

St. Kateri Catholic Church

Merry Christmas



Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.

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
Malerie Kubica	Lottie Surmacz
Stanley Lane	Kathryn Syrian
Sandy Lucas	Helen Szelc
Michael Mountain	Maria Harkness-
Anne Munir	Wozniak
David Munir	

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.



Servant of God Michelle Christine Duppong worked as a FOCUS missionary and a lay parish minister in the early 2000's. Her life was a testament to her commitment to following Jesus in sharing the Gospel and pursuing souls for him. She died at age 31 in 2015, but her legacy lives on today in those whose lives she touched.

Mass Schedule for Next Weekend

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

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!



AROUND THE SHOP

A very Blessed Christmas and New Year to you and your families from the St. Kateri Parish Gift and Book Shop Volunteers!

Your support of the Gift Shop has helped our Parish and the Red Cloud Indian School in South Dakota. Every few months, proceeds from our sales, the used religious item table and small change donations are sent directly to Red Cloud.

House blessing kits will be available again in January.

Looking forward to serving you in 2024!



2023 Faith Formation and Santa Bears

All in the Family

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



Volunteers needed and greatly Appreciated.

For more information contact
Rayna Bennet at 313-900-5235.

December 2023

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

When the hustle and bustle of the season threaten to take my mind off the true meaning of Christmas, I need to find ways to help me pause, ponder, and reflect. After all, Christmas is so much more than the picture-perfect decorations, Amazon-inspired holiday things, and all the Hallmark movies. For me, stepping away from all the things that distract me and spending just a little time with those in need, helps me focus.

No matter what your holiday celebration looks like this year, I hope that you find the true love and joy of the season that will add depth, meaning, and a little bit of fun to your holiday season. And when the festivities end, the family and friends return home, and all the decorations are put away, that we all can find a little time to spend on the "real work" of Christmas. The work of taking the hope and joy that Jesus brings and using it to heal the broken, provide for the needy, bring peace to our communities, and share hope in the darkness. As this year comes to an end, thank you for sharing yourselves this season with those who St Joseph's Helpers serves.

Warmest Regards,
Tony Rosati, President St Joseph's Helpers

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



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.

Trivia Answer from page 5:

The Little Drummer Boy



PASTOR

Rev. Terrence D. Kerner

DEACON

Rev. Mr. Tom Leonard

ORGANIST

Kevin Jakubowicz

OFFICE STAFF

Mary Masley & Ellie Sajewski

E-MAIL

info@stkateridearborn.org

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

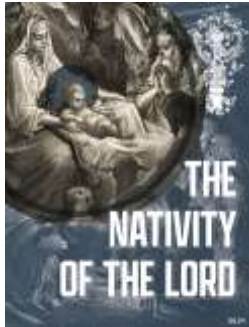
New Parishioners!

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



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE 25TH

“She gave birth to her firstborn son.” The pain of childbirth is something that boggles my mind. I’m sure I couldn’t handle it. I can’t even watch scenes in movies in which a woman gives birth. I understand it’s a beautiful part of nature, but there’s still something awful about it and the attendant suffering.



Which is why it’s worth pondering an often neglected and currently unpopular part of the Church’s theology around the birth of Christ, his was miraculous because it caused no pain to his mother. Even her physical virginity remains intact. Of course, we modern scientific people scoff at such an idea.

nation in the symbolic meaning of this birth that we moderns find so embarrassing. *God comes into the world in an utterly non-violent way.* He himself will suffer his own bloodshed but will never shed that of others. He is so peaceful and non-violent that he will even rise from the dead without breaking the seal of the tomb. All of humanity, in the Church, will give birth to him in the Church free from the terrible pain due to original sin. How badly we need the truth of this miraculous birth today!

Let’s delight in this great mystery and miracle of Jesus’s birth. He is the Prince of Peace and always nonviolent. We need not fear him, ever.

Without obsessing over the obstetrical details, we discover a glorious illumination — *Father John Muir*

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Christ was born for you, exactly as you are. But he has come to offer you a new life. A better life. Don’t be afraid to cast off the darkness. Step into the light of Christ’s love.

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

While in exile in Babylon, Isaiah foresaw and celebrated the time when Israel would declare, “All the ends of the earth can see the salvation of our God.” **How will you celebrate the birth of Jesus?**

Second Reading:

The opening verses of Hebrews describe Jesus as the “very imprint” of God’s glory. **What do you think the author meant by describing Jesus in this way?**

Gospel:

John opens his Gospel with the same first words of the Old Testament, “In the beginning...” He sees the birth of Jesus, “the Word became flesh,” as creation itself beginning anew. **Do you find this an interesting way to think about the birth of Jesus?**

Prayer for Christmas

**Dear Lord,
You came to us in
humility & silence,
setting aside your
majesty so that we
might approach
with wonder.
Allow us to grow
ever closer to you
this Christmas, and
always. Amen.**



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 26th

St. Stephen, First Martyr

6:40 PM

† **Caroline & Anthony Trumpka**
(by Family)

Wednesday, December 27th

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

9:00 AM

† **Katherine Buffone** (by Family)
† **Marc Wais** (by Family)

Thursday, December 28th

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

9:00 AM

† **Carmela DiPaolo** (by Family)
- **Marge Resetar, 90th Birthday**
Blessing (by Daughters)

Friday, December 29th

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

9:00 AM

† **Claudine Keating**
(by Jo-Ann Curtis)
† **Joseph Pulford** (by Family)

Saturday, December 30th

4:00 PM

† **Robert Dorogi**
(by Elaine Parana)
† **David Doty**
(by Jakubowicz Family)
- **Theresa & David Smith, 30th Wedding Anniversary**
(by Pina Gabbeart)
† **Jim Uniewski**
(by Carol Uniewski)

Sunday, December 31st

The Holy Family; New Year’s Eve

10:00 AM

† **Joseph Castelvetero**
(by Family)
† **Mary Fron** (by Richard Fron)
† **Deacon Harold Goodhue**
(by Fr. Kerner & Parishioners)
† **Kathleen Moore**
(by Sandra Mesara)
† **For the Most Forgotten, Abandoned & Neglected Souls in Purgatory** (by Tom Korte)
† **Deceased Members of the Sainato Family** (by Family)

4:00 PM

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

Monday, January 1st,

10:00 AM

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

Stewardship Report

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WEEK ENDING	DEC 10	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 5,301.00	\$ 131,001.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ <u>440.00</u>	\$ <u>15,560.00</u>
ACTUAL	\$ 5,741.00	\$ 146,561.00
BUDGET	\$ <u>6,500.00</u>	\$ <u>156,000.00</u>
VARIANCE	\$ (759.00)	\$ (9,439.00)

TRIVIA Just for fun

Question: What is the name of the popular Christmas song about a boy playing his drum for Jesus?

Answer on page 3



Memorial Mass

BARBARA HAYES
December 27, 2023
Wednesday, 11:00AM

*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*

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Lector Schedule

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 30-31

Saturday, December 30th, 4:00PM
Therese Terns

Sunday, December 31st, 10:00 AM
Pam Lewis

Sunday, December 31st, 4:00 PM
Lawrence Winey

Monday, January 1st, 10:00 AM
Barb Hartman

Christmas marks the end of the Advent season and the beginning of the Christmas season. We have lighted four candles these past four weeks and asked God to help us be present to our neighbors and friends. Now in the Christmas season we are called to be Christ in the flesh to our world.

Let us pray...

God,
you became human through the obedience
of a simple young woman named Mary.
Mary is our model of faith.
May we be faithful to your word as Mary was.
Give us the courage to face each day
with the yes that Mary gave to you.
We ask this through the incarnate God,
who comes to us again during this Christmas season.
Amen.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5,
16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 *Night:* Is 9:1-6/
Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/
Lk 2:1-14 *Day:* Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-
3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-
5, 9-14

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

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

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

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

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a,
8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn
15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21
or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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

National Guard (Army)
Joey Enright

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