPE for the recipients of the fulfilled 600 gift tags hanging on their branches. How wonderful would it be if each and every tag was fulfilled? Please remember that all gifts must be **unwrapped** & returned to the church by **December 15th**. Food donations can be cash or check (Made out to St. Kateri) or gift cards (Meijer, Kroger) and should be placed in the collection basket at Mass or dropped off at the parish office. Thank you so very much to Kim Howard, Ann Lewandowski, Janet Caputo, Carmen Rodriguez, Carol Zurawka, Freda Batayeh-Khalifeh, Terry Petlichkoff, Mary Below, Therese Terns, Matt Masley and Tyler Howard for all their help in creating the gift tags and setting up the Giving Trees.

Our **Holiday Mail for Heroes** goal for this year is 2,500 cards and I can happily say that we are already half way there! Please stop at the table in Resurrection Hall to sign a card for our military heroes or take a box home to sign as you sip your morning coffee. We'll provide a cheap sheet of directions, too. There is no charge for the cards, just your time. Envelopes can be addressed to Military Man, Military Woman, Military Family, Veteran, or Military Personnel. Please do not place any items inside the cards. All cards must be returned to the church by December 15th. Can we do it??? Let's try! Thanks to everyone who has already signed a card, you can still sign again and again and again and to everyone who has offered to take cards home to sign and who have volunteered to man our signing table before and after Masses.

FAITH FORMATION: Our next class for Faith Formation will be Saturday, December 14th beginning with 4 PM Mass.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES: Our next class will meet on Monday, January 6th at 6 PM.

RCIA: Our next class will meet on Wednesday, December 11th at 7 PM at Sacred Heart.

TRAVEL 2020 – SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars for **May 14-15** (Thurs-Fri) for a 2 day/1 night trip to visit the **Ark Encounter** and **Creation Museum** in Kentucky plus an included dinner at the **Greyhound Tavern**, a Northern Kentucky landmark. Flyers will be available soon to provide more details on this great trip.



**Monday, December 9th
NOON**

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Tuesday, December 10th
6:40 PM**

† Joseph "Tom" Powaser
(by Family)

† Ray Escobedo (by Family)

**Wednesday, December 11th
St. Damasus I, Pope**

9:00 AM

- For those seeking shelter
from the cold.

**Thursday, December 12th
Our Lady of Guadalupe**

9:00 AM

† Josephine DeFillippi
(by Family)

† Wilma Condon

(by Maryann Condon)

**Friday, December 13th
St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr**

9:00 AM

† Sara Stuk (by Family)

**Saturday, December 14th
St. John of the Cross, Priest &
Doctor of the Church**

4:00 PM

† John Bostek, Jr.

(by Jakubowicz Family)

† Allen Gabbart

(by Frances & Salvatore
LaMacchia)

† Paul Saliba (by Family)

**Sunday, December 15th
3rd Sunday of Advent**

9:00 AM

† John Leonetti, Health &
Healing

(by Michael Leonetti)

† Dennis Short (by Family)

11:00 AM

† Antenette Sainato
(by Daughter)

† Karr Family
(by Erna Karr)

- Arja Hazime, Health &
Healing
(by Katie Lakatos)

ST. KATERI GIFT AND BOOK SHOP NEWS

Advent is upon us as a time for thoughtful preparation of Jesus' birth. In the midst of holiday planning and shopping, take some time to reflect and pray on the "Reason for the Season." This will help Christmas be a more meaningful experience well into the New Year.

To help with that reflection, browse our selection of spiritual books and devotionals. And to help spread the real "Reason for the Season," we carry religious Christmas cards, nativity scenes, gifts and Advent supplies. In addition to our regular weekend hours, the shop will be open on **Tuesdays during Advent from 4 PM-6:30 PM.**



There will be a special **Christmas Raffle** of 5 Christmas items from our shop. The raffle began during our Harvest Dinner where one winning ticket was drawn and given the choice of one of the 5 prizes. Tickets are now being sold at the Gift Shop until the Creche Dinner on **Saturday, January 4th**. Four tickets will be drawn then to award the remaining prizes. Tickets are \$1.00 apiece or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Winners need not be present to win. Proceeds will benefit the Red Cloud School in South Dakota. Good luck!

OPLATKI

The traditional Christmas wafers are available at the Gift Shop and the Parish Office. The suggested donation is \$1.50 per package.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

Answer:

While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is not a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "ark" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin!



DECEMBER PRAYER REQUESTS

Ernie Adams
Virginia Alfano
Norma Bak
Farris Batayah
Khalil Batayah
Toni Basileo
Julia Bernardo
Lea Berta
Pat Bill
Tess Buda
Angela Burger
Danielle Carroll
Joe Charnley
Rosemary Dantzer
Cindy Delorey
Tina Doney
Toby Edgell
Stephen Farkas
Heather Glover
Christal Hailo
Gary Hanlon
Peggy Hengesbaugh
Lina Herring
Delores Hnot
Mary Hodak
Angeline Kolenda
Stephanie Kort
Stan Kozlowicz
Fran LaMacchia
Halston Loomis
Molly Maria
Pat Mazzola
Mary Valentine Merrell
Joe Mizzi
Perla Navarro
Jim Neilson
Mary Nezdropa
Tim Nolan
Samuel & Joseph Nothdurft
John O'Neill
Cathy Onufrak
Ed Schuler
Rose Sica
Bill Stachulski
John Witalec, OFS
Josh Wolak
Bernice Ziaja

Father, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that you would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love! In Jesus' name, Amen!



Around the Vicariate

SACRED HEART

Parable Project 2 Family Night: Friday, December 13th, 7 PM in the Church. For more information contact the Religious Education Office at 313-565-1020 or Redirector@shparish.org.

Advent Lessons & Carols: December 8th at 4 PM in the Church. An Advent prayer service of hymns, songs and Scripture. All proceeds benefit the Sacred Heart Christian Outreach Program.

ST. ALPHONSUS/ST. CLEMENT

Souper Saturday: Saturday, December 14th at 12 Noon, Soup & salad lunch in Fr. Yagley Hall. Come hear a representative from St. Paul Street Evangelization discuss the simple ways we can share our faith with others. There is no charge for the event.

Eucharistic Miracles Display: December 12th & 13th, 9 AM to 7 PM; December 14th, Noon to 6 PM; December 15th, 9 AM to 2 PM in Fr. Yagley Hall.

ST. LINUS

Blood Drive: Sunday, December 8th, 7:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Call 313-806-9089 to make an appointment.

Breakfast with Santa: Sunday, December 15th 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

ST. SEBASTIAN

No Room at the Inn: Saturday, December 7th & Sunday, December 8th, in the Activity Center. Come see a display of a wide variety of Nativity sets.

Traditional Polish Christmas Dinner "Wigilia": Saturday, December 14th. Doors open at 5 PM; dinner at 6 PM in the Activity Center. Tickets are \$25 per person. Call 313-562-5356 for more information. Tickets go fast!

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS RETREAT CENTER

Advent Day of Reflection: Tuesday, December 10th, 9:30 AM – 3 PM, reflective talks, reconciliation, delicious hot lunch. \$30 per person. Call 313-535-9563 for more information.

Annual Children's Christmas Party

Hosted by O'Kelley Knights of Columbus

Sunday, December 15th at 12:30 PM until 3:00 PM

Lunch provided, Visit with Santa Claus And a Christmas craft stations.

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There is no charge, however donations will be accepted to benefit the Convent House of Michigan, a shelter for homeless young adults aged 18-24.

Questions, call Chris Greco 313-574-6111. Please RSVP by email to

cmgreco85@gmail.com



Detroit Children's Choir Festival

Sunday, December 15, 4 PM

Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament

9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit 48202

Join several children's choirs from across Southeast Michigan to celebrate the season of joy! Each choir will sing its favorite holiday selections. All are invited to join the children and the merry organ to sing timeless Christmas carols. Free-will offerings accepted.

Readings for the week of December 8, 2019

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

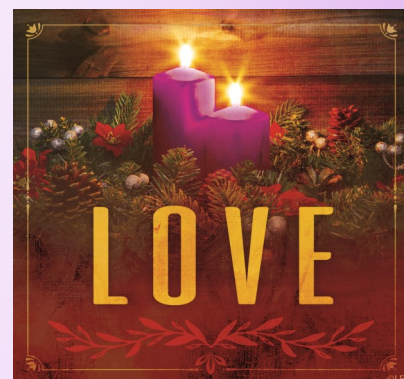
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11



LITURGY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 14TH & DECEMBER 15TH

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Celebrant	Fr. Kerner/Dn. Tom	Fr. Morelli/Dn. Tom	Fr. Morelli/Dn. Tom
Reader	Therese Terns	Margaret Skora	Hannah Bailey
Ciborium	1-Betty DeMilde 2-Christine Leonard	1-Theresa Martin 2-Kay Perry	1-Nina Cataldo 2-Barbara Hartman
Cup	1-Barbara Hartman 2-Nicoleta Uicker	1-Cassie Potok 2-Jo-Ann Curtis	1-Lisa LePage 2-Katelyn Drazba
Altar Servers	Alina Uicker	Isabel V. Diego V.	Erabella L. Harrison L.
Sacristan	Pat Ayland	Nancy Coyne	Ron Landelius

STEWARDSHIP

	November 24st	Week 21
	Current	Year to Date
Budget	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 151,200.00
Current	\$ 6,281.00	\$ 149,641.00
Variance	\$ (919.00)	\$ (1,559.00)

STEWARDSHIP

	December 1st	Week 22
	Current	Year to Date
Budget	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 158,400.00
Current	\$ 6,038.00	\$ 155,679.00
Variance	\$ (1,162.00)	\$ (2,721.000)



James Bird
Philosophy II
Our Lady of Good Counsel,
Plymouth



Nicholas Brown
Pre-Theology II
St. John Neumann,
Canton



*Meet two of our
Seminarians*

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood

Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of souls, who called the apostles to be fishers of men, raise up new apostles in your holy church. Teach them that to serve you is to reign: to possess you is to possess all things. Kindle in the hearts of our people the fire of zeal for souls. Make them eager to spread your Kingdom upon earth. Grant them courage to follow you, who are the Way, the Truth and the Life; who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

(from Handbook of Prayers, Rev. James Socbas,

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most.

Amen *Dynamic Catholic*

*Rest in
Peace*

JEROME STUS
Husband of
DOLORES STUS

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord: let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them.

Revelation 14:13

CHURCH EVENTS

Sacramental Prep Class

Monday, Dec 9, 6 PM

Adoration - Tuesdays 4 PM

RCIA - Wednesday, Dec 11 7 PM

"Priest, Prophet, King"

Wednesday, Dec 4 2 PM - 3:30 PM

Saturday, Dec 7 5 PM - 6 PM

Seniors - Thursdays 11 AM

Catholic Bible College

Thursday, Dec 12 7 PM - 9 PM

Charismatic Prayer Mtg.

Fridays 6:30 PM

AA - Sunday 2 PM, Tuesday 7 PM and Friday 8 PM

Faith Formation

Saturday, Dec 14 4 PM - 6 PM

Nicholas Black Elk Kateri Circle

2nd Wed. of the month 7 PM

Armed Forces

U. S. Air Force

Mark E. Baran
Diamond Knight
Kathleen Lyons
Teresa Lyons
Timothy Lyons
Raymond J. Palowski
Connor Plate

U. S. Army

Nick Calvas
Dalton Evans
Adam Schneider

U. S. Navy

Brendan Burns
Conor Burns
James Donahue
Perry W. Edgell

U. S. Marines

Anthony P. Alfano
Louis J. Bardel
Lukas Boudreau
Connor Danaher
Mitchell Kaczmarek
Haley Valentine
Joseph R. Walker