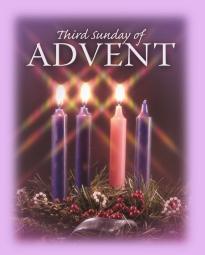


St. Kateri Catholic Church

16101 Rotunda Dr. Dearborn, MI 48120



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2019

By Fr. Terry Kerner

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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

This coming week will be busy. This **Sunday** afternoon from **12** – **3:00 PM** the Knights of Columbus O'Kelley Council are hosting a Christmas party at St. Kateri in the St. Francis Room (parish hall). All the children of the parish are invited along with adults with a child's heart. Feel free to stop by for refreshments and a chat with St. Nick. Our thanks to the Knights for all their efforts in our Dearborn parishes.

This coming Wednesday and Thursday (**December 18 and 19**) at **6:30 PM** we will be decorating the Gathering space with our Santa Bears. (The bears wanted to handle everything by themselves but were talked out of it when they realized they were just plain too short!) They need your help especially from our young adults, teens and families. The evenings can be a fun social time – especially if you speak bear. Look forward to seeing you this week.

Parish communal penance services are scheduled this coming week on: Monday at 2 PM & 7 PM at Sacred Heart and our own on Saturday at 11 AM. Private confessions will be heard on Friday from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM at St. Sebastian.

Please note the following <u>Christmas Mass Schedule:</u> Christmas Eve at 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM and on Christmas morning at 10:00 AM. Think about inviting family and friends to join with you at Mass. Just a reminder that offerings given to the parish over Christmas does not have any tax applied to it and therefore remains completely the parish – just a hint.

Enjoy this Advent week!

At St. Kateri Saturday, Dec 21st at 11:00 AM



Parish News

FAITH FORMATION

By Grace Lakatos

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT: JOY

Hot pink, pale pink, rose pink are all shades of pink painted into a sunrise. Like the various shades of pink, our expressions of joy can be so different. Joy can be exuberant when we experience the faithfulness of God, it can be calm confidence in His sovereignty or pure delight as He expresses His love.

Joy has many shades. It should never be determined by how we feel, but on who God is. The joy of the Lord can thrill us or make us resolute in the secure knowledge of God's presence. Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:16* to be joyful always. Jesus tells us "With God all things are possible." Mark 9:24*. This combination of truth should help us be joyful each day.

HOW IS YOUR JOY THIS ADVENT SEASON?

Our **Giving Trees** provide JOY for the recipients of the fulfilled 600 gift tags hanging on their branches. This weekend is the last weekend that we will be collecting the unwrapped gifts for Nativity of Our Lord parish, Vista Maria, St. Patrick's Senior Center and our food donations of cash, checks and gift cards. This Sunday at 4:30 PM, volunteers will be sorting the gifts in preparation for their delivery on **Monday, December 16th at 9 AM**. If you are available to help with the sorting, please meet us in St. Francis Hall, using the entrance on Lindenwood Drive. If you are available to help deliver the gifts on Monday, December 16th, please meet us in St. Francis Hall, using the entrance on Lindenwood Drive.

Our Holiday Mail for Heroes will be wrapping up this weekend. All cards that were taken home to sign should be returned to the parish office by **10 AM on Monday, December 16**th for sorting, counting and delivery. I'm pretty sure that our goal for this year of 2,500 cards will be happily met! 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: <u>Our next class for Faith Formation</u> <u>will be Saturday, December 21st beginning with 4 PM Mass.</u>

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

RCIA: <u>Our next class will meet on Wednesday, December</u> <u>18th at 6 PM at Sacred Heart.</u>



Tuesday, December 17th 6:40 PM

† Joe Orlando
 (by Family)

Wednesday, December 18th 9:00 AM

† Sue Alexander (by Therese Terns)

Thursday, December 19th 9:00 AM

† Daniel Bazner & John Slowik (by Family)

Friday, December 20th 9:00 AM

- Scott & Karen Roland, Wedding Anniversary Blessings (by Family)

Saturday, December 21st St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church 4:00 PM

- † Mark Herring
- (by Lina Herring)
- † Charlotte Dolan
 (by Family)
- * Ronald Banish

(by Janet & Phil Caputo)

Sunday, December 22nd

4th Sunday of Advent 9:00 AM

- † Irene Wayne-Fourth Anniversary (by Family)
- † Ronald Leonetti
- (by Michael Leonetti)

11:00 AM

- † Sainato & Castelvetere Families (by Lena)
- † James Abraham
- (by Lakatos Family)
- Bill Stachulski, Health (by Lakatos Family)

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!

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.



A teaching moment . . .

Our preschoolers are teaching Deacon Leonard about our Lady of Guadalupe



Father Gary is happy with them sharing their knowledge with everyone.



ST. BARBARA/ST. CUNEGUNDA

Relic of Bl. Fr. Solanus Casey: At St. Barbara, Dec. $20^{th} - 24^{th}$. Dec. 20^{th} Welcoming celebration & Mass at Noon. Private visitation until Mass at 6 PM. Dec. 21^{st} & 22^{nd} Healing Masses Saturday at 5:15 PM and Sunday at 10 AM & 6 PM. Dec. 23^{rd} Noon Mass & private visitation until Children's Mass at 6 PM. Dec. 24^{th} Farewell Mass and departure at Noon. Confessions and anointing at all Masses.

ST. RICHARD (WESTLAND)

Silver String Dulcimer Concert: Tuesday, December 17th at 7 PM.



DECEMBER PRAYER REQUESTS

Ernie Adams Virginia Alfano Norma Bak **Farris Batayeh** Khalil Bataveh 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 **Bobbie Sobieraj** 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!

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

3rd Sunday of Advent December 15, 2019

Who did you come to see? A version of this question is posed by Jesus many times in the Gospels. He asks it of Andrew and John when they begin to follow him. He asks it of Mary Magdalene in the garden of the resurrection. He asks it in today's Gospel. "What did you go out to the desert to see?" There is something innately human about "seeing." Animals have eyes — some with much more powerful vision than our own — but that's not the kind of seeing Jesus is talking about. We could phrase the question several other ways. "What are you looking for?" "What are you longing for?" "Whom do you seek?"

It is in seeing for ourselves that our suspicions or hypotheses are confirmed, that our desires discover their fulfillment, and that we can rest for a moment in certainty. John the Baptist sought certainty of Jesus' identity. "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus sends word to him based on the testimony of sight, observations of the mighty deeds Jesus has begun to work. "Go and tell John what you hear and see."

God recognizes our desire to see. In the Incarnation, the Word is made flesh. The invisible is made visible. The supernatural is made manifest in an infant who can do little more than the most natural of movements as he feeds, cries, sleeps. We don't need to wait for Christmas to see God. The work of God is all around us. Those blinded by sin *"regain their*" *sight.*" People overcome backgrounds of poverty and violence to make world-changing contributions. Addicts grow and heal. Truth is spoken, and people listen. Let's pray for the grace to see God's movement in our lives this week. How have you seen the work of God?

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Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Dynamic Catholic

Amen

Readings for the week of December 15, 2019

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

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17 Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25 Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38 Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24



DECEMBER FOOD PANTRY ITEMS



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

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LITURGY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 21 ST & DECEMBER 22 ND				
	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	
Celebrant	Fr. Morelli/Dn. Tom	Fr. Kerner	Fr. Kerner	
Reader	Frank DeMilde	Peter Paolini	Robert Ciavaglia	
Ciborium	1-Betty DeMilde 2-Dominic Tramontana	1-Kay Perry 2-Margaret Skora	1-Zachary Hay 2-Carmen Rodriguez	
Cup	1-Lina Herring 2-Therese Terns	1-Mary Below 2-Janeen Bodary	1-Gary Lewis 2-Pam Lewis	
Altar Servers	Richard Sudek Lucas S.	Tyler H. Maximillian O.	Sara J. Paul J.	
Sacristan	Rick Urquhart	Amy & Mark Catallo	Ron Landelius	
JAMES ABRAHAM				

father of Kristi Mruzik

JOSEPH AMICANGELO DELORIS ANTKO

MARY ANN SEITZ

ROBERT TOTH



Church events

Adoration - Tuesdays 4 PM

"Priest, Prophet, King" Wednesday, Dec 18 2 PM - 3:30 PM Saturday, Dec 21 5 PM - 6 PM

RCIA - Wednesday 7 PM

Seniors - Thursdays 11 AM

Charismatic Prayer Mtg. - Fridays 6:30 PM

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

Nicholas Black Elk Kateri Circle 2nd Wed. of the month 7 PM

STEWARDSHIP

December 8th

Week 23 Year to Date

	Current	Tear to Date
Budget	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 165,600.00
Current	\$ 6.868.00	\$ 162,547.00
Variance	\$ (332.00)	\$ (3,053).00

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In Sympathy

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



Joshua Burcroff Philosophy I Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Beverly Hills





Zaid Chabaan Theology IV National Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak

Meet two of our Seminarians **Prayer for Seminarians**

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for these men whom You have called to discern priesthood. We beg Your continued blessings on our Diocese and families. Call forth even more men of generous spirit and fervent love whom You desire for this holy work.

Amen

St. Joseph, pray for us.

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Armed Forces

U. S. Air Force Mark E. Baran Diamond Knight Kathleen Lyons Teresa Lyons Timothy Lyons Raymond J. Palowski Connor Plate <u>U. S. Army</u> Nick Calvas Dalton Evans Adam Schneider

<u>U. S. Navy</u> Brendan Burns Conor Burns James Donahue Perry W. Edgell <u>U. S. Marines</u> Anthony P. Alfano Louis J. Bardel Lukas Boudreau Connor Danaher Mitchell Kaczmerek Haley Valentine Joseph R. Walker