



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.**

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

PASTOR

Rev. Terrence D. Kerner

DEACON

Rev. Mr. Tom Leonard

ORGANIST

Kevin Jakubowicz

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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

BOOK & GIFT SHOP

Open weekends before and
after Masses

Welcome

New Parishioners!

To register, change an address,
or if you moved, please contact
the parish office

From the Pastor's Desk by Fr. Terry Kerner,

With Thanksgiving behind us it is time for the RUSH toward Christmas. Or it is time to take another look at what is ahead. We don't have to rush anywhere or do things that make the season burdensome. The Church offers us the season of Advent to prepare for Christmas and the mystery it brings into our world. So, let's try to slow down and reflect on what lies ahead for us in the weeks ahead.

The Advent weeks prepare us for the start of a new year on the Church calendar. While the days get shorter and the darkness comes earlier, we can only hope that brighter days are ahead for us. Starting with the days before Christmas we will begin to see more sunlight. It should not be lost on us that the time leading up to the birth of Christ is a time of cold and discouraging darkness. With His birth we begin to see the hope that more daylight and warmth will come into our world. Advent is that journey to brighter days!

The First Sunday of Advent is December third and begins the candle-lighting on the wreath. The following weekend is of course the Second Sunday of the season. This year St. Kateri will be celebrating a "Polka Mass" on Saturday, December ninth. Following mass, we will have a polish dinner and a display of Christmas creches displayed by parishioners. Tickets for the dinner are now on sale at the parish office or the Gift Shop. Our Third Sunday of Advent we will celebrate our Communal Penance Service at 11:00 am on Saturday the sixteenth.

It is with the Fourth Sunday of Advent where it can get tricky and maybe even confusing. Because Advent ends on Christmas Eve, we will celebrate Advent's last weekend with Saturday mass at 4:00 pm and Sunday at 10:00 am only. Christmas Eve masses are scheduled for 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Christmas will be at 10:00 am.

Hopefully this will help with your holiday planning. In the weekends ahead we will keep you posted with the rest of the schedule through Epiphany. (Looking at all that lies ahead it might just be a little hard to slow down this Advent!) Let's give it a try.

HONORING YOUR LOVED ONES AT CHRISTMAS

2023 Flower Tribute request is in the November envelope packet or you may use the form on our website www.stkateridearborn.org. 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.

**Our deadline is December 4th
Last week to submit**

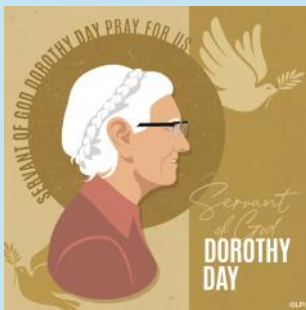


November

PRAYER LIST

Harry Bacalia	Kevin O'Day
Sue Bacalia	Terry Petlichkoff
Norma Jean Bak	Ron Prowse
Cindy Bunell	Rosalilia Rosas
Mary Horton-	Kim Rzucidlo
Bischoff	Rose Mary
Phil Ciavaglia	Schimizzi
Wondella Devers	John Schlaff
Emily Hudson	Kelly Sobon
Fr. Terry Kerner	Rob Sobon
Stan Kozlowicz	Lottie Surmacz
Stanley Lane	Kathryn Syrian
Sandy Lucas	Helen Szelc
Michael Mountain	Maria Harkness-
Patricia Nowak	Wozniak
Carol O'Day	

Lord, we pray for those who are sick and in need of healing. We ask that you would give them the strength to endure their illness, and that you would bring them healing and restoration. May they feel your presence with them, and may they be comforted by your love. We pray that you will grant them peace and rest, and that they will be restored to full health. Amen.



Servant of God Dorothy Day was an American journalist, social activist, and Catholic convert who co-founded the Catholic Worker Movement. Her work inspired countless others and earned her recognition as one of the most influential Catholic figures of the 20th century.

FAITH FORMATION

AT ST. KATERI

Registration is ongoing for all children in grades 1 thru 8. Call the St. Kateri Office (313.336.3227) or email: info@stkateridearborn.org.

Classes are held at St. Kateri on Mondays from 5:30pm - 7:00pm.

The last half hour all will meet with Fr. Kerner as he teaches on the practices of our faith.

During the first hour the children will meet with their teacher while the parents meet with Deacon Tom. All adults are welcome to join us.

On **November 27, 2023** the Deacon's topic will be The Spirit and the Sacraments.

Dear Friends at St. Kateri Tekakwitha,

MAHPIYA LUTA
RED CLOUD



Thank You

Your recent gift of \$378.00 is helping to raise the horizon of hope; a hope that comes from your caring. Aaron wrote this note as he looked forward to being a freshman in the high school. His words came from his heart, "Thank you for making it possible for me to get an education at Red Cloud. I will continue to work to be a great student. Red Cloud has helped my learning skills a lot. I have met people who are like family. It's a great community." You are making so much possible. Thank you!

Your generous gift is helping to provide much needed textbooks and workbooks; technology upgrades, fuel for the buses that travel over 1,000 miles per day, and groceries to feed over 500 children every day. You are also making innovative learning initiatives possible like the Lakota Language Immersion classrooms in the elementary school, and the Food Sovereignty Program which is providing not only learning opportunities but also eggs for breakfast, fresh vegetables for lunch, and traditional foods.

Thank you again for your help and support. Your caring is evident from the moment the first bus leaves before the sun is up, until the last bus returns as the day is ending. May God bless you!

With heartfelt gratitude and prayers,
Fr. Peter J. Klink, S.J.

CHRIST THE KING

"Hail the King of the Jews." The kingship of Christ has always been different than the world expected. Many of Jesus' disciples hoped for an earthly Messiah who would overthrow the Romans. But, as Jesus says in today's Gospel, his kingdom is "not of this world." And yet it is a very real kingdom. Jesus is a very real Lord. And we are called to invite Jesus to be king of our lives. In the early 20th century, disillusionment with authority of all kinds was growing. Revolutions, atheistic thinkers, and World War I contributed to a rejection of faith. In 1925, Pope Pius XI called the Church and the world back to a sense of hope in Christ. He instituted the solemnity of Christ the King on the last Sunday before Advent. **How is Jesus king of your life today?**



All in the Family

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

Dear Father Kerner and Deacon Leonard,

On behalf of the Dearborn Police Department, I would like to thank you for attending the Faith Based Organization meeting. We believe your support has really made a difference to our police department and community. We are confident working together will have shared goals, creating solutions and brainstorming will have a positive impact on the community.

Again, thank you. We greatly appreciate your support of our mission and the work we do in the community. We look forward to a continued positive relationship.

Respectfully, Corporal Ray Essa
 Critical Incident & Community Support Unit
 LCC Coordinator/Crisis Negotiation Team
 Dearborn Police Department



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS
NOVEMBER 2023
 BENEFITING THE
 ST VINCENT DE PAUL
 FOOD PANTRY

ITEMS NEEDED

Greatly Needed:
 Coffee
 Hamburger Helper
 Canned Yams

Canned items:
 Gravy
 Mixed Fruit
 Peaches
 Pears
 Pineapple

Salad Dressing
 Cooking Oil
 Flour
 Kleenex Tissues
 Shampoo
 Toothpaste



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

Tickets now on sale at the Gift Shop and the parish office.

POLISH DINNER
 December 9, 2023 @ 5:00 PM
 \$20 per person



Trivia Answer from page 5:
 a concelebrated Mass

Are you looking for ways to experience God?

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Alphonsus-St. Clement parish are seeking new members to share in our ministry of experiencing God by serving the less fortunate. We see the face of Christ in the poor because Jesus told us "...whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do for me."

Some of our charitable works include food distributions, bill payment, and the purchase of new beds and appliances. More importantly, we offer face-to-face, personal interactions with a listening ear and an open heart.

If you are a recent retiree, an empty-nester, a student, or any other individual who wants to give back to the community, please consider joining us! As the holiday season approaches, we are looking for volunteers to assist with returning phone calls, tracking requests for Christmas giving, and packing/distributing food boxes. Even an hour or two of your time would be greatly appreciated! If you can assist, leave a message at the St. Alphonsus-St. Clement parish office at 313-581-5218.



GIVING TREE 2023

This year our recipients for The Giving Tree are Nativity of our Lord Parish, All Saints Soup Kitchen, and the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

- Please take a gift tag ornament if you want to purchase a gift for Nativity. All gifts should be **unwrapped** and placed under the tree or dropped off at the parish office.
- Please take a white envelope for a monetary donation to either **All Saints Soup Kitchen or the St. Vincent DePaul Society**
 Please make your check out to: **St. Kateri Church**
 Cash donations are also accepted!

All gifts and donations need to be in by Sunday, December 3rd!

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office. God bless you and thank you so much for your continued support of our parish outreach programs.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

In May 2023, for the first time in almost three quarters of a century, a monarch was crowned in England. A few days later a friend of mine scoffed, "What a waste of time and energy! What is the point of a king?"

I'm a proud American who wants neither theocracy nor monarchical restoration. I like our democratic republic. But the coronation of King Charles reminded me of something needed in every person and community: confidence in the future. The king's most basic role is to symbolize the unity of the nation. In England, the parliament members handle many of the practical duties of governance. But the king or queen can do what they cannot: embody in a single person the

reality and future of a whole nation. To say, "this is our king" is to say, "we exist as a community, and we have a future." Kingship isn't primarily about the power of one person or family. It's about the enduring identity and unity of the whole.



To say Christ is our King is to say we exist as a people. We are *one in him*. We are, and we will be as long as he is. And since he will be our risen king forever, together we have a future filled with hope. Even the best countries will finally fall. But Christ and his Church will endure forever. What good news! It's not a waste of time to crown a king. We do it all the time. Let's be sure to crown the right one - the one whose kingdom never ends.

— Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God is always closer to us than we suspect. He is in every need we encounter and every person we meet. Never stop seeking His face.

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

Ezekiel offers a beautiful vision to the Israelites held captive in Babylon of God as a shepherd tending carefully to the sheep in his flock who are lost, injured, or sick. **Who do you know needs to hear this message of hope?**

Second Reading:

Paul teaches the Corinthians how believers are destined to share in resurrected life with our Lord Jesus Christ. **What do you imagine resurrected life with Christ will look like?**

Gospel:

The final Gospel reading of the Liturgical Year focuses on Judgement Day. All will be measured by how we treated those on the margins of society. **What could you do this week to help the poor or the stranger or those in prison?**

Prayer for Christ the King

Dear Lord,
 May your name be
 praised and blessed
 forever, you who are our
 shield and comfort!
 May your kingdom come!
 Amen.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 28th

6:40 PM

- Linda Dragan, Health & Healing (by Lutz Family)

Wednesday, November 29th

9:00 AM

- + Valentine Konarski (by Family)
- Karen & Scott, 30th Wedding Anniversary (by Lutz & Roland Families)

Thursday, November 30th

St. Andrew, Apostle

9:00 AM

- + For the Most Abandoned, Neglected, Forgotten Souls in Purgatory (by Tom Korte)

Friday, December 1st

9:00 AM

- Nichole Hoover, Birthday Blessings & Health (by Diana & Nancy Short)
- + Dennis Short, 8th Anniversary (by Family)
- + Jeanette & Cris Tonalis (by Family)

Saturday, December 2nd

4:00 PM

- + Maria & Juan Benitez (by Benitez Family)
- + Deceased Members of the Benitez Family (by Family)
- + Don Clark (by Tracey, Shelly & Gail)
- + Marie & Angus MacPhal (by Family)
- + Anthony Rzucidlo (by Kimberly Rzucidlo)

Sunday, December 3rd

1st Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM

- + Ken Kuzava (by Family)
- + Phyllis Polydoros (by Short Family)
- + Mary Ann Stoner (by Eileen Stoner)
- + Paul Sullivan (by Kathy)
- + Robert Turek (by Brother)

11:00 AM

- + Joseph Pulford (by Family)
- + Holy Souls in Purgatory (by Paula Goodrich)
- + Dominic Rossi (by Gail Remily)
- + Hugh VanOoteghem (by Gail Remily)

Stewardship Report

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WEEK ENDING	Nov. 12	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 4,890.00	\$ 109,376.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 440.00	\$ 12,405.00
ACTUAL	\$ 5,330.00	\$ 121,781.00
BUDGET	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 130,000.00
VARIANCE	\$ (1,170.00)	\$ (8,219.00)

AROUND THE GIFT SHOP

Need ideas for Christmas gifts and decorations? Be sure to visit the St. Kateri Parish Gift and Book Shop. We carry Advent wreaths and candles, memorial ornaments, Nativity sets, Christmas lanterns, boxed cards, and gifts. What better way to keep Christ in Christmas than to give spiritually themed gifts!



DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT THIS ADVENT

Introducing The I AM HERE Advent Challenge

As we prepare for Christmas, often our to-do lists are long and our stress levels feel high. But Advent is a time for us to slow down and - even in the busyness - hear Jesus say to you, "I am here."

We invite you to spend a few minutes each day this Advent preparing to celebrate Christmas and the gift of Jesus, by joining the I AM HERE Advent challenge today!

- Receive a daily text message with an article, video, or quote to inspire you
- Spend a few minutes completing the short daily Advent prayer challenge
- Joyfully arrive at the celebration of Christmas ready to receive Jesus who says to you, "I am here"

Join at iamhere.org/advent

Trivia

JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name used for a Mass where two priests celebrate together?

Answer: page 3

Eucharistic Ministers

All trained and qualified Eucharistic Ministers, regardless of your parish, are welcome to serve Holy Communion. 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.

Lector Schedule

WEEKEND OF DEC 2nd & 3rd

- Saturday, December 2nd 4:00PM**
Frank DeMilde
- Sunday, December 3rd 9:00AM**
Richard Fron
- Sunday, December 3rd 11:00 AM**
Barb Hartman

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Pray for Our Military

Lord, hear our prayers those who are serving in military forces. Bless and protect them Lord and use their work for the good of our nation and your glory. May they know your presence with them at this time. May they know 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. Navy

Brendan Burns
Conor Burns
James Donahue
Jacob Fader
Ben LePage
James Smith
Rob Swales
Alex West

U. S. Army

Nick Calvas
Mary Beth Myers
Rocky Myers
Adam Schneider

U. S. Marines

Noah Aiello
Anthony P. Alfano
Louis J. Bardel
Lukas Boudreau
Connor Danaher
Haley Valentine
Joseph R. Walker
Evan West

National Guard (Army)

Joey Enright