



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 10, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PASTOR

Rev. Terrence D. Kerner

DEACON

Rev. Mr. Tom Leonard

ORGANIST

Kevin Jakubowicz

OFFICE STAFF

Mary Masley & Ellie Sajewski

E-MAIL

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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,

This year Christmas comes exceptionally fast! As a parish we have displayed our usual generosity as we try to reach out to folks who can use a little help. Our Giving Tree was emptied of gift requests for the children of Nativity parish in Detroit, St. Vincent de Paul and All Saints soup kitchen. As is every weekend throughout the year, the food collection for the St. Maria Goretti Pantry is laden with food items for families having difficulties.

We have a generous and giving parish and this is always noticeable at Christmas. Last Saturday we celebrated a Polish Mass and dinner. We want to thank our organist Kevin Jakubowicz for leading us at the liturgy. And our generous gratitude to Diane and Chuck and their helpers for making the dinner of the evening so enjoyable.

Many folks make their annual offertory contribution at Christmas time because it is not subject to the Archdiocesan tax. Visitors and non-parishioners are certainly encouraged to contribute as well by using the offering boxes around the church and gathering space. Thank you to all for your support of St. Kateri!

Between now and Christmas will no doubt be busy for everyone. Our parish staff will spend the next two weeks decorating inside and out. This Monday evening the students in the Family Faith Formation program will be personally designing greeting cards for our ninety-year-old parishioners. The children's Christmas well wishes for our fifty- eight 90-year-olds will be placed with the poinsettia to be delivered to our seasoned parishioners. Meanwhile the Confirmation students will be "awakening" the over 60 Santa Bears who have rested in their undisclosed location since last Christmas. (Look for the picture of the 2023 class of bears in the weeks ahead.)

Our annual Advent Communal Penance will be celebrated this coming Saturday at 11 am. Might be a good way to prepare for the sacredness of the coming feasts. Because Christmas Eve falls on the afternoon of the Fourth Sunday of Advent it might be good to post the mass schedule found in today's bulletin.

May your Advent be holy, happy and healthy!



**Our Advent Communal Penance Service
will be December 16TH, Saturday
at 11:00AM.**

DECEMBER

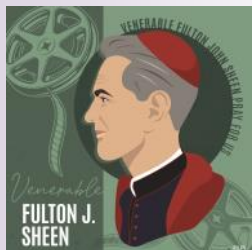
PRAYER LIST

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

O Great Lily of the Mohawks, we ask that you take our intentions to the foot of the cross. Ask Jesus to bring healing to those who are heavily burdened.

Through your intercession, may this favor be granted if it is according to the will of God. By your prayer, help us always to remain faithful to Jesus and to his Holy Church.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.
Amen.



Venerable Bishop Fulton John Sheen was a prominent American Catholic bishop, theologian, and media personality. Considered one of the first televangelists, his charisma and defense of the faith made him a household name for American Catholic families.



Christmas Schedule

Communal Penance:

December 16th 11 AM

Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass Schedule:

December 23rd, Saturday 4:00 PM

December 24th, Sunday 10:00 AM

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve, Sunday, 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM

Christmas Day, Monday 10:00 AM

This year Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. You still have the obligation of attending Mass on the vigil for Sunday which is Saturday, December 23rd, at 4 PM or December 24th, Sunday at 10 AM, **plus** also attending one of the Christmas Eve Masses or the Christmas Day Mass.

Christmas collection reminder...



Christmas donations made between December 11th and January 7th will NOT be subject to the Archdiocesan assessment of 7%. 100% of all contributions made two weeks before and two weeks after December 25th will remain in our parish! Either a check or cash will be fine.

When submitting your Christmas donation, please write "Christmas collection" in the memo section of your check. Cash donations may be placed in an envelope marked "Christmas collection" on the front.

Christmas is a wonderful time to support your parish!



Oplatek 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.

Oplatek

Suggested donation \$2.00

FAITH FORMATION

AT ST. KATERI

On **December 11, 2023** the Deacon's topic will be The Spirit and the Desert: The Holy Spirit's presence in life's deserts no longer make it a place to be feared but can be a profound encounter with Jesus.

All in the Family

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

All Saints Soup Kitchen News!

We need helping hands from our Family of Parishes to volunteer on **Wednesday, December 20th.**

Our hours of service: 10:30 am until 2 pm

Lunch is served at noon until 1:30.

You can volunteer any time during those hours.

If you are available, and would like to join our kitchen crew teams, please contact:

Therese Terns at 313-441-1117 or tjterns@gmail.com

The significance of Advent in the Catholic faith lies in its dual focus: looking back to the first coming of Jesus in Bethlehem and looking forward to his second coming at the end of time. The season serves as a time of spiritual reflection, penance, & anticipation, emphasizing themes such as **hope, peace, joy, and love.**

Here are some key aspects of why Advent is important to Catholics:

1. **Spiritual Preparation:** Advent provides a period of spiritual preparation and reflection, inviting Catholics to prepare their hearts and minds for the celebration of the Incarnation—the birth of Jesus.
2. **Anticipation of Christ's Coming:** Catholics use this time to anticipate not only the historical event of Jesus' birth but also to prepare for his future coming. The focus is on being vigilant and ready for the return of Christ.
3. **Liturgical Observance:** The liturgical calendar during Advent reflects a sense of anticipation and penance. The liturgical color is often purple or violet, symbolizing a spirit of penance and preparation.
4. **Advent Wreath:** The Advent wreath, with its four candles representing each week of Advent, is a common symbol in Catholic homes and churches. The lighting of candles each week corresponds to the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love.
5. **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Many Catholics take advantage of the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) during Advent, seeking spiritual cleansing and renewal in preparation for Christmas.
6. **Scripture Readings:** The readings during Advent, especially those from the prophet Isaiah, focus on the prophecies about the coming Messiah and the hope and redemption he brings.
7. **Cultural Traditions:** While not strictly religious, cultural traditions associated with Advent, such as the Jesse Tree or Advent calendars, are often integrated into Catholic observances to engage families and individuals in daily reflections.

In summary, Advent is a time for Catholics to spiritually prepare, reflect on the meaning of Christ's coming, and anticipate the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas while keeping a watchful eye toward his future return.

SVDP FOOD PANTRY

@St. Maria Goretti



Our needs for December:

ITEMS NEEDED

Greatly Needed:

Rice a Roni
Cereal (any kind)

Canned items:

Small cans of soup (no tomato or chicken soup needed)

Tuna
Strawberry & Grape Jelly
Flour

Minute Rice
Cooking Oil
Kool Aid
Laundry Soap



meijer

**SIMPLY GIVE PROGRAM
THROUGH MEIJER IN
ALLEN PARK**

**HELP St. Maria Goretti Food
Pantry fill the Pantry shelves for
our neighbors in need.**

On Saturday, December 16th,
Meijer will **DOUBLE** a donation
of \$10 or more.

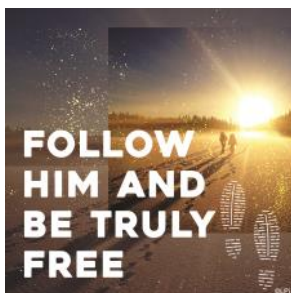
Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Trivia Answer from page 5:

Confirmation and Holy Orders.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.



It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus - not the Roman emperor - is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers - especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

— Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Christ is making a journey into each of our hearts this Advent. Clear away whatever blocks his way. Make straight the path. Invite him in.

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah offers comfort and hope to the Israelites who were captive in Babylon in proclaiming that the glory of the Lord is returning to Israel. **Do you have family or friends who could use words of encouragement from you?**

Second Reading:

Peter speaks of being at peace while we wait for the promise of new heavens and a new earth when Christ returns. **What gives you peace of mind these days?**

Gospel:

Fulfilling the prophecies of Isaiah, John the Baptist proclaimed the arrival of Jesus, "one mightier than I... (who) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." **Where do you sense the Holy Spirit present in your life?**

Prayer for Advent 2

Dear Lord,
 Open our eyes to the people
 You have specifically placed in
 our path so that we can speak
 healing and comfort to them.
 Help us to prepare for the
 coming of Your kingdom,
 together.

Amen.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:40 PM

- † James Doran (by Zell Family)
- † Ray Escobedo (by Sister)
- † Gladys Wardell (by Joan & Brian)

Wednesday, December 13th

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

9:00 AM

- † Anthony Rzucidlo (by Kimberly Rzucidlo)

Thursday, December 14th

St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM

- † Mary Lajza (by Family)
- † Joseph Pulford (by Family)

Friday, December 15th

9:00 AM

- † Maria Medrano & Consuelo Petersen (by Family)
- † Dennis Short (by Family)

Saturday, December 16th

4:00 PM

- † Mary & John DePoli (by Family)
- † Joseph Gasidlo (by Family)
- † Joe Orlando (by Family)
- † Mae Rose (by Denise Rose)
- † Sara Stuk (by Family)
- † Rosemarie & Edward Tylutki (by Family)

Sunday, December 17th

3rd Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM

- † Deceased Members of the Brotherton, Zub & Munoz Families (by Family)
- † Jennie Cinzori (by Ann Pacitti)
- † Christine Coletta (by Family)
- † Deacon Donald Quigley (by Fr. Kerner & Parishioners)

11:00 AM

- † Nancy & Ron Caretti (by Family)
- † Vera Ciavaglia (by Family)
- † Maria Sainato (by Daughter)
- † Rosanne Wiczorek (by Family)



Stewardship Report ©LPI

WEEK ENDING	DEC 3	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 5,048.00	\$ 125,700.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 15,250.00
ACTUAL	\$ 6,323.00	\$ 140,950.00
BUDGET	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 149,500.00
VARIANCE	\$ (177.00)	\$ (8,550.00)



Rest in Peace
SANDRA LUCAS
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..

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!

A Welcome to a new member:
DOROTHY BADYNEE
 We are happy you have joined our parish family.



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 DECEMBER 16/17

Saturday, December 16th, 4:00PM
Frank Bonfiglio

Sunday, December 17th, 9:00 AM
Michael Magnone

Sunday, December 17th, 11:00 AM
Stefano Ciavaglia



Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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. Army Nick Calvas Mary Beth Myers Rocky Myers Adam Schneider
U. S. Navy Brendan Burns Conor Burns James Donahue Jacob Fader Ben LePage James Smith Rob Swales Alex West	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	