



# St. Kateri Catholic Church

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**JULY 18, 2021**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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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*

This past Wednesday, July fourteenth, we celebrated the feast day of our parish patron St. Kateri Tekakwitha. But if you live in Canada, you would have observed her feast on April seventeenth. Now Kateri was born 1656 in Auriesville in upstate New York. Twenty years later on April 18, 1676, she was baptized and eventually received her first communion on Christmas Day in 1677. She entered eternal life on Wednesday of Holy Week, April 17, 1680. Declared Blessed on June 22, 1980, by St. John Paul II she was canonized a saint thirty-two years later on October 21, 2012, by Pope Benedict XVI. On July 1, 2013, St. Kateri Tekakwitha officially became our parish patron saint.

With all the significant dates and events described above we have chosen to celebrate St. Kateri on October 21<sup>st</sup> this year. This will be in conjunction with a broader celebration of twenty other saints as part of an exhibit entitled "Walk Among the Saints". Besides exploring the lives of many of the traditional saints we will address the blessings of Native American and Black Catholics saints and their contribution to the American Catholic Church experience. Mark your calendar now for the exhibit and programs scheduled for October 21 — 26, 2021. Tell your family and friends they are all welcome to join.

Our parish can be very proud of and grateful for our support of this year's Catholic Services Appeal (CSA)! As mentioned last weekend we continue to exceed our designated target in pledges and percent of participation. As of July 8<sup>th</sup>, the Archdiocese released its current figures. I share them with you along with our own.

As of July 8, 2021	Pledged Amount	Cash Received	Percent of Participation
Archdiocesan Goal for 216 Parishes	57.6%	48.6%	13%
St. Kateri Parish	113%	104%	41.9%
Parish Goal: \$52,271		Pledged to Date: \$59,275	
Amount Paid: \$54,802		Anticipated Refund: \$7,004	

Refunds from the CSA every year go to any needed capital improvements or significant maintenance issues. We can all appreciate everyone's prayers and generosity.

Have a good week and always keep the umbrella handy!





## PRAYER

Norma Bak	Joann King
Ana Bautista	Fran LaMacchia
Edgar Bautista	Bryan Ludlow
Miguel Bautista	Pat Mazzola
Lea Berta	Perla Moss
Rose Brunetti	Perla Navarro
Elaine Bucholtz	Peter Nolan
Angela Burger	Timothy Nolan
Micki Ciber	Patricia O'Daniel
Georgia Clark	Kevin O'Day
Rachel Clark	Dorothy Pakron
Simon Croke	Sidney Saynor
Bob Fulkerson	Julia Smith
Fran Galer	Michelle Smith
Mark Grigorian	Deborah Stoner
Dolores Hnot	Dennis Tymosko
Mary Hodak	Marc Wais
Emily Hudson	Michael Ward
Logan Hudson	Jim Weeks
Chris Kanai	



St. Kateri, maiden so pure, Christian so faithful, lover so kind, we call on you, with faith and hope, to intercede with our Lord Jesus to bring physical, emotional and spiritual healing to our friends.

We believe that Jesus heals. We believe that Jesus wants good things for us. And so we make our prayer with the confidence and the fervent expectation that something wondrous, something powerful, something life-giving will happen.

Inspire us to believe as you have believed to the presence and the power of Our Lord. Amen.

## SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA'S STORY

Feast day July 14

The blood of martyrs is the seed of saints. Nine years after the Jesuits Isaac Jogues and Jean de Lelande were tomahawked by Iroquois warriors, a baby girl was born near the place of their martyrdom, Auriesville, New York.

Her mother was a Christian Algonquin, taken captive by the Iroquois and given as wife to the chief of the Mohawk clan, the boldest and fiercest of the Five Nations. When she was four, Tekakwitha lost her parents and little brother in a smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and half blind. She was adopted by an uncle, who succeeded her father as chief. He hated the coming of the Blackrobes—Jesuit missionaries—but could do nothing to them because a peace treaty with the French required their presence in villages with Christian captives. She was moved by the words of three Blackrobes who lodged with her uncle, but fear of him kept her from seeking instruction. Tekakwitha refused to marry a Mohawk brave, and at 19 finally got the courage to take the step of converting. She was baptized with the name Kateri—Catherine—on Easter Sunday.

Now she would be treated as a slave. Because she would not work on Sunday, Kateri received no food that day. Her life in grace grew rapidly. She told a missionary that she often meditated on the great dignity of being baptized. She was powerfully moved by God's love for human beings and saw the dignity of each of her people.

She was always in danger, for her conversion and holy life created great opposition. On the advice of a priest, Kateri stole away one night and began a 200-mile walking journey to a Christian Indian village at Sault St. Louis, near Montreal.

For three years she grew in holiness under the direction of a priest and an older Iroquois woman, giving herself totally to God in long hours of prayer, in charity, and in strenuous penance. At 23, Kateri took a vow of virginity, an unprecedented act for an Indian woman whose future depended on being married. She found a place in the woods where she could pray an hour a day—and was accused of meeting a man there!

Her dedication to virginity was instinctive: Kateri did not know about religious life for women until she visited Montreal. Inspired by this, she and two friends wanted to start a community, but the local priest dissuaded her. She humbly accepted an "ordinary" life. She practiced extremely severe fasting as penance for the conversion of her nation. Kateri Tekakwitha died the afternoon before Holy Thursday. Witnesses said that her emaciated face changed color and became like that of a healthy child. The lines of suffering, even the pockmarks, disappeared and the touch of a smile came upon her lips. She was beatified in 1980 and canonized in 2012.

## REFLECTION

We like to think that our proposed holiness is thwarted by our situation. If only we could have more solitude, less opposition, better health. Kateri Tekakwitha repeats the example of the saints: Holiness thrives on the cross, anywhere. Yet she did have what Christians—all people—need: the support of a community. She had a good mother, helpful priests, Christian friends. These were present in what we call primitive conditions, and blossomed in the age-old Christian triad of prayer, fasting and almsgiving: union with God in Jesus and the Spirit, self-discipline and often suffering, and charity for her brothers and sisters.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-kateri-tekakwitha>



## LITURGY LINK

In today's Gospel, we hear that great crowds followed Jesus. How many people do you think can fit in your church? About how many people do you think were there for Mass this weekend?

## FAMILY CHALLENGE

Jesus taught the crowds many things. Resolve to learn one thing new about the Catholic faith this week. Share what you learned with your family members.

## FUN FACTS!

The Summer Olympics typically happen every 4 years. They were postponed in 2020 and are slated to start on Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> in Tokyo, Japan. The modern games were first held in Athens, Greece in 1896.



## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be.



The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Fraser Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We only have so much psychological and spiritual energy. We easily get tired. Responding to life's demands and people's needs can really zap us of all of our energy. Anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and even apathy can run wild. We can find ourselves bitter and irritated by the fact that we have to do it all again. We need to rest, connect, and focus. Deserted places, free of unnecessary distractions and demands, are great places of refreshment and we all need them. Desiring to be alone for a bit and rest does not indicate selfishness. Rather, it radiates wisdom. God is the source of all we do and the satisfaction of every human heart. If we are going to use the gifts God gave us well, then we have to make sure our batteries are recharged and replenished.

***Jesus invites us to go to a desert place to rest and pray. Where is yours?***

### BLESSED INTERRUPTIONS

*written by Br. John-Marmion Villa*

Jesus did not merely feel a fleeting sentimental concern for the vast crowd. He felt strongly compelled into action to meet the needs of the people. But there is one tiny detail worth noting: the apostles and Jesus were trying to get away to rest after ministry!

*Adapted from a meditation*

#### PRAYER

Heavenly Father,  
open my eyes of faith to see  
Your illustrations of love  
in the interruptions of my life today.  
Lord, help me see these moments  
as opportunities to love and to accept  
Your love and the love of others.  
Help me share the good news of Your  
great love with everyone I know.  
Slow me down, so that I can receive  
and give to others.  
In Jesus' Name, Amen.



### REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

#### First Reading:

The prophet Jeremiah spoke of God's negative reaction to "the shepherds" (false rulers) who neglected and mislead his "sheep" (the people of Israel and Judah). **What characteristics make for an ideal leader?**

#### Second Reading:

Paul taught the Ephesians that through his cross and resurrection, Jesus established unity and peace for all believers. **When have you experienced harmony in your faith community?**

#### Gospel:

Jesus encouraged the apostles to retreat and rest after their successful missionary work, but the crowds made that difficult. **What gets in your way from resting and retreating?**

*Answer for Trivia on page 5: b*

## St. Kateri Gift and Book Shop

Summer has arrived along with the joy of summer celebrations. Our shop carries wedding, birthday, and baptism cards and gifts. Check out our new garden flags with beautiful religious images such as the Blessed Mother, St. Frances and St. Anthony. Many other images are available through special order.

The shop will be closed the weekend of July 3rd and 4th. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend!

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### The Steward's Work Is Never Done

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock! When you hear these strong words from the Old Testament, you're probably thinking, thank goodness I don't have any sheep — dodged that bullet. Nobody misled here! No flock scattered on my watch! However, we are all shepherds of a kind, called to tend our own sheep: our families, our parishes, our communities.



But it's exhausting. Don't we all sometimes just want to take a break from being a steward? The excuses are so familiar: we're tired, we've done enough, we've given all we can, what more does the parish (or my spouse, or my kids, or my boss, or my friends, or my community) want? We give ourselves permission to be selfish. So, what if the flock scatters just a little?

Jesus gets that. We can just imagine him weary with exhaustion, can't we? We see him on his boat, attempting to sneak away for a quick break — maybe just a chance to eat a bite of food in peace. He is God, but he was still human, after all. Even the most dedicated shepherds need to sleep. But people couldn't leave him alone. They were hungry for him. They needed what he could offer, and they needed it now.

As tough as it is, that's the example we are tasked with imitating. Everyday Stewardship demands accountability. It demands our showing up even when we are tired. It demands that we look at our lives, our time, our energies, our talents, our hearts, our bank accounts and think: where do I still have more to give?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

### WEEKEND OF JULY 24 –25

**Saturday, July 24, 4:00PM**

Kathy Ochs

**Sunday, July 25, 9:00AM**

Janeen Bodary

**Sunday, July 25, 11:00 AM**

Gary Lewis



All trained & qualified Eucharistic Ministers, regardless of your parish, are welcome to serve Holy Communion at St. Kateri. Father needs three EMs at each Mass for the Precious Body.

Please come forward during the greeting of peace if you wish to serve. Your generosity in this ministry is much appreciated.



**Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

*St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr*

**6:40 PM**

† James Uniewski (by Family)

**Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**

*St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church*

**9:00 AM**

† Josephine DeFilippi (by Family)

**Thursday, July 22<sup>th</sup>**

*St. Mary Magdalene*

**9:00 AM**

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† Sara Stuk (by Family)

**Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*St. Bridget, Religious*

**9:00 AM**

† Greg Schimizzi  
(by Theresa Borkowski)

**Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**

*St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest*

**4:00 PM**

† Munoz, Zub & Brotherton Families  
(by Family)  
† Delphine & Edward Dzenko  
(by Family)  
† Tom Yeip (by Cheryl Pell)

**Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**

*17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**9:00 AM**

- John Leonetti, Health & Healing  
(by Brother)  
† David Schlaff (by Mark Maish)  
† Greg Schimizzi (by Lenny Pitek)

**11:00 AM**

† Vivian Hutira (by Friend)  
† Fr. Alfred Miller  
(by Fr. Kerner & Parishioners)  
† Helen Wozniak  
(by Josephine Demps)

*"The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful."*

*-James 5:16*

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA**  
— JUST FOR FUN

**TRIVIA TIME!**

How did God reveal himself to Elijah?

- Earthquake
- Fire
- A dream
- Flood

Answer on page 3

**STEWARDSHIP**

July 11<sup>th</sup> Week 2

	Current	Year to Date
<b>Budget</b>	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 13,400.00
<b>Current</b>	\$ 5,922.00	\$ 12,398.00
<b>Variance</b>	\$ (778.00)	\$ (1,002.00)

*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.*

**SAVE THE DATE**

REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION  
AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION BEGINS

**August 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Readings for the Week*

**Sunday:** Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/  
Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

**Monday:** Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6  
[1b]/Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday:** Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10  
and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50

**Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19,  
23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9

**Thursday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps  
63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Friday:** Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn  
6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15  
[14a]/Mt 13:24-30

**Next Sunday:** 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11,  
15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

St. Vincent de Paul

**Food Pantry**

**St. Maria Goretti Food Pantry**

- \*Spaghetti
- \*Chef Boy R Dee & Spaghetti O's
- \*Sugar
- \*Coffee Creamer
- \*Canned Pineapple
- \*Mixed Fruit
- \*Kool Aid in cans
- \*Kool Aid Pouches-Sippy Boxes
- \*Paper Towels

A special THANK YOU to all of you for remembering your neighbors in need. God bless you all. Remember, we feed our neighbors all year round. Summertime is always a slow time for us receiving food. Please remember us in your monetary donations so we can continue to help those with financial needs.



**Catholic BIBLICAL SCHOOL of Michigan**

**CBSM brings the Bible to life. Classes meet weekly and are affordable, with scholarships given to all who ask.**

**Thursdays 7-9 pm at St. Sabina or in a Fully-Online Class**

**Online and In-Person Info Sessions**

Jul 17 9 am (Zoom)  
Jul 20 7 pm (St. Sabina Drbn Hgts)  
Aug 27 8 pm (Zoom)  
Aug 31 7 pm (St. Sabina)

**Classes start in mid-Sept**  
[cbsmich.org/join](http://cbsmich.org/join)

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**Pray for our Military**

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

<b>U. S. Air Force</b> Diamond Knight Kathleen Lyons Teresa Lyons Timothy Lyons Connor Plate	<b>U. S. Army</b> Nick Calvas Dalton Evans Adam Schneider <b>U. S. Marines</b> Anthony P. Alfano Louis J. Bardel Lukas Boudreau Connor Danaher Haley Valentine Joseph R. Walker	<b>U. S. Navy</b> Brendan Burns Conor Burns James Donahue Ben LePage James Smith Rob Swales
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**Thank You For joining Us at Mass**

**LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Yes! I am interested in becoming a member.

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