



St. Kateri Catholic Church

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DECEMBER 19, 2021

FOURTH 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

One of the most beautiful traditions of the Christmas Season is a spirit of generous gift giving. It is especially meaningful when our outreach is directed to the vulnerable and needy in our community. Like most parishes St. Kateri again this year has offered the Giving Tree as a specific program of sharing. I am very happy to report our collection of Christmas gifts. Nativity of our Lord parish, located in the poorest zip code of Metro Detroit, received 121 children's gifts. St. Patrick Senior Center, a perennial charity for the parish, was delivered 29 gifts for the elderly. And Vista Maria was gifted with 76 presents for the young women in residence. The rising cost of food was responded by parishioners with a \$2,835 collection for the food pantry at St. Maria Goretti. We can all be very thankful for our ability to be aware of many needs and generous in trying to address them this Christmas Season. On behalf of all recipients I say "THANK YOU" for remembering them this Christmas.

I also want to thank all of you who have so generously supported St. Kateri parish throughout the year. Though Covid has cut down on church attendance and effected the offertory, we have been able to carry on confidently. Some parishioners prefer to make a one-time offering for the year at Christmas time because it is not taxed by the Archdiocese. This is certainly appreciated and helps us to make up for any shortfall during the year.

Hopefully these final days before Christmas will afford you the time to relax and give thoughtful prayer as to what this year has meant for you and what the birth of Christ can bring into your heart. God cannot be outdone in His generosity. Let us rejoice that each one of us remains as an "apple of His eye"!

Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS & SUNDAY DEC 26 MASSES

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| Dec. 24th, Friday, Christmas Eve Masses | 4:00 PM |
| | 6:00 PM |
| Dec. 25th, Saturday, Christmas Day Mass | 10:00 AM |
| (No 4:00 PM Mass) | |
| Dec. 26th, Sunday, Holy Family Sunday | 10:00 AM |
| (No 9:00 AM or 11 AM Mass) | |



PRAYER LIST

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| Erinie Adams | Emily Hudson |
| Norma Bak | Logan Hudson |
| Ana Bautista | Stan Kozlowicz |
| 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



LITURGY LINK

Today's Gospel is filled with joy! Which part of Mass was most joyful to you today?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Get together with some other families and go Christmas caroling, sharing the news of Jesus' birth.

FUN FACTS!

Mary traveled around 81 miles from Nazareth to the Judean countryside where Elizabeth lived. She stayed there for three months.

Baby Jesus' Wish List



Odds are you've got a Christmas list going by now — gift ideas for everyone from your nephew to your goddaughter to your mailman. But what about the birthday boy? **What's the gift Jesus gets from you this Christmas?**

If you've ever read the Book of Leviticus, you know all about the sacrifices God asks of the Israelites, referred to in the reading from Hebrews today. Leviticus can be a chore to read — a little repetitive, a little intimidating. There's a lot of very specific actions that God asks His Chosen People to complete to make up for whatever they have done wrong. In essence, it's a bit of a wish list for gifts.

But it's a wish list that can really confuse you. What's God going to do with a cereal offering? The kidneys of an animal? If you look closely, what God is doing here is beautiful. He's customized his wish list to only those things He knows the Israelites can give. It's God saying, in what amounts to theological baby-talk for folks who barely know of Him and His ways, exactly how they could be stewards. "Do this, but don't do that. If you do that, do this and you will find My mercy."

Our guide to stewardship — the Gospels of Christ — is less precise because by the time of Christ, God's people have grown in understanding of love and mercy and relationship with the divine. Through Christ, we find out that God's real wish list didn't really consist of cereal offerings and the kidneys of various animals. It's far simpler, but luckily, it's something we still have on-hand. All He wants is our whole heart.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

ST. KATERI PARISH GIFT AND BOOK SHOP NEWS

This is the last weekend that our gift shop will be open before Christmas. The shop will be closed for the weekends of December 25-26th and January 1-2nd. Be sure to pick up last minute Christmas cards, gifts and stocking stuffers.

Since the Feast of the Epiphany falls on January 2nd this year, we will have house blessing kits available. In some cultures, it is a tradition for people to bless their homes on the Feast of the Three Kings, the Epiphany. Our kits include chalk, incense, holy water and prayers. The date on the door post should indicate the new year (2022). It is a very nice way to pray as a family in your own "home church."

The Gift Shop Volunteers would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May God bless you and your families with good health, peace, and happiness in 2022! Thanks so much for your support during 2021. Our sales proceeds have gone to help fund our parish and contribute to the Red Cloud Indian School in South Dakota.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life’s necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world’s ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn’t God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world’s ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility,

we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God’s vessel so that

God’s greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God’s fix for the world’s difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the

Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God’s instrument. What a

Trivia answer from page 5:
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

Micah prophesied a Messiah (“ruler”) would come through the line of David (“Bethlehem-Ephrathah”) and bring peace and harmony. **In what ways does the upcoming birth of Christ bring you comfort?**

Second Reading:

As the season of Advent draws to a close, the author of Hebrews reminds us that as disciples of Christ, we must strive to do God’s will above all else. **How do you stay focused on such an important task?**

Gospel:

Luke is the only Evangelist to record the story of Mary visiting Elizabeth and only a portion of their conversation was preserved. **What else do you imagine they talked about?**

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Did you ever find yourself wishing that God would just step in and fix all that is wrong with the world? After all, how much longer can all of this go on? There is so much inequity in life. Our world’s political, economic, and environmental systems do not always serve the best interests of people. We read stories about injustice, disregard for human life, greed, heartache, and people being hurt and deprived every day. People are still starving and there is often little regard for human life. This is not the way God intended it to be. Realizing that we have caused most of these problems ourselves, we look to God for an answer and a way out of the difficulties we have created. Taking responsibility for our actions is not something that comes easily. What we fail to see is that God has already sent the answer in the person of Jesus Christ. God did fix our problem! Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of Justice to come into the world. We need to do the same. It is only by believing in, listening to, and acting upon what God has spoken that true peace will ever come to be, and God’s fix be made known.



“And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” - Lk 1:43-45

**CHRISTMAS DETROIT AREA
HISTORIC CHURCHES PILGRIMAGE**

On Tuesday, January 4, you are welcome to join *Prayer Pilgrimages* as we are planning to visit and tour, with informative talks, the following seven churches specially decorated during the Christmas Season: Sweetest Heart of Mary Church, St. Joseph Shrine, Holy Cross Hungarian Church, St. Florian Church, Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, & Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit with Noon Healing Holy Mass. Scheduled deluxe motorcoach local pickup departures & returns from Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish Center in Sterling Heights (8 AM departure, 6:30 PM return) & Our Lady of the Woods Church in Woodhaven (7 AM departure, 7:30 PM return). Total cost per person is \$40 (with lunch on your own in Mexicantown). To reserve and/or more information: Michael Semaan at (248) -6005 or <https://prayerpilgrimages.com/>.

Dear Friends at St. Kateri Tekakwitha,

Thank you for your gift of \$750.00 to Red Cloud and for "having our back." We often talk about our students having the courage to dream and the confidence to follow those dreams. Your support makes their journeys easier!

Thank You

There have been many day-to-day challenges thus far as we navigate the impact of the pandemic in our area. We continue to do our best to move forward and provide a quality education-whether in person (with meals safely served) or by distance learning (with meals delivered by school bus).

I invite you to visit our website at www.redcloudschool.org and view the short videos which provide a glimpse into all that you are helping to make possible: the Lakh6ta Immersion Dual Language Immersion, the pastoral ministry team, learn about The Heritage Center, addressing our history through our Truth & Healing Initiative, the first Food Sovereignty program on the Reservation, our visionary Capital Projects and the Office of Graduate Success which helps Red Cloud students to follow their dreams. It is only with your help that so much is possible. Thank you!

With heartfelt gratitude and prayers,

Fr. Peter

Fr. Peter J. Klink, SJ.
President Emeritus

LECTURE SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS VIGIL
Friday, Dec 24th, 4:00PM
Christine Leonard
Friday, Dec 24th, 6:00PM
Tyler Howard

CHRISTMAS DAY
Saturday, Dec 25th, 10:00AM
Janeen Bodary

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY
Sunday, Dec 26th, 10:00 AM
Margaret Skora

"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world." C. S. Lewis



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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 21st
St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:40 PM

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

Wednesday, December 22nd
9:00 AM

† Irene Wayne (by Family)
† Mark Herring (by Wife)

Thursday, December 23rd
St. John of Kanty, Priest
9:00 AM

† Lenore Churgay
(by Therese Terns)

Friday, December 24th
Christmas Eve

4:00 PM

- For the parishioners of
St. Kateri

6:00 PM

- For the parishioners of
St. Kateri

Saturday, December 25th
The Nativity of the Lord
10:00 AM

- For the parishioners of
St. Kateri

Sunday, December 26th
The Holy Family

10:00 AM

† Pat Ayland (by Family)
† Brotherton, Zub & Munoz
Families (by Family)
† Mary Hodak
(by Amy & Mark Catallo)
† Joseph Pulford (by Family)
† Greg Schimizzi
(by Ernestine Stranges)



WEEKLY OFFERING

| | December 12 th | | Week 24 | |
|----------|---------------------------|----------------|--------------|--|
| | Budget | Current | Year to Date | |
| Budget | \$ 6,700.00 | \$ 160,800.00 | | |
| Current | \$ 5,164.00 | \$ 147,032.00 | | |
| Variance | \$ (1,536.00) | \$ (13,768.00) | | |

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.



Oplatki is available in our Gift Shop before & after the weekend Masses or in the parish office during normal business hours. It is from an early Polish Christian tradition. The wafers are wonderfully designed to

display Christmas images, such as the Nativity.

Oplatki

Suggested Donation \$2

Readings for the Week

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

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Friday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

TRIVIA

— JUST FOR FUN

Question:
What does RCIA stand for?

Answer on page 3



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.

Rest in Peace

GERALD BLASKIE
Husband of Sally Blaskie

MARILYN EGAN
Wife of Tim Egan

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.



MARY, JESUS EXPERT

If we long to uncover the path, learn the wisdom, and acquire the disposition of heart required to follow Jesus, we have but to look to one expert — Mary, his mother. By contemplating her principle virtues, actions, and devotion, we can reach unparalleled heights of faith.

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, as the Lord is with you, may I learn how

to keep Him ever close to me by your witness.

Blessed are you for believing; please guide me to discover the fulfillment of this kind of faith.

written by Allison Gingras

TO ALL WHO ARE VISITING 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 & respected** at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church.



If you would like to become a member of St. Kateri please drop this completed form in the offertory basket or call the office with your information during our normal office hours.

NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY & ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____