



# St. Kateri Catholic Church

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SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*Rev. Gary Morelli*

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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 Sick Bay - Father Terry Kerner*

I am getting better and thought this might be a good time to share some thoughts about my "feeling under the weather" lately.

On July twenty third I checked into Beaumont's emergency room with a temperature of 101.2 degrees and a diagnosis of double pneumonia. This got the attending physicians' attention who then proceeded with multiple tests and insistence that I remain in the hospital for observation. Eventually they discovered I was suffering with sepsis and needed a little more than just observation. More test followed and discovered further ailments, one more difficult to spell than the other. Bottom line: the docs concluded that I was dealing with Endocarditis — a direct threat to my heart valves. (I invite you to go online and learn more.)

The bacteria carried in the sepsis is considered quite aggressive and only could and should be confronted with more powerful anti-biotics. And that is what I have been "enjoying" over the last several weeks. (The regimen I am on requires doses every four hours, with a slow drip taking about one hour each dose. This has been ordered for five weeks, at 24/7.)

Currently I have been "reveling" in all the attention this five week program offers with its needles and all the probing they offer. The good thing is that I am over half way through the regimen and hope to be home by mid September. I miss all of you and truly appreciate your prayers and greeting cards. I want to also thank all the good padres that have been taking the Masses for me each weekend.

All of us have crosses to bear and I know personally that many of you have carried your burdens so graciously with a hopeful joy. We can all be an inspiration for one another. This year of 2021 probably won't be remembered for being the "best of times", unless you are a 12 year old from Taylor who just won the Little League World Championship! I guess we can always find something to be happy about and grateful for. Congratulations to a bunch of guys who made us all proud!

*In honor of*



*On Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>  
The parish office will be closed.*

# September

## PRAYER LIST

Norma Bak	Logan Hudson
Ana Bautista	Austin Johnson
Edgar Bautista	Fran LaMacchia
Miguel Bautista	Luvisminda Lim
Lea Berta	Linda Marcella
Rose Brunetti	Pat Mazzola
Angela Burger	Sergio Mazzola
Vera Ciavaglia	Perla Moss
Micki Cibor	Perla Navarro
Rachel Clark	Peter Nolan
Mason Dehl	Timothy Nolan
Joseph Dziedzic, JR	Kathy Ochs
Fabian Esquivel	Patricia O'Daniel
Bob Fulkerson	Dorothy Pakron
Wilmar Good	Sidney Saynor
Mark Grigorian	Deborah Stoner
Kenneth Hasper	Dennis Tymosko
Dolores Hnot	Marc Wais
Mary Hodak	Michael Ward
Emily Hudson	



*O Great Lily of the Mohawks, we ask that you take our intentions to the foot of the cross. Ask Jesus to bring healing to those who we remember here.*

*Through your intercession, may this favor be granted if it is according to the will of God. By your prayer, help us always to remain faithful to Jesus and to his Holy Church. St. Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.*

*Amen.*

*Jack Wintz, OFM*

## Morelli's Musing . . .

Forty years ago on September 19, 1981 Cardinal Szoka ordained me to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Detroit. I am extremely grateful to God who has given me the privilege of celebrating my 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the priesthood this September 19, 2021. This year it even falls on a Sunday.

I would like to offer a Mass of 'Thanksgiving' on Tuesday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:40 PM, the usual Tuesday night Mass at St. Kateri. The parish family at St. Kateri has played a very large part in the last 10 years of my ministry and I feel very grateful for your support and prayers during these years as well as grateful to God for his grace and fidelity to me. Please join me if you can in thanking God for this great privilege.



**Father Gary**

## ST. KATERI GIFT AND BOOK SHOP

We are open before and after weekend Masses this summer.

We have a large assortment of greeting cards, statues, medals, rosaries, and many books for your devotional time.

Feel free to stop by and browse.

**There's no charge to explore!**

**Thank you for your ongoing support.**

*If you look at the world, you'll be distressed.  
If you look within, you'll be depressed.  
But if you look at CHRIST, you'll be at rest.*

Corrie ten Boom



Answer for last Week's Trivia was missing. Here's the question and you will find the answer on page 4.

## TRIVIA TIME!

— JUST FOR FUN 😊

How many popes have there been?

- a)85
- b)360
- c)260
- d)112

Answer on page 4



### LITURGY LINK

The lectors and the priest or deacon proclaim the Word of God from the ambo. Where is the ambo located in your parish?

### FAMILY CHALLENGE

Look for opportunities this week to defend someone who is being treated unfairly.

### FUN FACTS!

There is a prayer that is said at the Ritual of Baptism shortly after the actual baptism has taken place called the Ephphatha (be opened) prayer. As the celebrant touches the ears and then the mouth of the child, he prays, "May the Lord Jesus who made the deaf hear and the mute speak grant that you may soon receive his word with our ears and profess the faith with our lips to the glory and praise of God the Father. Amen."

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.



Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn’t take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life’s unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it’s really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life’s incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God’s story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, “be opened!” Be healed and allow your stories to change.

Trivia answer from page 5: c



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. We face brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. For no apparent reason, life can quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar is gone and something we relied upon is taken away. We are left sitting with our incompleteness and swimming in the pools of our sadness. Be strong! Fear not! These admonitions flow from the mouths of prophets and are echoed by Jesus. It is difficult to trust that restoration, healing, and rejuvenation will one day come, and remain steadfast in our faith. But we are here because of a God who loves us, not as the result of a random occurrence. When we reach for that truth about who we are and who God is, life changes for us. We are healed from our old distorted way of seeing things. Our eyes, heart, and soul are opened to the beauty and magnificence of life. The pulse of our loving Creator is felt in all things and we can’t wait for God to come and touch us again. God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. He has done all things well.

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

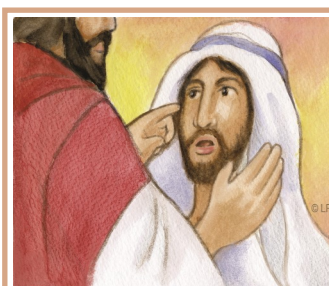
The prophet Isaiah spoke of the importance of being strong of heart when it comes the ways of God. **Why do you think this is such an important virtue?**

Second Reading:

James encouraged believers to view the rich and poor from God’s perspective. **Why do you think people struggle with this divine point of view?**

Gospel:

In today’s reading, we hear how Jesus healed the deaf man with a speech impediment at the request of the “people” close to this man. **Who do you know in your life who needs healing from Jesus?**



**Then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, “Ephphatha!”—that is, “Be opened!” And immediately the man’s ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.**  
- Mk 7:34-35

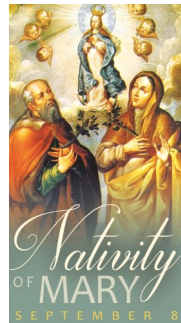
**THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

The Church has celebrated Mary’s birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary’s birth. However, the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James* fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God’s plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary’s life from the beginning.

Saint Augustine connects Mary’s birth with Jesus’ saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. “She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed.” The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary’s Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary>



*Trivia answer from page 2: c*

**CATHOLIC TEACHING ON LABOR**

One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Re-rum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God’s continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God’s ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, “the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person.”

Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching.

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Labor Day Prayer

Good and Gracious God,  
 You created human beings in Your  
 image and likeness  
 And gave us dominion over creation  
 to be stewards of the land  
 and co-creators of Your Kingdom.  
 Jesus, You became one of us  
 and labored as a carpenter.  
 You ask all people --  
 whatever our state of life --  
 to follow you faithfully.  
 Holy Spirit, bless all  
 workers this Labor Day.  
 May all our actions be  
 animated by Your love,  
 as we do all things for  
 the glory of God.  
 Amen.

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**Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:40 PM**  
 - Ronald Caretti, Birthday Blessing (by Family & Friends)  
 † Helen Wexel (by Family)

**Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**  
*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
**9:00 AM**  
 - Bry-Anna Ludlow, Birthday Blessing (by Eva Lutz)

**Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**  
*St. Peter Claver, Priest*  
**9:00 AM**  
 † Lottie & Ed Witkowski (by Family)

**Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 AM**  
 Communion Service

**Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:00 PM**  
 † Pat Ayland (by Mary & Matt Masley)  
 † Maria Natividad Benitez (by Family)  
 † Carmen & Paul Saliba (by Family)  
 † Greg Schimizzi (by Ernestine Stranges)  
 † Jim Uniewski (by Carol & Family)

**Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**  
 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
 Grandparents’ Day  
**9:00 AM**  
 † Nancy Caretti (by Family)  
 † Ken Kuzava (by Family)  
 † Mario Satani (by Lena Castelvetera)  
 † David Schlaff (by Hailey, Alexa & Olivia Harris)

**11:00 AM**  
 † Fr. Chenie (by Michael Leonetti)  
 † Victoria Krajcz (by Teresa Taplin)  
 † Fr. William Riegel (by Fr. Kerner & Parishioners)  
 † Donald Simoneau (by Marc Wais)

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Week 9	
	Current	Year to Date
<b>Budget</b>	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 60,300.00
<b>Current</b>	\$ 6,467.00	\$ 57,822.00
<b>Variance</b>	\$ (233.00)	\$ (2,478.00)

*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.*



*Food Pantry*

**St. Maria Goretti Food Pantry**

- ◆ Canned Northern Beans
- ◆ Saltine Crackers
- ◆ Jelly: Grape and Strawberry
- ◆ Mixed Vegetables
- ◆ Small Tomato Soup
- ◆ Hormel Chili: with & without beans
- ◆ Spinach
- ◆ Frosting
- ◆ Kool Aid Pouches
- ◆ Complete Pancake Mix
- ◆ Feminine Hygiene Products



We would all like to send out a very special *Thank You* to all of the wonderful regulars who have been bringing us cases of food. It's just amazing and most appreciated. Please, if you know of a family in need, send them to us. God bless.

*Rest In Peace*

**FRANK MATTIS**  
Husband of Florence Mattis

**SHARON OWEN**  
Mother of Michael Owen

**JOSEPH PULFORD**  
Son of Joseph & Barbarose Syrian

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*



*Pray for our Military*

Lord, hear our prayers for those who are serving in our military. Bless and protect them. May they know your presence and our appreciation for their valiant service. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

**U. S. Air Force**

- Diamond Knight
- Kathleen Lyons
- Teresa Lyons
- Timothy Lyons
- Connor Plate
- U. S. Navy**
- Brendan Burns
- Conor Burns
- James Donahue
- Ben LePage
- James Smith
- Rob Swales

**U. S. Army**

- Nick Calvas
- Dalton Evans
- Adam Schneider

**U. S. Marines**

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

**TRIVIA**

— JUST FOR FUN

Which of these is NOT a holy day of obligation?

- a) The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- b) Christmas
- c) Pentecost
- d) Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

*Answer on page 3*

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**WEEKEND OF SEP 11 – SEP 12**

**Saturday, September 11, 4:00PM**  
Therese Terns

**Sunday, September 12, 9:00AM**  
Tyler Howard

**Sunday, September 12, 11:00AM**  
Robert Ciavaglia



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.

*Readings for the Week*

**Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

**Monday:** Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

**Thursday:** Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49

**Next Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35



**Thank you for joining us at Mass today**

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.

*Yes, I am interested in joining St. Kateri Parish.*

Name

Phone #

Email Address

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City, State, Zip