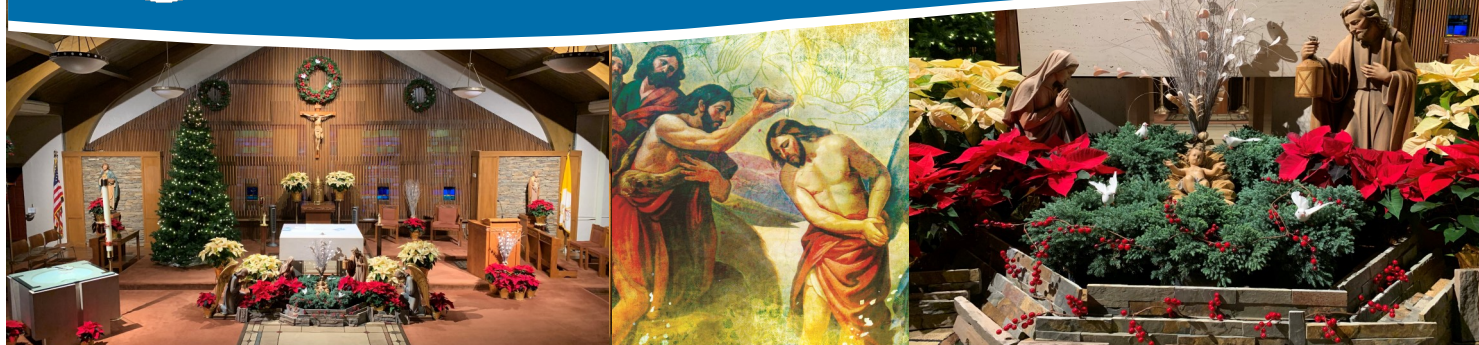




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JANUARY 10, 2021

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday:

9:00 AM - Noon and 1:00 - 4:30 PM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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 and
after Masses

From the desk of Father Terry Kerner

Welcome to 2021 and a return to our regular Mass schedule! While exceedingly different this year the Holidays were certainly a welcome break to the drabness of dealing with the boring pandemic. Hopefully everyone observed all the protocols and remain healthy, something that we want to carry into the new year. Let us pray for one another as we journey through the year.

I want to thank all of you who offered to me Christmas greetings and very kind gifts. I never cease to be amazed at the thoughtfulness and generosity of our parishioners. I am currently working on the appropriate thank you notes. If I miss anyone, my apologies. Know my appreciation for your Christmas wishes.

Many thanks also to all our parishioners who made Christmas calls to their fellow parishioners. Most folks are doing well and the phone call may have been just a formality and nice effort at sharing the Christmas spirit. Others, especially those living alone or struggling in other ways needed to hear from someone this Christmas. Maybe they can expect more calls through the winter months. It's all about watching out for one another. Our "Ninety & Nice" project proved successful with over sixty of our ninety year old parishioners given a poinsettia and parish calendar when they were visited by parishioners. We have received many words of gratitude from our seniors and their families. I thank all our volunteers who took the time to make the visits. No doubt it helped to make Christmas a little more special.

Our Christmas collection and CSA exceeded our parish budget and target and I want to thank all of you who made this happen. Contributions to both are still coming in and we will share with you the final counts in a week or two. Of course any amount over budget and target will be used to offset the shortage in our weekly offertory.

Michigan vanity plates have been around for some time and often so accurately describe the personality, the foibles, and certainly the humor of many drivers. Over the Christmas holidays one of our parishioners found herself behind a car with the following plate:

L8 4 MASS

Needless to say, our own parishioner after a hearty laugh, still managed to arrive at St. Kateri well in time for Mass. (What's on your plate?)

Have a good week and a healthy, happy and holy New Year!

January

PRAYER LIST

Virginia Alfano
Tom Aloiso
Norma Bak
Frances Baranowski
Stella Barszcz
George Bell
Lea Berta
Gerald Blaskie
Angela Burger
Vera Ciavaglia
Rachel Clark
Maryann Condon
Simon Croke
Rosemary Dantzer
Kara Erickson
Stephen Farkas
Bob Fulkerson
Bradley Golm
Gerald Goodrich
Mary Hepler
Dolores Hines
Dolores Hnot
Mary Hodak
Jon Homorogran
Emily Hudson
Marshal Hyman
Rachel Karlson
Stan Kozlowski
Fran LaMacchia
Linda Marcella
Patricia Matazinskas
Pat Mazzola
Mary Valentine Merrell
Brian Morley
Perla Moss
Perla Navarro
Hedwig Nelson
Tim Nolan
Tony Nuse
Ethel O'Day
John O'Neill
Jim Pazdro
Catherine Potok
Mohamad Saleem
Bill Stachulski
Diane Victor
Hugh Victor
Maria Viramontez
Michael Ward
Jim Weeks
Jeff Worrall

THE GIVING TREE 2020

As with most things this year due to the pandemic, our Giving Tree will be a little "different". To start with, there will be NO TREE OR TAGS to select. This is being done to decrease the possible spread of the Coronavirus. Our recipient, Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan has requested contributions to The Wayne County Jail Chaplaincy program. Donations can be made in the following means:

- Cash
- Meijer Gift Cards (Any denominations)
- Checks: Made out to Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, with Wayne County Jail Chaplaincy written on the memo line.

All donations should be placed in an envelope marked "Giving Tree" and dropped in the collection baskets in the church, dropped off at the parish office, or mailed to the parish office. **All**

donations should be in the parish office by Monday, January 18th. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office. God bless you and thank you so much for your continued support in our parish outreach programs.



Liturgy Link

*When you were baptized, you received a candle that was lit from a large, beautifully adorned candle called the Paschal Candle. Locate the Paschal Candle in your church.

Family Challenge

*Write the text of Mark 1:11, "You are my beloved Son (daughter); with you I am well pleased" on a 3 x 5 card. Place it on your bathroom mirror. Read it out loud each day when you brush your teeth and recall that God knows and loves you personally.

Fun Facts!

*The Baptism of the Lord is the last Sunday of the Christmas season.

This is from the previous week "Epiphany of the Lord".

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

Liturgy Link

*The Magi worshipped Jesus by laying prostrate on the ground. What gesture do we use to show reverence to Jesus during the Consecration of the bread and wine?

Family Challenge

*The Magi practiced prudence when they avoided Herod and returned to their country by another route. The virtue of prudence helps us decide what is right. Practice the virtue of prudence this week. When faced with a difficult situation, pray about it, and let God help you decide the right thing to do.

Fun Facts!

*The gifts of the Magi symbolize the areas of Jesus' life: his kingship (gold), that he is God (frankincense), and his death (myrrh).

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We carry a greater depth of self-confidence and chance of succeeding when we have affirmation, a sense of direction and clear purpose in life. Each of these serve to provide our lives with meaning, allowing us to clearly establish priorities and goals. They also are necessary for integrity, which is the conviction and single mindedness that keeps us grounded in the truth of who we are. "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Jesus' baptism provides him with exactly what he needs to get about the business of his mission as the Son of God. He is given what he needs to be successful in fulfilling the purpose for which he was sent. Our baptisms give us these same gifts. We receive the affirmation we need from God, knowing that we are one of his beloved daughters and sons. We are gifted with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Are we ready and willing to answer the call?

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The Baptism of the Lord

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians.



Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

WHEN GOD WHISPERS

"You don't need to shout. My hearing works just fine."

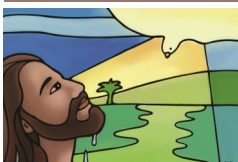
Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I'm not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn't correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I've got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens ("This is my beloved Son!") really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here's the good news: God doesn't need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let's wake up each morning ready to hear God's whispers throughout the day. Let's make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



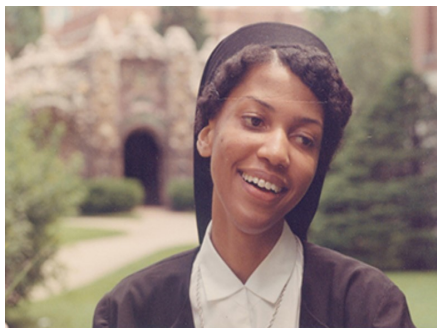
It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." - Mk 1:9-11



SERVANT OF GOD SR. THEA BOWMAN, FSPA

The U.S. bishops endorsed the sainthood cause of Sister Thea Bowman on Nov. 14, 2018, during their fall assembly in Baltimore. The granddaughter of slaves, she was the only African American member of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, and she transcended racism to leave a lasting mark on U.S. Catholic life in the late 20th century.

Born December 29, 1937, in Yazoo City, Mississippi, Thea was reared as a Protestant until at age nine when she asked her parents if she could become a Catholic.



Gifted with a brilliant mind, beautiful voice and a dynamic personality, Sister Thea shared the message of God's love through a teaching career. After 16 years of teaching, at the elementary, secondary and university level, the bishop of Jackson, Mississippi, invited her to become the consultant for intercultural awareness.

In her role as consultant Sister Thea, an African American, gave presentations across the country; lively gatherings that combined singing, gospel preaching, prayer and storytelling. Her programs were directed to break down racial and cultural barriers. She encouraged people to communicate with one another so that they could understand other cultures and races.

In 1984, Sr. Thea was diagnosed with breast cancer. She prayed "to live until I die." Her prayer was answered, and Thea continued her gatherings seated in a wheelchair. In 1989, the U.S. bishops invited her to be a key speaker at their conference on Black Catholics. At the end of the meeting, at Thea's invitation, the bishops stood and sang "We Shall Overcome" with gusto.

Thea lived a full life. She fought evil, especially prejudice, suspicion, hatred and things that drive people apart. She fought for God and God's people until her death in 1990.

<https://www.fspa.org/content/about/sister-thea-bowman>

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE**First Reading:**

Isaiah was called to be a prophet to bring justice and freedom to those suffering, to be a "light for the nations." **How do see yourself serving others in need in your life?**

Second Reading:

John teaches his community that God Himself has "testified on behalf of His Son." **In what way does this divine assurance help strengthen your faith?**

Gospel Question:

The preaching of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus is the opening scene in the Gospel of Mark. In Jesus' baptism, the Father, Son, and Spirit were fully present. **As a baptized Christian, can you think of a time when you experienced God's presence?**

St. Kateri Parish Gift and Book Shop

The Gift Shop is back to its regular schedule of being open before and after the weekend Masses. Coronavirus protocols are still being followed with masks and safe distancing in the shop.

Although the Feast of Epiphany came upon us very fast this year, the shop still carries home blessing kits. House blessings on or around Epiphany, are prayers to ask God for protection on all who live or visit there. It is an Eastern European tradition also practiced in the Orthodox churches. Incense is lit, symbols are written in chalk on the doorpost and holy water is used as a special house blessing prayer is recited. Our kits include these items along with directions and prayers.

Those of you who purchased these kits in the past may still use them. The only difference is marking the New Year of "21" on the door. The small holy water bottles are refillable in the church vestibules.

Stay safe and healthy. God, Emmanuel, is with us!

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 12th

6:40 PM

- † Helen Wexel
(by Ann & Monte Mariani)
- † Julia Bernardo (by Marie Grant)

Wednesday, January 13th

St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM

- Ariel Ann Lutz, Health & Healing
(by Lutz Family)
- † James Uniewski
(by Eileen Mahony)

Thursday, January 14th

9:00 AM

- Allegra Roland, New Home Blessings (by Family)

Friday, January 15th

9:00 AM

- Marshal Hyman, Health & Healing (by Karen & Doina)

Saturday, January 16th

4:00 PM

- † Dan G. Bazner (by Family)
- † Theresa Bazner
(by Bonnie & Joe Rogala)
- † George Smith (by Doina)
- † John Slowik (by Family)

Sunday, January 17th

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM

- The Staff & Residents of Grace Senior Center, New Year Blessings (by Eva Lutz)
- † Ken Kuzava (by Family)

11:00 AM

- † Carmen E. Anasco
(by Nora Anasco)
- † Reydelinda Baker
(by Susan Malane)
- † Barbara Crawford (by Family)



STEWARDSHIP

January 3rd

Week 27

	Current	Year to Date
Budget	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 180,900.00
Current	\$ 5,010.00	\$ 149,248.00
Variance	\$ (1,690.00)	\$ (31,652.00)

We appreciate all those who continue to support our parish. Your envelope can be mailed, put in the offertory, or dropped off at the parish office.

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

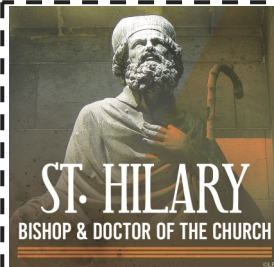
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42



Born: 315 AD Poitiers, France

Died: 368 AD Poitiers, France

Patron saint of Lawyers

He was a champion of orthodoxy against Arianism.

He was sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians.

Attention LECTORS!!

The new Lector Workbooks are available for pick-up in the Church vestibule closet.



Thanks, Deacon Tom

St. Vincent de Paul



Food Pantry

- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Chili Beans
- Chunky Soup
- Cake Mixes and Frosting
- Sugar

Thank you and may God's blessings keep you and your families safe. We are open with a drive-up service on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:00 noon till 2:00. All of us here at St. Sebastian's want to send out our best wishes to all for the year 2021. I know we are all praying for a better and healthier New Year. God's blessings to all.



A little girl finally got to attend a wedding for the first time. While in the church, the girl asked her mother: "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied to the girl: "because white is the color of happiness and it's the happiest day of her life today." After a little bit, the girl looks up at her mother and says: "But, then why is the groom wearing black?"



The future starts today, not tomorrow.

St. John Paul II



CLP



PRAYER FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Lord, please hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless act they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen

U. S. Air Force

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

U. S. Army

Nick Calvas
Dalton Evans
Adam Schneider
U. S. Marines
Anthony P. Alfano
Louis J. Bardel
Lukas Boudreau
Connor Danaher
Mitchell Kaczmarek
Haley Valentine
Joseph R. Walker

U. S. Navy

Brendan Burns
Conor Burns
James Donahue
Ben LePage
James Smith
Rob Swales



TO ALL WHO ARE VISITING TODAY

Welcome

No matter what your personal history, age, background, race, or color, and no matter what your self-image or esteem, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church.

NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY & ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

To become a member please drop this completed form in the offertory basket.