



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.**

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

PASTOR

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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 AM & 11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 6:40 PM
Wednesday—Friday: 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:00 PM

ADORATION

Tuesday: 4:00 PM – 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 Pastor's Desk by Fr. Terry Kerner,

We're a busy parish! Not only busy but generous with our time, talent, and resources. Time and time again I am reminded by the St. Maria Goretti food pantry how much they appreciate the amount of food we collect for them. Their need has increased, and we seem to be helping them greatly.

A few weekends ago we had the appeal for volunteers for the mission of the St. Joseph Helpers. I am happy to report that ten folks have come forward to offer their time and talent. Others can offer their help by contacting the parish office for information.

A third sign of our generosity was the \$9,300 collected for eighty-three-year-old Fr. Tom Carroll. You might recall that this priest is principal of a small school of mostly non-Catholic students in eastern Kentucky. His ministry has helped the lives of many young folks over the years. He has asked me to tell you "Thank You".

Another outreach effort is made every Wednesday in collaboration with our Family of Parishes. It is the Soup Kitchen housed at the former St. Andrew parish in Detroit. If interested in helping, give the parish office a call (313.336.3227).

I want to remind parents and grandparents with school age children to register for the Family Faith Formation program. Children in grades 1 through 8 are eligible for this opportunity at their religious education. Classes meet on Mondays from 5:30-7:00. Orientation for students and their parents is Monday, September 25th. For more info call the parish office.

And just so you know, we are looking forward to some interesting and enjoyable activities in the coming weeks. A display of Ukrainian art from the last two years of the war will be on display. The display includes art done by young children as well as a variety of adult artists. Our annual Harvest Dinner is once again scheduled for November and in December we look forward to a Polka Mass and dinner. Details will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

Meanwhile, have a great week!



PRAYER LIST

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| Vincent Alvarado | Sandy Lucas |
| Norma Jean Bak | Kian Lynch |
| Diane Bartos | Jay Marshall |
| Ana Bautista | Michael Mountain |
| Greg Blow | Cynthia Nepjuk |
| Kathy Brown | Patricia Nowak |
| Maria Caudillo | Carol O'Day |
| Chet Ceglarz | Kevin O'Day |
| Phil Ciavaglia | Judy Opiela |
| Miguel Jaime | Michael Owen |
| Delgado | Ron Prowse |
| Reina Delgado | Rosalilia Rosas |
| Ronald Dorogi | Anthony Rzucidlo |
| Roberta Grosse | Kim Rzucidlo |
| Emily Hudson | Rose Mary Schimizzi |
| Meliton Jaime | John Schlaff |
| Maryann Jordan | George Sipos |
| Fr. Terry Kerner | Lottie Surmacz |
| Stan Kozlowicz | Kathryn Syrian |
| Tom Leonard | Helen Szelc |
| Michael Leonetti | Cathy Vicaroy |

God of all goodness, Look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted. Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them. When they are fearful, ease their fears. When they are anxious, give them strength and courage.
Amen



Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Angeles were men from the Zapotec tribe in Mexico and lay Catholic catechists. They were brutally murdered with clubs and machetes by a local mob in retaliation for disrupting a ritual where people were worshiping idols to celebrate the harvest.



To register your child(ren) call St. Kateri Office (313.336.3227) or email: info@stkateridearborn.org for your reservation in the classes.

SCHEDULE

Mondays, 5:30 - 7:00 pm. September 18
Orientation for TEACHERS & VOLUNTEER STAFF
Monday, 5:30 - 7:00 pm. September 25
FAMILY MEETING for all PARENTS & STUDENTS

Monday, 5:30 - 7:00 pm. October 2
FIRST CLASS for Students & Parents

ALL SAINTS SOUP KITCHEN

Volunteers are welcome for our next Day of service on Wednesday, September 19! We prep at 10:30 am, serve from noon to 1:30 pm.

If you would like to join us contact the St. Kateri office at 313-336-3227.

Lector Schedule

WEEKEND OF SEP 23rd & 24th
Saturday, September 23rd 4:00PM
Therese Terns
Sunday, September 24th 9:00AM
Margaret Skora
Sunday, September 24th 11:00 AM
Larry Winey

OUTDOOR ROSARY MAY THRU OCTOBER

Please join us on Monday evenings at 6 PM at the Blessed Mother's Shrine (behind the church) to say the Rosary.

You always leave the Rosary for later, and you end up not saying it at all because you are sleepy. St. Josemaria Escriva

You may wish to bring a lawn chair if you need to sit.

Another reason to pray the Rosary

To Save our Children. Never have we lived in a society with so many dangers, especially with respect to our children and teens. Of great importance is the virtue of purity. The mass media, the modern electronics media, the modern school and teaching agenda, billboards and posters, modern movies and TV programs militate fiercely against the virtue of purity. And to be honest, we live in a pornographic society! Devotion to Our Lady and the family Rosary can serve as a shield against this onslaught and deluge of filth that is descending upon the world, especially our children and young people. In a word, we must shield our children in the most pure and Immaculate Heart of Mary; she is an oasis, a refuge, and ark of safety and protection! If you like Noah and his family as well as the animals sought refuge and protection from the deluge in the Ark. We must find refuge in the ark of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart most certainly a safe refuge!

All in the Family

St. Alphonsus-St. Clement, St. Barbara, St. Kateri, St. Maria Goretti

SVDP FOOD PANTRY

@St. Maria Goretti



Our needs for September:

Greatly Needed:

Cereal – Kid’s & Adult’s

Canned items:

Peaches, Pineapple, Pears,
Mixed fruit, Cranberries, Corn,
Beef Stew, Carrots, Green Beans,
Mixed Vegetables, and Spinach

Mashed Potatoes	Sugar
Mayonnaise	Cooking Oil
Strawberry Jelly	Toilet Paper

You’ve got Mail!

Special delivery from Pope Francis
Pope Francis cordially invites you to a screening of
“THE LETTER”

Wednesday, October 4, 2023
6pm – 8pm

St. Kateri Parish Center
16101 Rotunda Drive, Dearborn
(between Southfield and Greenfield Roads)

“The Letter” documents how 5 ordinary people from around the world were invited to the Vatican by Pope Francis. The Pope wanted to hear their stories about how climate change has affected their lives and communities. The Pope released this film to remind us all of the beauty of God’s creation and our shared responsibility to care for this gift.

Both St. Francis of Assisi and St. Kateri Tekakwitha are patrons of the environment. What better way to celebrate the feast day of St. Francis than to watch this inspirational film!

**For more information, contact the
Parish Office at (313)336-3227.**

Pope extols Native American saint as model for responding to God's call

by Justin McLellan

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Like St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first native North American woman to be canonized, all Christians must embrace their unique call to service of God and neighbor as well as the personal crosses that come with it, Pope Francis said.

"The life of Kateri Tekakwitha shows us that every challenge can be overcome if we open our hearts to Jesus, who gives us the grace we need," the pope said during his weekly general audience Aug. 30. Continuing a series on zeal for evangelization, he centered his talk on the example of the Native American saint canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012.

A 17th-century Algonquin Mohawk born in present-day New York State, St. Kateri converted to Catholicism at 19 after her family died in a smallpox epidemic that left her face scarred and her vision impaired. In addition to her physical challenges, the "misunderstandings, persecutions and even death threats she suffered following her baptism" gave St. Kateri a "great love for the cross, the definitive sign of Christ's love," the pope said.

"Bearing witness to the Gospel does not only concern what is pleasing," Pope Francis said. "We must also know how to carry our daily crosses with patience, faith and hope."

"Patience is a great Christian virtue; one who is not patient is not a good Christian," he said, underscoring the need for "patience to tolerate challenges, but also to tolerate others who are sometimes tedious or put you in difficulty."

After seeking refuge in a Jesuit mission in nearby Montreal, St. Kateri participated in the spiritual life of the community while teaching children and caring for the sick and elderly.

"Faith is always expressed in service," the pope said putting aside his text. "Faith is not meant to be makeup for oneself or for the soul; no, it's for service."

St. Kateri realized her desire to serve the church by resisting efforts to force her to marry, and eventually making a vow of perpetual virginity in 1679, the pope said.

"Of course, not all are called to make the same vow as Kateri; still, all Christians are called each day to commit themselves with an undivided heart to the vocation and mission entrusted to them by God, serving him and neighbor is a spirit of charity," Pope Francis said.

St. Kateri's life, he said, shows that "apostolic zeal entails both a vital union with Jesus nourished with prayer and the sacraments and a desire to diffuse the beauty of the Christian message through fidelity to one's particular vocation."

"Let us not forget each of us is called to sainthood, to everyday sainthood, to the sainthood of ordinary Christian life; each one of us has this calling," he said.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.



new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He *remembers* - and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered

not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to - and forgiven by - his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

- Father John Muir

That childhood memory - and the attendant outrage - came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid *owed* me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Take some time to reflect on the enormity of what Christ offers us in salvation. Can we find the strength to offer just a fraction of that to our brothers and sisters?

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

Sirach teaches that the Lord desires us to be forgiving and merciful to each other. In doing so, the Lord will show us mercy and forgiveness in return. **To whom could you show mercy and forgiveness this week?**

Second Reading:

Paul instructed the Romans that Jesus was the Lord of all - both the living & the dead. **How should this reality impact our daily living?**

Gospel:

Jesus tells the parable of the unforgiving servant to teach the disciples the importance of compassion and forgiveness, especially toward those who sin against you. **How do you deal with friends or co-workers who have wronged you?**



Prayer for Catechists

Dear Lord,

Anoint those who serve as catechists, those who tell your story of determined love for your people.

Be with our catechists in their classrooms, inspire the hearts of those in their care, ignite a new generation disciples for you!

Amen.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 19th

St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

6:40 PM

† **For the Most Abandoned, Neglected, Forgotten Souls in Purgatory** (by Tom Korte)

Wednesday, September 20th

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest, and Paul Chõng Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs

9:00 AM

† **Marc Wais** (by Family)

Thursday, September 21st

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

9:00 AM

† **Michael Wais** (by Family)

Friday, September 22nd

9:00 AM

† **Sandra Bak Family, Hebets Family** (by Norma Bak)

† **Jim Uniewski** (by Carol Uniewski)

Saturday, September 23rd

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

4:00 PM

† **Greg Boik** (by Zell Family)

† **Joe Orlando** (by Family)

† **Theresa Zalewski** (by Christine Schlonsky & Family)

Sunday, September 24th

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Priesthood Sunday

9:00 AM

† **Jennie Cinzori** (by Peter Paolini)

† **Larry Gomulinski** (by Lucia Gliese)

-/† **Living & Deceased Members of the Schneider Family** (by Ev Schneider)

11:00 AM

† **Vera Ciavaglia** (by Rita & Tom Durfy)

† **Joseph Pulford** (by Family)

† **Daniel Skora** (by Family)



Stewardship Report

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WEEK ENDING	Sep. 10	Sep. 3	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 5,256.00	\$ 5,412.00	\$ 60,652.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ <u>290.00</u>	\$ <u>710.00</u>	\$ <u>6,015.00</u>
ACTUAL	\$ 5,546.00	\$ 6,122.00	\$ 66,667.00
BUDGET	\$ <u>6,500.00</u>	\$ <u>6,500.00</u>	\$ <u>71,500.00</u>
VARIANCE	\$ (954.00)	\$ (378.00)	\$ (4,833.00)

Collection for Priests' Retirement September 24

The Diocesan *Priest Retirement* collection directly benefits current *retired* diocesan *priests* and those who will *retire* in the coming years.



**SIMPLY GIVE PROGRAM
THROUGH MEIJER IN ALLEN PARK**
Now through September 30th,
help St. Maria Goretti Food Pantry fill the
pantry shelves for our neighbors in need.



Meijer's "SIMPLY GIVE PROGRAM" in Allen Park, is matching your donations now through September 30. They have displays at every other register which says "SIMPLY GIVE FOR DEARBORN HEIGHTS ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY." Just grab a card and take it to the cashier with your donation of \$10 or more and they will match your donation.
Can't make it to the Allen Park Meijer, but would like to donate?
Please put your donation in a blank envelope, labeled "Simply Give" and drop it in the offertory basket at Church.
Make checks payable to:
St. Maria Goretti, SVDP.
Thank you in advance! God bless you!

NATIONAL BLOOD SHORTAGE
American Red Cross Blood Program Leader

Donate blood. If eligible, schedule an appointment to **donate** today.
Sign up at RedCrossBlood.org/SleevesUp
Your American Red Cross



Question: What is the name of the very first Catholic university in the United States?

Answer: Page 2

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

God is calling you!

Learn more about joining the Catholic Church through the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

God calls each of us to seek Him, know Him and love Him, because He first loved us. Begin to grow in your relationship with God through OCIA sessions at St. Kateri

If you can identify with any of these points, OCIA is for you:

- I have never been baptized, and desire to learn more about the Catholic Faith.
- I was baptized Catholic, but never received the sacrament of Confirmation and desire to receive it.
- I was baptized in another Christian denomination and desire to learn more about the Catholic Church.
- I have children who are 7 years or older who have never been baptized and desire them to be baptized.

Contact Deacon Tom Leonard @ St. Kateri (313-336-3227)

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.

NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY & ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

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