



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 3, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PASTOR

Rev. Terrence D. Kerner

DEACON

Rev. Mr. Tom Leonard

ORGANIST

Kevin Jakubowicz

OFFICE STAFF

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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,

Advent is here and that means Christmas is just around the corner! The season celebrates the preparation for the First Coming of the Son of God with anticipation to His Second Coming at the end of time. Meanwhile we live with hope and expectation. God's generosity takes on a vibrancy and tenderness with our own and parish gift-giving and outreach. I think "we get it"! **Our Giving Tree** is already empty of all requests for gifts. All that remains are a few envelopes for food donations. Every weekend the amount of food collected for the St. Maria Goretti's Food Bank overwhelms their volunteers. Parishioners are becoming aware of our participation in the All Saints Soup Kitchen every third Wednesday of the month and folks are invited to join in this ministry.

Advent and Christmas are certainly a time of generous gift-giving, but I see our parish doing it year-round. We can be thankful for all our parishioners offering their time, talent, and resources throughout the year. Let's be joyful and enjoy getting ready for Christmas!

You will be seeing a new face at Mass in the days ahead. Deacon Tom has been asked by the Archdiocese to mentor a candidate for the Diaconate. Actually, all of us are "mentors" by being ourselves and encouraging the candidate to loving and serving God's people! Please welcome Christopher Jaskowiec and read Deacon's introduction in today's bulletin.



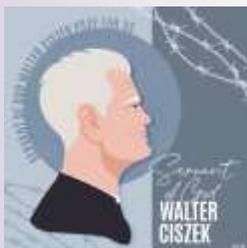
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DECEMBER

PRAYER LIST

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| Harry Bacalia | Patricia Nowak |
| Sue Bacalia | Carol O'Day |
| Norma Jean Bak | Kevin O'Day |
| Cindy Bunell | Terry Petlichkoff |
| Mary Horton- | Ron Prowse |
| Bischoff | Rosalilia Rosas |
| Phil Ciavaglia | Kim Rzucidlo |
| Arduino DeAngelis | Rose Mary |
| Wondella Devers | 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 |
| Sean 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 Walter Ciszek was a Jesuit priest and theologian who spent 23 years as a prisoner of war during the World War II and the Cold War. His endurance of suffering for his beliefs and his writings reminds us of the importance of religious freedom & the power of faith.

THE DEACON IS "SPEAKIN"

I would like to introduce to you our Deacon Intern, Mr. Chris Jaskowiec, whom you will see a lot of in the coming year. Chris is in his last year of study at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Additionally, Chris will be shadowing me in my deaconate responsibilities for the next 10 months or so, to understanding more clearly the role of a Permanent Deacon. God willing, Chris will be ordained in October 2024.

Chris is a "cradle" Catholic currently residing in Dearborn Heights. He graduated from Bishop Borgess H.S., received a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science from U of M-Dearborn, & a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Detroit-Mercy.

Over the years, Chris grew stronger in his faith. At St. Mel's Church he served on the parish and finance councils, was a lector and catechist to elementary and junior-high students. Chris volunteered in many other capacities not the least as a cook for their parish festivals, specializing in pierogi, golabki, pork chops, and au gratin potatoes.

It was after a visit to the Holy Land in 2015, when Chris touched the spot where the Lord Jesus was born and knelt at the spot where He was crucified, that Chris experienced the call of the Lord to serve His Church in a deeper way. He began his studies at the Seminary in 2019 and continues to hear the Lord beckon him.

Chris has never been married and has one older brother. Besides cooking, Chris enjoys gardening, home improvements and traveling. 61 years old, Chris was employed in Information Technology (IT) until 2019. He now serves as the business manager and wedding coordinator at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Would you please extend a warm welcome to Chris and keep his hope for ordination in your prayers.

God Bless You All, Dcn. Tom.





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**

**HONORING
YOUR LOVED
ONES AT
CHRISTMAS**



**OUR DEADLINE IS
DECEMBER 4TH**

**Your Giving Tree
Donations
Are due
Sunday, Dec. 3rd!**



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

POLISH DINNER

December 9, 2023 @ 5:00 PM

\$20 per person



All in the Family

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

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



In November we fed **174 families**, which is **454 people**. We broke our record feeding **38 families in 2 hours!** We are spending \$1,800 per week on groceries alone.

In the past SVDP has helped families with utility bills and rent. We are at the point of stopping this service. Even with the Simply Give Program, we will be out of money in a few months. We are a food pantry first. **PLEASE**, if you can, help us with our **double donation day on December 16th** by dropping off a check or cash marked Simply Give in the collection. On the 16th I personally will take it to Meijer.

God bless you all for your continued support and bless you and yours this holiday season.

Matt Kulczyk

*The generous will be blessed,
for they share their food with
the poor. Proverbs 22:9*



St. Joseph's Helpers which is a non-profit organization, founded on Christian values, composed of men and women who volunteer their time and talents to provide those in need with basic home maintenance & repairs. Their ministry's focus is on the elderly, disabled, and those who just need a helping hand.

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



Diane Cancro giving Father Terry a portrait of Jesus made in gratitude for hosting the artwork at St Kateri!

FAMILY PHOTOS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE Blessed Virgin Mary

MASSES: 9:00, Noon and 5:30

"Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!"

December 8th is one of our feasts celebrating Mary - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began with work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!

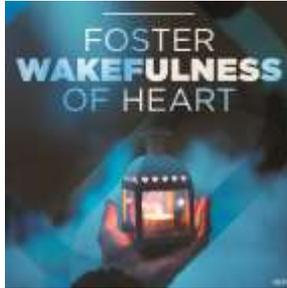


Quiz Bowl 2023
Faith Formation in ACTION!



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? **"Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep."** Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?



time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

— Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK
Advent is a time for waiting, for hoping, for praying. It is a time for reflecting on the special work to which God calls us all. Stay alert. Show Him you are listening.

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:
In prayer, the prophet Isaiah grieves over our sins that separates us from God. **What sorrow or distress have you experienced over the past week?**

Second Reading:
Paul offers up a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the many gifts the believers have received because of their faith in Jesus. **As we begin the season of Advent, for what are you thankful?**

Gospel:
Each Advent, the Gospel reading begins with Jesus instructing his disciples to watch carefully for the end times. **How often do you think about the Second Coming of Jesus and judgment day?**

Prayer for Advent
Dear Lord,
In this season of bustle, help us to stay watchful and alert to the spaces and places You are calling us to bring Your love and light. Amen.



Mass Intentions

- Tuesday, December 5th**
6:40 PM
† Joe Burger (by Gloria Koss)
† Chet Kempa (by Lena Herring)
- Wednesday, December 6th**
St. Nicholas, Bishop
9:00 AM
† Dennis Short (by Diana Short)
† Marc Wais (by Family)
- Thursday, December 7th**
St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
9:00 AM
† Dolores Hnot (by Family)
† Claudine Keating & Tim Keating, Special Intention (by Jo-Ann Curtis)
- Friday, December 8th**
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 AM
† Ethel Darany (by Children)
† Josephine DeFilippi (by Family)
- Noon**
† Carmela DiPaolo (by Family)
† Bill Rose (by Denise Rose)
† Jim Uniewski (by Carol Uniewski)
- 5:30 PM**
- Parishioners of St. Kateri
- Saturday, December 9th**
St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
4:00 PM
† Art Ayland (by Carol MacIntosh)
† Maria & Juan Benitez (by Benitez Family)
† Michael Biestek (by Sister, Jan)
† Marilyn Egan (by Family)
† Ronald Parana (by Elaine Parana)
† Carol Przydzial (by Family)
† Frank Tylutki (by Family)
- Sunday, December 10th**
2nd Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM
† Fr. James Bjorum (by Fr. Kerner & Parishioners)
† Jennie Cinzori (by Peter Paolini)
† Deceased Members & Friends of the Magnone Family (by Family)
- 11:00 AM**
† James Doran (by Zell Family)
† Tom Powaser (by Family)
† Joseph Pulford (by Family)
† Pete Syrian (by Family)

Stewardship Report

WEEK ENDING	Nov. 26	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 3,870.00	\$ 120,652.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ <u>770.00</u>	\$ <u>13,975.00</u>
ACTUAL	\$ 4,640.00	\$ 134,627.00
BUDGET	\$ <u>6,500.00</u>	\$ <u>143,000.00</u>
VARIANCE	\$ (1,860.00)	\$ (8,373.00)

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!



Readings for the Week

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

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next 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

Next weekend's special collection. December 9th & 10th.

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

Lector Schedule

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday, December 8th 9:00AM
Therese Terns

Friday, December 8th 5:30PM
Larry Winey

WEEKEND OF DEC 9th & 10th

Saturday, December 9th 4:00PM
Theresa Jordan

Sunday, December 10th 9:00AM
Nancy Coyne

Sunday, December 10th 11:00 AM
Pam Lewis

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: _____