



St. Kateri Catholic Church

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DECEMBER 12, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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

Christmas is just around the corner and like every year we wonder how the Christmas Season got here so fast! And like every year we have our list of things we think we have to do to make the Holidays special. With all that we have been through over the last couple of years it might be "OK" to sit back and be a little easier on ourselves this year. Take the time to get to Mass and enjoy the music, the decorations, and hopefully the homily. Take the time to get in touch with folks maybe you haven't talked to in a while. Take time to do something for others and realize the joy that it can bring you.

Next weekend will be busy around St. Kateri. On Saturday, the 18th at 11AM we will celebrate a communal penance service. Three priests will be available to help you know God's pardon and mercy.

Later that day after the 4pm Mass a visiting priest will offer Mass in French for his family and friends. Mass will start around 5pm and is open to any parishioner. Also, between Noon and 5pm you can pick up your pre-ordered Capuchin bake goods in the St. Francis Room (parish hall). Next weekend is also the opportunity to honor with a poinsettia our seniors who are in their nineties. This is our second year for the "Ninety & Nice" program, and you are invited to be a part of it.

And of course, the following weekend we will celebrate Christmas and the Feast of the Holy Family. Please keep handy the Liturgy schedule to help keep you on track for Mass!

ADVENT AND HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Dec. 18th, Saturday, Communal Penance Service	11:00 AM
Dec. 24th, Friday, Christmas Eve Masses	4:00 PM & 6:00 PM
Dec. 25th, Saturday, Christmas Day Mass	10:00 AM
Dec. 26th, Sunday, Holy Family Sunday	10:00 AM
Dec. 31st, Friday, New Year's Eve Mass	4:00 PM
Jan. 1st, Saturday, New Year's Day Mass	10:00 AM
Jan. 2nd Sunday, EPIPHANY	10:00 AM



PRAYER LIST

Erinie Adams	Emily Hudson
Norma Bak	Logan Hudson
Ana Bautista	Stan Kozlownic
Edgar Bautista	Charlotte Lanning
Miguel Bautista	Fran LaMacchia
Lea Berta	Michael Leonetti
Rose Brunetti	Linda Marcella
Angela Burger	Judith Masley
Bill Carry	Perla Moss
Vera Ciavaglia	Perla Navarro
Micki Cibor	Peter Nolan
Jennie Cinzori	Timothy Nolan
Rachel Clark	Kathy Ochs
Mary Crumley	Patricia O'Daniel
Norb & JoAnn Czernia	Dorothy Pakron
Mason Dehl	Leonard Pitek
Joseph Dziedzic, Jr.	Ryan Przysiecki
Fabian Esquivel	Sidney Saynor
Bob Fulkerson	Deborah Stoner
Wilmar Good	Dennis Tymosko
Mark Grigorian	Cathy Vickroy
Kenneth Hasper	Marc Wais
Dolores Hnot	Michael Ward



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 mentioned here.

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.

From "Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Prayers and Devotions" compiled by Paula Anne Sharkey Lemire

Please make special note of this DEADLINE DATE

ORDERS DUE NEXT Sunday, December 12th (with payment)

Memorial Floral Tribute Form is available on the parish website or use the envelope in your November/December packet.

HONORING YOUR LOVED ONES AT CHRISTMAS

In last week's bulletin there was the 2021 Flower Tribute form. This form can also be found on our website. You may also use the envelope enclosed in the November/December packet. The suggested price is \$10 per name or family name. We encourage you to list the family name rather than each individual name. It will save you money. One very beautiful plant can represent the entire family. You can submit an individual name for each plant if this is your wish. It is very important to **PRINT** the names clearly so we do not have to call you for clarification.



Remember our deadline is December 12th



LITURGY LINK

How many times did you hear the Holy Spirit mentioned at Mass today?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Find a YouTube video on the celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City and a video on the miraculous image of Guadalupe. Watch both videos as a family.

FUN FACTS!

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

Thank you to all who have donated so generously to our Giving Tree program. Many people will experience the joy of Christmas from these very special gifts.



CALLING ALL ELVES!



Smiling faces, warm hearts and willing spirits are needed for some very special Christmas events here at St. Kateri. Take a look at some possibilities.



Name: _____

Phone: _____

Naughty or Nice Deliveries: Beginning December 18th _____

Please meet in the Social Hall at noon on December 18th.

(If you have someone special that you want to deliver to, please let us know.)

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" St. Teresa of Avila

We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't

laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept



in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)

Trivia answer from page 5:
Three

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Shout for joy! When was the last time you ever felt like doing that? Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of joy. We can never predict what life will bring. As unsettling as that can often seem, life's unpredictability is also the very thing that allows it to be exciting and adventuresome! We know that life can be difficult, and it is unrealistic to expect it to be otherwise. God never promised an easy road. But, when a person truly falls in love with God and discovers the peacefulness and assurance of God's presence, then a depth of understanding will be brought to everything they do and experience. Nothing will be able to rob them of joy! When we realize that God, the King of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We celebrate the beauty and wonder of God's gift of joy today as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. There is a power and presence within us, our God, who has made us, who loves us and who will keep us. What more do we need? Rejoice!

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

The words of the prophet Zephaniah focus on hope for a new beginning of the Lord's presence in their midst. **How has the season of Advent thus far brought you spiritual renewal?**

Second Reading:

As his letter draws to a close, Paul encourages the Philippians to be a community that rejoices in the Lord. **How would you rate your own spiritual happiness?**

Gospel:

John the Baptist exhorted the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers to live a moral and other-centered life within the parameters of their day-to-day work. **What would this look like for you in your current station in life?**



*“Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel!”
 “Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!”
 These words from the Prophet Zephaniah and the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians frame the festive call of **Gaudete Sunday**.*



Tuesday, December 14th
St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
6:40 PM
 † **Sister Lucille Braga**
 (by Doina)

Wednesday, December 15th
9:00 AM
 - For all affected by the violence at Oxford High School

Thursday, December 16th
9:00 AM
 - For people who are struggling with depression and loneliness.

Friday, December 17th
9:00 AM
 - For those who have left the Faith

Saturday, December 18th
4:00 PM
 † **Maria Natividad Benitez**
 (by Family)
 † **Mary & John DePoli**
 (by Family)
 † **Irene Lazar**
 (by Her Friend)
 † **Rosy Sica**
 (by Linda & Michael Magnone)
 † **Frank Tylutki** (by Family)

Sunday, December 19th
4th Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM
 -† **Living & Deceased Members of the Schneider Family**
 (by Ev Schneider)
 † **Jane Roberts**
 (by Barb Cataldo)
 † **Laura & Mario Satani**
 (by Freda Bova)
 † **Greg Schimizzi**
 (by Mr & Mrs Mark Henry)

11:00 AM
 † **Rosemary Dantzer**
 (Ann Kirby)
 † **Joseph Pulford** (by Family)
 † **John Zombeck** (by Family)


LECTOR SCHEDULE

WEEKEND OF DEC 18 – 19

Saturday, Dec 18, 4:00PM
 Frank DeMilde


Sunday, Dec 19, 9:00AM
 Michael Magnone

Sunday, Dec 19, 11:00 AM
 Rob Ciavaglia



All trained and 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.

Christmas Gift Suggestions:

 To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance.
 To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service.
 To every child, a good example. To all, charity.
 — Oren Arnold

THE WELL THAT NEVER DRIES UP

Depending on how your mood is today, the words of Paul will hit you differently. “Rejoice always,” he tells us. Well, if your football team is poised to win this weekend or next, maybe you’re really feeling this vibe. But if you’ve got a long slog at work ahead of you this week and a to-do list that only seems to grow and never shrink, it may make you grumble. “Rejoice always? Always? When I’m tired? Cranky? When I’m sick of doing and giving? Thanks, Paul. I’ll be sure to scribble that phrase on a Post-It and stick it to my dashboard for when some entitled punk inevitably cuts me off on tomorrow’s morning commute.”

When we feel this way, we know it’s time to head back to the well. Think of all the places in Scripture where God compares His love, His mercy, His salvation to water. And not just any water — living water, water that moves. God’s strength is not a stagnant puddle sure to evaporate and disappear. It’s water you can keep coming back to. It’s water that never dries up.

Which is good news for us, because we never stop failing to do what we should, never stop failing to feel the joy and the compassion and the selflessness we are called to. We need a source of living water if we are going to ‘rejoice always.’ To be everyday stewards, we need a well that never empties.

The fountain of salvation never dries up. There is always more there for us to draw from. It’s a sign of His commitment - so let us, in turn, be committed to Him.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WEEKLY OFFERING

December 5th Week 23

	Current	Year to Date
Budget \$	6,700.00	\$ 154,100.00
Current \$	5,781.00	\$ 141,868.00
Variance \$	(919.00)	\$ (12,232.00)

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.

REST IN PEACE

RUSSELL CRAWFORD
Brother of Mary Ann Metras

NORBERT UGOROWSKI
Father of Chris Ugorowski

*Prayer for The Eternal Rest
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. Amen*



Food Pantry

St. Maria Goretti Food Pantry

- ◆ Coffee – No Decaf Please
- ◆ Coffee Filters
- ◆ Strawberry Jelly
- ◆ TP & Paper Towels
- ◆ Cooking Oil
- ◆ Ketchup
- ◆ Pancake Syrup - Need Badly
- ◆ Spaghetti Sauce in a jar
- ◆ Mayonnaise
- ◆ Peanut Butter



All of us here at the pantry are so grateful for all of the help we've been receiving on our list of food. We have been serving 22 to 29 families per week, which is only 2 days, 4 hours per week. I am expecting us to surpass our \$22,000 amount from our last program we were in. Thank you all in advance. We would like to wish everyone a glorious Christmas season and a very happy and healthy New Year.

ST. KATERI GIFT AND BOOK SHOP NEWS

Christmas is coming fast upon us and we wanted to remind you that our parish gift shop offers many gifts appropriate to the season and all year long. The shop carries nativity sets (including children's sets), books, ornaments, statues, rosaries, religiously themed bracelets, comfort crosses, Christmas cards and other sacramentals. Many items make good stocking stuffers. There is no charge to stop by and browse.



TRIVIA

– JUST FOR FUN

Question: While reciting the Angelus prayer, how many times do you pray the Hail Mary?

Answer on page 3

Blessings

TO OUR
NEWLY MARRIED!

COLLEEN RYAN

and

COLBY POE

Married on December 3, 2021

Celebrant:
Rev Terrence Kerner

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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. Army

- Nick Calvas
- Dalton Evans
- Adam Schneider

U. S. Marines

Anthony P. Alfano

U. S. Navy

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

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

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

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

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Oplatki is available in our Gift Shop



before & after the weekend Masses or in the parish office during normal business hours.

Oplatki

Suggested Donation \$2

It is from an early Polish Christian tradition. The wafers are wonderfully designed to display Christmas images, such as the Nativity.