



# St. Kateri

## CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**Welcome!** 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 Church**.

**DECEMBER 18, 2022**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**PASTOR**

*Rev. Terrence D. Kerner*

**DEACON**

*Rev. Mr. Thomas Leonard*

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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

**OUTDOOR ROSARY**

MAY THRU OCTOBER  
Monday at 6:00 PM

For **Marriage, Baptism** and  
**Confirmation** information, please  
call the Parish Office.

**BOOK & GIFT SHOP**

Open weekends before and  
after Masses

**The Rouge Family of Parishes – Advent/Christmas Schedule**



	St. Alphonsus – St. Clement	Allegria Village	St. Barbara	St. Kateri Tekakwitha	St. Maria Goretti
December 24	4:00 pm	6:00 pm	5:15 pm Children's Lit. Midnight	4:00 pm 6:00pm	4:00pm 9:00pm
December 25	9:00 am 11:00 am	-	10:00 am 6:00 pm	10:00 am	8:00am 10:00am
December 31	4:00 pm	6:00 pm	5:15pm	4:00 pm	4:00pm
January 1	9:00 am 11:00 am	-	10:00am 6:00pm	10:00 am	8:00am 10:00am Noon
January 7	4:00 pm	6:00 pm	5:15pm	4:00 pm	4:00pm
January 8	9:00 am 11:00 am	-	10:00 am 6:00 pm	9:00 am 11:00 am	8:00am 10:00am Noon

January 8<sup>th</sup> - Epiphany Open House – All Churches (except Allegria)

Noon-3:00pm



# DECEMBER

## PRAYER LIST

Norma Jean Bak	Matt Kulczyk
Diane Bartos	Les Langlois
Fr. Jerry Bechard	Carol Macieczni
Katie Buffone	Mathias Mangone
Ron Caretti	Barbara Moe
Phil Ciavaglia	Mike Mountain
Micki Cibor	Robin Petruska
Jerry Cunningham	Frances Pizzini
Elijah Curtis	Eunice Robinson
Arduino DeAngelis	Anthony Rzucidlo
Elizabeth Fader	Rose Mary Schimizzi
Abby Fridman	Tiffany Sims
Joyce Fryc	Antoinette Sobota
Astride Henie	Christine Spurgess
Thomas Horvath	Glennis Swider
Emily Hudson	Ronald Taylor
Janet L. Kapetaneas	Theresa Taylor
Stan Kozlowicz	Helen Yeghiazarian



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 those listed above.

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. Amen



**ST. KATERI PARISH GIFT SHOP**

Prepare the way of the Lord! The Advent Season is already half over and our Christmas preparations are in full swing! Remember to check out our Advent supplies, Christmas cards, gifts and decor. Spiritually themed bracelets, prayer coins, holy cards, car visor clips, and other sacramentals make for nice stocking stuffers. Nativity Sets and ornaments are still available. Meaningful spiritual books provide enrichment for the coming New Year.

House blessing kits are being updated and will be available in a couple of weeks for the Feast of Epiphany on January 8th.

Thank you for your continuing support. Sales proceeds go to our parish and Native American Ministries such as the Red Cloud Indian School in South Dakota.

The Gift Shop Elves will be celebrating Christmas & New Year with their families, so the Shop will be closed both Christmas and New Year's weekends.

Oplatki is available in our Gift Shop before and 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 **\$2.00**

## More from the Gift Shop

The Epiphany house blessing traditions that were brought here by our Eastern European ancestors have been mostly forgotten. However, house blessings are still very relevant in our current times. Pope Francis speaks much about "domestic churches"...our homes where we live out our faith in concrete ways each day (not just set aside for church on Sunday). The house blessing can be a way to practice this concept.



The blessing is usually performed by family members who recite a prayer, sprinkle holy water, light incense and chalk the home's entrance doorposts with the inscription "20+C+M+B+23". What looks like a math equation are actually symbols that remind us of our dedication to God in everyday life. The symbols also remind us to be welcoming to all those who enter our homes throughout the year. The numbers **20** and **23** refer to the year of the blessing. The letters are abbreviations of the Latin words, "**C**hristus **m**ansionem **b**enedicat" which means, "May Christ bless this house". The same letters also refer to the Three Kings: Caspar, Melchior & Balthazar. The **+** signs represent the cross.

We invite you and your families to participate in this meaningful tradition. It provides another opportunity for families to pray together as a domestic church...just as the early Christians did. We have updated the house blessing kits that are available in the Gift Shop. The kit includes chalk, an incense stick, a small bottle of holy water, a house blessing prayer and a small cross. Suggested donation to cover the cost of supplies is \$2.00

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

An entire town is wiped out by fire, a tornado rips through several neighborhoods, a bomb claims a maternity hospital and a sudden heart attack takes the life of a soul mate. Life is unpredictable and dramatic. Many buy into the sad illusion that the securities and familiarities we see around us today will remain forever: our homes, our friends, our spouses, our churches, and even our health. We are stunned and shaken by a sudden change, finding ourselves bewildered, mortified, and even embittered. We do not like change, especially change driven by sources beyond our control. Are there any guarantees in life? We often live as if our lives come with lifetime warranties. When they break, they can be fixed or replaced. Such is not the case. Many things are irreplaceable and unable to be fixed. During life's inevitable chaos, God says: "Do not be afraid." Seriously? How can one not be afraid when things are falling apart?

Fear is normal and it has a purpose. It is unrealistic, and somewhat unhealthy, to strive to live without any fear.



Fear teaches us lessons and can be a catalyst to discovering more profound things. What we do with fear and how we understand it is critical. Fear can either cripple us or move us forward. God does not want fear to cripple us. If we look around at all that can change in our lives and consider what we might have to do, we can easily wallow in the mire of self-misery. Or we can step up to the challenge, as Mary did, and do what needs doing! We can stand tall, as did Joseph, and do the right and just thing! What gives us this courage? Faith.

God is with us. This is the focus of our Advent preparations. We need to be reminded that we are not in this alone. God not only made us and loves us, but God keeps us! In the person of Jesus Christ, God is the sign we need to persevere! Do not be afraid and do not be unbelieving! Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. God has blessed us with the birth of His Son. Trust that He is with us and will not abandon us, even in death.

**REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE**

**First Reading:**

Isiah prophecies to King Ahaz of Judah the coming birth of *Emmanuel*, meaning "with us is God." **When do you feel God's presence in your life?**

**Second Reading:**

Written about twenty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, Paul's opening words in his Letter to the Romans provides one of the earliest testimonies to the divinity of Jesus Christ. And now as believers, Paul tells us we are "called to be holy."

**How has this season of Advent help you develop holiness?**

**Gospel:**

In recounting the birth of Jesus, Matthew focuses on how Joseph came to terms with this miraculous event. **Can you name a time when you had to discern how God is working in your life?**

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

"God is with us." This is the one constant in the unpredictability of life. The particulars of our lives can change, not only instantly but dramatically. People experiencing a time of peace can easily find themselves at war. Times of prosperity can rapidly become times of want. Our vision for the future can be destroyed, and our securities placed in jeopardy. These final days of Advent allow us to make final preparations. The true safety and security we seek can only come from God. The rest, harmony, and peacefulness we desire are found in God alone. How do we know this to be true? God Himself gave us a sign: Emmanuel, God with us. Do not be afraid, and do not be unbelieving. Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. All we need to do is make sure that our hearts are in the proper place and seeking the right things!

**ADVENT AND HOLIDAY CALENDAR**

**CHRISTMAS LITURGIES:** Christmas Eve at 4:00 & 6:00 pm  
Christmas Day at 10:00 am

**NEW YEAR LITURGIES:** New Year's Eve at 4:00 pm  
New Year's Day at 10:00 am

**Note:** January 7, 2023 resumes the regular weekend schedule — Saturday at 4:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 & 11:00 am.

*All liturgies are live streamed except the 11:00 am Mass.*



# THE ROUGE FAMILY OF PARISHES OPEN HOUSE

**Sunday, January 8, 2023**  
**12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**

Come and see the Christmas décor and atmosphere of the parishes in our family. Our churches will open for you to visit, together with your family and friends, from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.



*"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was."*



**OPEN HOUSE**  
Doors Open 12-3 pm



# MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:40 PM**

† Elizabeth Sajewski  
(by Family)

**Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**  
*St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

**9:00 AM**  
† Anacleta & Luciano Balino (by Family)  
† Paz & Gabriel Navarro (by Balino Family)

**Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**9:00 AM**  
† Joseph Pulford (by Family)  
† Irene Wayne (by Family)

**Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
*St. John of Kanty, Priest*  
**9:00 AM**  
† Joe Castelvetero (by Wife & Family)  
† Joseph Pulford (by Family)

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
*Christmas Eve*  
**4:00 PM**  
-/+ Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Kateri, St. Joseph & St. Martha

**6:00 PM**  
-/+ Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Kateri, St. Joseph & St. Martha

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
*The Nativity of the Lord*  
**10:00 AM**  
-/+ Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Kateri, St. Joseph & St. Martha

† Memorial      - Living



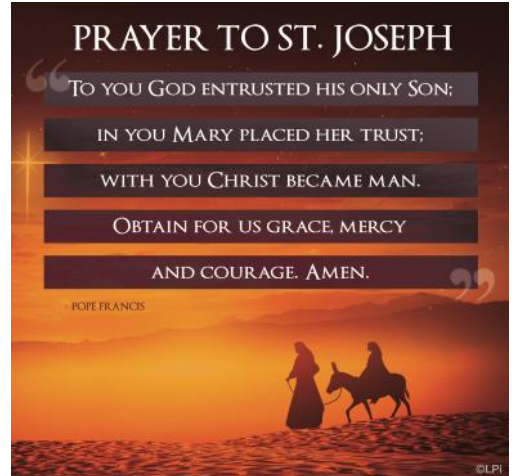
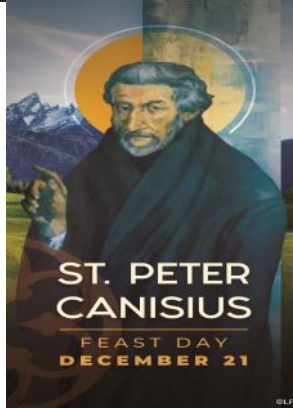
St. Joseph is one of the greatest examples of stewardship we have in the Gospels. Here is a man who understands care and reverence for the property of God, a man chosen to be steward over the very life & breath of God's Son and Spouse. Joseph was mindful. He recognized what belonged to God. When he understood that Mary was to be the mother of God, he was not jealous or bitter. He did not presume to claim ownership over her.

Joseph was prayerful. He accepted the opportunity to be in relationship with God, even if it was in a radical and unexpected way. How many of us would trust a crazy dream we have where an angel tells us our fiancée is carrying the Son of God? Well, those of us who are already profoundly connected to God through prayer. Joseph was open to receiving God, and so he was open to the truth in a way many of us would not have been. Joseph was gracious. Even before he had full understanding of the situation, he was unwilling to expose Mary to shame. He did not give himself over to feelings of betrayal.

Joseph was committed. He persevered. The Lord had no shortage of strange and even dangerous-sounding tasks for Joseph, but he submitted to each one. Joseph was accountable. When he awoke from his dream, "he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took his wife into his home." Joseph was a man entrusted with many gifts, and he gave of them wisely. Let us pray that we have the grace to follow in his example.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Stewardship Report		
Week Ending Dec 11, 2022 YEAR TO DATE		
OFFERTORY	Due to early submission to our bulletin printer we do not have the details for our weekly stewardship report.	
ONLINE GIVING		
ACTUAL		
BUDGET		
VARIANCE	\$	\$



Lector Schedule	
<b>WEEKENDS OF DEC 24/25 &amp; 31/JAN 1</b>	
<b>Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00PM</b>	Therese Terns
<b>Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00PM</b>	Gloria Koss
<b>Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM</b>	Barb Hartman
<b>Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 PM</b>	Frank DeMilde
<b>Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 AM</b>	Lawrence Winey

*St. Vincent de Paul*  
  
**Food Pantry**  
 @ St. Maria Goretti

- \* Adult and Kid's Cereal
- \* Instant Oatmeal
- \* Manwich
- \* Hamburger Helper
- \* Bush's Baked Beans
- \* Mixed Vegetables
- \* Mayonnaise
- \* Cooking Oil
- \* Flour
- \* Sugar
- \* Shampoo



*Rest in Peace*

**DOLORES HNOT**  
 Mother of Anthony Rzucidlo

**MARY MCCORMICK**

*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.*

The primary symbol of Advent is the ADVENT WREATH. The form, a circle without beginning or end, is covered with branches of evergreen - a symbol of the never ending love of God. We place 4 candles on the wreath that we light looking forward to the coming of Jesus - the Light who breaks through our darkness.

Readings for the Week	
<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
<b>Monday:</b>	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
<b>Friday:</b>	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
<b>Saturday:</b>	<i>Morning:</i> 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	<i>Vigil:</i> 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 <i>Day:</i> Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**TO BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR PARISH FAMILY**

Just fill out this form below and submit it in the offertory, to the office, by mail, or simply call 313-336-3227.

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