



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 17, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

A Prayer for the return of those separated from the Church

O Good Shepherd, You never cease to seek out the lost, to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened, and to bind up the wounded. I ask You to bring (names) back to the practice of the Faith, and to remove all obstacles that prevent them from receiving Your abundant mercy, which flows sacramentally through the heart of Your Holy Church. Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, their Guardian Angels, their Patron Saints and the ever-prayerful St. Monica, may You pardon their sins and unshackle them from whatever hinders their freedom to come Home. For You, O Good Shepherd, have loved us to the end and offered Yourself to the Father for the salvation of all.

Amen



Christmas Schedule

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.

4th Sunday of Advent Masses

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

Feast of the Holy Family

December 30th, Saturday, 4:00 PM
December 31st, Sunday, 10:00 AM

New Year's Masses

December 31st, Sunday, 4:00 PM
January 1st, 2024, Monday, 10:00 AM

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.



Blessed Maria Franziska Schervier was a German Catholic nun who devoted her life to serving the poor & the sick. She founded the Franciscan Sisters of Aachen & began chapters in the United States where she & her sisters also founded a number of hospitals.

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 18, 2023** The Deacon's topic will be "How the Holy Spirit draws us closer to Christ by revealing to us our sin."

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.



AROUND THE SHOP

The weekend of December 16-17 is your last opportunity to buy those Christmas gifts, books and cards from the St. Kateri Gift Shop. Through your purchase, let your family and friends know that "Jesus is still the reason for the season." **The Gift Shop will be closed the weekends of December 23-25 and December 31-January 1st.** (The elves need a break too!)



Lector Schedule

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 23-25

- Saturday, December 23rd, 4:00PM
Frank DeMilde
- Sunday, December 24th, 10:00 AM
Gloria Koss
- Sunday, December 24th, 4:00 PM
Christine Leonard
- Sunday, December 24th, 6:00 PM
Kathy Ochs
- Sunday, December 25th, 10:00 AM
Margaret Skora

All in the Family

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




VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT
RAYNA BENNET
313.900.5235



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

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained
The Sign of Peace

Question:

Why do Catholics give the sign of peace to one another at Mass?

Answer:

The sign of peace is a part of the Mass that takes place immediately after we offer the Lord's Prayer. Inspired by the Jesus' words to his first followers, we stand together in a spirit of communion to pray as Jesus taught us: "Our Father who art in heaven..." In this prayer, we call for the coming of God's kingdom in all its fullness and ask that God provides for our needs — "Give us, this day, our daily bread" — to forgive our sins and to bring us to the joy of heaven.

It is almost natural, then, that the rite of peace would follow. As the celebrant prays that Christ's peace will fill our hearts, our communities, the Church, and the whole world, we extend to those around us a sign of peace (usually a hug or a handshake) as a symbol of the communion that we experience now and will experience forever in the fullness of the reign of God.

We are also reminded of Jesus' teachings that if we are at prayer and remember that a brother or sister is holding something against us, then we are to go and seek reconciliation with them before we continue our prayer (see Matthew 5:23). And so, the sign of peace also reminds us of the need to truly be in communion — united in love and peace — with God and one another before we approach the altar to receive the Eucharist.

So, the next time you're at Mass and the time comes for the sign of peace, remember that this is a moment to celebrate the gift of Christ's peace that each of us has received from God and to pass that peace along to those around us. We need this moment to practice, because this is also the same peace of Christ that we are instructed to carry out into the world at the end of Mass when the priest or deacon says to us, "Go, in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. — Jn 1:6-8

Excerpt from the Liturgy for Mass (2002), 198, 1170 C/D.

St. Peter Canisius

Feast Day December 21

Born in Holland, St. Peter Canisius (May 8, 1521 – December 21, 1597) was a preacher, teacher, and writer throughout his whole life. At the age of 19, he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards, St. Peter met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined the Society of Jesus. St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to eight volumes of letters — many about St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great.

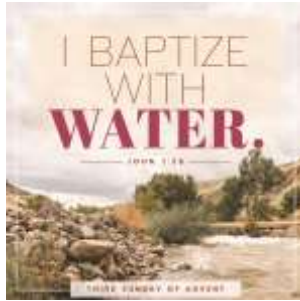
A man blessed with many talents, St. Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of a man who developed his talents to further God's work here on earth.

Trivia Answer from page 5:

Hemp or flax.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?



John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life,

God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

— Father John Muir

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: **"There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him."** The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a *pat-tern* at work in our lives.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God sends a John the Baptist into every person's life — someone who prepares His way, who calls out His truth. Look for the John the Baptist in your life. Pray you can be this person for someone else.

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

Isaiah rejoices over God's call in his life and the promise of restoration for all nations. As we continue in the season of Advent, **what has brought some joy to you or your family?**

Second Reading:

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be people of prayer and joy, open to the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. **Is there anything recently that has brought you joy?**

Gospel:

John presents the religious leaders of Jerusalem as puzzled and uncertain as to who John the Baptist was. **How do you approach friends or family in your life who are confused or questioning the faith?**



Prayer for Advent 3

Dear Lord,
Give us boldness as we move through the motions of the holiday season, to reflect and remind those around us of Your deep and abiding love for them. Allow them to encounter Your love, through us. Amen.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 19th

6:40 PM

- Terry Petlichkoff, Health & Healing (by Carol Uniewski)
- † Jeanette & Cris Tonalis (by Family)

Wednesday, December 20th

9:00 AM

- † George Dressler (by Wife)
- † Agnes Jastrzembki (by Family)

Thursday, December 21st

St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM

- † Dolores Hnot (by Family)

Friday, December 22nd

9:00 AM

- † Irene Wayne (by Family)

Saturday, December 23rd

St. John of Kanty, Priest

4:00 PM

- † Pat Ayland (by Family)
- † Mark Herring (by Wife, Lina)
- † Leonard Kwiecinski (by Family)
- † Anthony Rzucidlo (by Harry & Sue Bacalia)
- † Carmen & Paul Saliba (by Family)

Sunday, December 24th

4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve

10:00 AM

- /† For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Kateri Parish

Sunday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Masses:

4:00 PM & 6:00 PM

- /† For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Kateri Parish

Monday, December 25th

Christmas Day

10:00 AM

- /† For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Kateri Parish



<i>Stewardship Report</i>	
Week Ending	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	
ONLINE GIVING	
ACTUAL	
BUDGET	
VARIANCE	

Due to the Holiday, an early submission was required. There is nothing to report at this time.



Rest in Peace
BARBARA HAYES

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



TRIVIA

Just for fun

Question: What are the only materials acceptable for use as an altar cloth?

Answer on page 3

Readings for the Week

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

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

ATTITUDE

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life.

Attitude to me is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than success, than what other people say or do.

It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company – a church – a home – a person. The remarkable thing is that we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day.

We cannot change our past – we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play the one string we have, and that is our attitude.

I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it. And so it is with you – we are in charge of our attitudes.

Charles Swindoll

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



TO BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Just fill out the form below and submit it to the offertory box, to the office, by mail or simply call 313-334-3227.

NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY & ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____