



GLORY
TO GOD
IN THE
HIGHEST
AND ON
EARTH
PEACE TO
THOSE
ON WHOM
HIS FAVOR
RESTS.

LUKE 2:14

DECEMBER 25, 2022

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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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



Merry Christmas to all! I hope we can all say and mean the greeting we offer to others. Respect for other's holidays and holydays is always appropriate as is pride in our own as Catholic Christians. Please never be embarrassed or ashamed to greet others with the joyful acclamation of our Savior's birth and celebration of this beautiful season. Let us never lose sight or let others take away our appreciation for our rich heritage that our faith and families have cherished through the years. Some folks who have worked so diligently "to make the season bright" are the staff of St. Kateri Parish. We are blessed to have such a competent and dedicated team working each week to make our parish a special place to worship and celebrate faith. My personal thanks for each and everyone of them! (I suspect that any bells you hear over this Christmas season are our own St. Kateri angels getting their wings.)

Enjoy Christmas to the fullest. Our world needs its joy and hope.

Please consider celebrating Epiphany, January 8th from Noon to 3pm, with a tour of the four churches in our Family of Parishes. All of us share the Feast of Christmas. Let us take time to see how other parishes decorate and share the happiness of the season. There is a map and article in today's bulletin as a reminder. (Rumor has it that Santa is bringing some Christmas cookies to St. Kateri -just in case you need a little nourishment on you tour!)

Again, Merry Christmas from all of us at St. Kateri!

Fr. Terry Kerner

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."

St. Alphonsus - St. Clement
7469 Calhoun St.
Dearborn, MI 48126
(313) 581-5218

4 min. ↑ 1.4 Miles

St. Barbara
13534 Colson Avenue
Dearborn, MI 48126
(313) 582-8383

6 min. ↑ 2.2 Miles

St. Kateri Tekakwitha
16101 Rotunda Drive
Dearborn, MI 48120
(313) 336-3227

8 min. ↑ 3.2 Miles

St. Maria Goretti
20710 Colgate St.
Dearborn Hts., MI 48125
(313) 562-5356

OPEN HOUSE
Doors Open 12-3 pm

FAMILIES OF PARISHES

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January quickly becomes December and life maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that busyness? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always connected to world events. We're over stimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, and ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic.

Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant.

Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth.



The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the nighttime of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savor more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome: home. Merry Christmas!

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

Isaiah prophesied of God's promise to send "a child to us" who will be "a great light" and bring us "abundant joy and great rejoicing." **How will you show to others today your joy at the birth of Jesus?**

Second Reading:

Paul teaches Titus that Jesus is "the grace of God" who has come to save all people. In response, we believers are called "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age." **What makes this challenging to do in our time?**

Gospel:

We hear Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. Luke tells us how the message of the angel of the Lord frightened the shepherds. In response, the angel said, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people ..." **How will your family celebrate today the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Messiah?**



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, "Christus mansionen benedicat" 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





ST. KATERI PARISH GIFT SHOP

A very Blessed Christmas and New Year to you and your families! We truly appreciate your support throughout the past year. We see the Shop not merely as a fundraiser, but also as a ministry.

We regularly hear stories from customers who report how helpful their gifts have been for families, friends...and even strangers. The gifts have comforted the sick and dying, brought hope to those in despair, and encouraged spiritual growth. The thoughtfulness of our parishioners is remarkable! There are customers who gift prayer coins to cancer patients, make rosaries for the homeless, give comfort crosses to the dying, and send cards of encouragement, sympathy and celebration. Your thoughtfulness and purchases **do** bear fruit.

Sunday, January 8th is the Feast of the Epiphany or the Three Wise Men. We have updated our house blessing kits and they are available in the Gift Shop. It is a very beautiful tradition for the entire family as we ask for God's blessing on our homes, families and visitors in 2023.

The Gift Shop is closed for the Christmas and New Year weekends, but will re-open before and after weekend Masses on January 7th.

God continue to bless us, each and every one!

Lector Schedule for the weekend of December 31st & January 1st



Saturday, December 31st	Frank DeMilde
Sunday, January 1st	Lawrence Winey

Did you know that the chopping down of the Christmas tree represents the death of Christ and putting it back up represents the resurrection? Did you know that the wreaths we hang are never ending circles that represent eternity? Candy canes were made to look like shepherds hooks and the colors, red Jesus' blood and white purity. The gifts represent the three gifts of the wise men brought for baby Jesus.

So in the rush of this season, stop yourself, take a deep breath and remember we have been given the perfect gift, Jesus Christ was given to us to remove all of our sins.

Merry Christmas

HOLIDAY CALENDAR

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.



Tuesday, December 27th
St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
6:40 PM

† Pat Ayland (by Family)
† Leonard Kwiecinski (by Family)

Wednesday, December 28th
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
9:00 AM

† Carmela DiPaolo (by Family)
† Joseph Pulford (by Family)
† Donald Mouchet (by Wife & Daughters)

Thursday, December 29th
St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
9:00 AM

† Maria Medrano & Consuelo Petersen (by Family)

Friday, December 30th
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
9:00 AM

† Joseph Pulford (by Family)

Saturday, December 31st
St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
4:00 PM

- Mary Hepler, Special Intention (by Gloria Koss)
† Jim Uniewski (by Carol)

Sunday, January 1st
Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day

10:00 AM
-† Living & Deceased Members of the Benitez Family (by Family)

† Brian Akins (by St. Kateri Staff)
† Joseph Pulford (by Family)
† Jeanette & Cris Tonilas (by Family)



Stewardship Report

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Week Ending Dec 11, 2022

YEAR TO DATE

OFFERTORY	\$ 4,939.00	\$ 155,111.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ <u>505.00</u>	\$ <u>11,585.00</u>
ACTUAL	\$ 5,444.00	\$ 166,831.00
BUDGET	\$ <u>6,700.00</u>	\$ <u>160,800.00</u>
VARIANCE	\$ (1,256.00)	\$ 6,031.00

Rest in Peace

THERESA BAY

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



Christmas Floral Memorial

In Memory of:

Benitz Family

Balino Family

Navarro Family

Markowski Family



Late arrivals

— SAINT BEDE —

HE WHO IS THE BREAD
OF ANGELS IS LAID DOWN
IN A MANGER,
THAT HE MIGHT FEED US,
AS IT WERE THE SACRED ANIMALS,
WITH THE BREAD OF HIS FLESH.



DECEMBER

PRAYER LIST

Norma Jean Bak	Les Langlois
Diane Bartos	Carol Macieczni
Fr. Jerry Bechard	Mathias Mangone
Bob Bott	Barbara Moe
Katie Buffone	Mike Mountain
Ron Caretti	Robin Petruska
Phil Ciavaglia	Frances Pizzini
Micki Cibor	Victoria Porter
Jerry Cunningham	Eunice Robinson
Elijah Curtis	Anthony Rzucidlo
Arduino DeAngelis	Rose Mary Schimizzi
Elizabeth Fader	Tiffany Sims
Abby Fridman	George Sipos
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
Matt Kulczyk	

Readings for the Week

Sunday: 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 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

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

