

ST. KATERI CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 31, 2023

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

LOVINGLY DEDICATED TO ONE ANOTHER



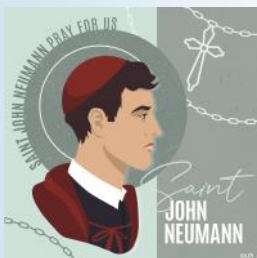
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PRAYER LIST

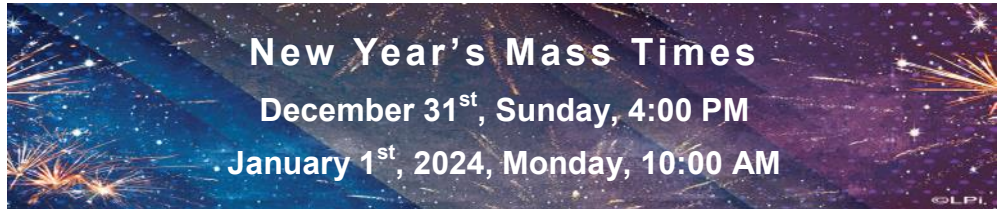
Harry Bacalia	Sean Munir
Sue Bacalia	Patricia Nowak
Norma Jean Bak	Carol O'Day
Cindy Bunell	Kevin O'Day
Mary Horton-	Terry Petlichoff
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Phil Ciavaglia	Rosalilia Rosas
Arduino DeAngelis	Kim Rzucidlo
Wondella Devers	Rose Mary
Astrid Henie	Schimizzi
Emily Hudson	John Schlaff
Fr. Terry Kerner	Kelly Sobon
Stan Kozlowicz	Rob Sobon
Malerie Kubica	Lottie Surmacz
Stanley Lane	Kathryn Syrian
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.



St. John Neumann, patron saint of educators, immigrants, and sick children, was the first male saint to be canonized from the USA. An immigrant himself, he expanded Catholic education in his region from 2 schools to 100 & ministered in 6 different languages



From the Pastor's Desk by Fr. Terry Kerner

A letter from your bishop can often spell trouble for a priest. Or it may ask you to take on additional pastoral responsibilities. Or it might just be a simple reminder of who we are as priests. A few days before Christmas all the priests of the Archdiocese received this letter from our chief Shepherd. I want to share it with you believing that it speaks to perhaps one of the most important charisms we, your priests, have to offer to you. May the spirit of our Archbishop's reflection only grow and become more alive in 2024!

Dear Fathers — Dear Brothers,
 During my meditation on Gaudete Sunday morning, a recurring point for me was the centrality of the gift of joy in our celebration of Christmas. ("Duh, " you say; "It is Gaudete Sunday, after all. Didn't you learn anything from Father Markowicz?") My thoughts ran along this line: that joy is a gift the Lord particularly wants to give his people at Christmas since the Mystery means that we have finally received that for which our race waited for so long. And since we are the servants of their celebration, "stewards" as it were, of their Christmases, we are called to be "agents" of the joy the Father wants them to have. We do this by helping them recognize anew the gift of Christ, both the gift that is his Person and the gift that he bestows on us.

And so, I prayed that the Holy Spirit guides and sustains you in your service as agents of joy. First, because this joy is so much needed by the people we serve, by those we serve week in and week out, and especially by those we only get to serve "on occasion" (probably the ones who need it all the more, but don't realize it). Second, because it gives our Lord glory for the joy he offers to be accepted by - those he loves. Maybe go further?: It gives joy to the heart of the Lord to give this joy, for after all, he gave up the last drop of his blood to win this joy for us. And finally, it gives him joy because we fulfill the very purpose for our being priests when we cultivate in the lives of our people the joy that is the fruit of saving grace at work in their lives.

I also pray that in being agents of joy, in fostering this grace, both in your preaching and in your celebration of the Eucharist — not to mention hearing the confessions that prepare the faithful for this — you will receive joy in abundance. I am not unaware of the stresses you all feel as you try to do more with fewer resources. My prayer, then, especially, is that you will be defended from the Evil One, so clever at using the trials of our day "to steal your joy." The "Good News of great joy to all the people" is good news for us, too. God is with us, he's never going away, and he never stops saving us always and everywhere.

Let me conclude by inviting all of you to join me in my prayer for each of you, - brother priests. And, along with thanking God ahead of time, I thank you ahead of time for these prayers.

Merry Christmas (a.k.a. "one filled with joy")
 Fraternally,
 Archbishop Allen Vigneron



All in the Family

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

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!

Trivia Answer from page 5:
False

In December we fed **133 families**, which is **306 people** while taking one week off from the pantry. We are still getting new families, so business is brisk. We also gave out 44 hams and boxes of produce thanks to the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Patrick O’Kelley Council 3860.

We finished our Simply Give program at Meijer and I will let you know when I have the total. Thank you to everyone who donated once again to this program. We are still unable to help families with their bills. Hopefully we will return to this service once we get back on our feet. Food for the pantry is our main concern and always will be.

All of us at the pantry would like to wish all of you wonderful people a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Matt Kulczyk

SVDP FOOD PANTRY

@St. Maria Goretti



Our needs for January:

ITEMS NEEDED

Greatly Needed:

Laundry Soap
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper

Canned items:

Carrots
Mixed Vegetables
Peas
Spinach



Ketchup
Mustard
Salad Dressing
Shampoo
Toothpaste
Men’s Razors

ANOTHER NEW YEAR

Another fresh new year Another year to live!

To banish worry, doubt and fear, to love and laugh and give!

This bright new year is given me to live each day with zest

To daily grow and try to be my highest and my best!

I have the opportunity once more to right some wrongs,

To pray for peace, to plant a tree, and sing more joyful songs!

William Arthur Ward

Late Flower Donation

In Memory of

Denise Trocino



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

Remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the



temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God's timing is not always our timing. Sometimes, we have to wait years for the answer to our prayer. Never despair. Remember that God keeps His word.

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:
Abraham and Sarah relied on their faith in the Lord as they struggled with family matters. **When have you needed to rely on faith when it comes to your family?**

Second Reading:
Hebrews teaches us that at every challenge in his life, Abraham consistently trusted and obeyed God. **When have you had to surrender complete trust to God?**

Gospel:
In their purification ritual in the Jerusalem Temple, Mary and Joseph learn news from Simeon and Anna about their newborn baby, Jesus. **In your family, how do you deal with startling or unsettling news?**



Prayer for the Family

Dear Lord,
We lift our families to you in prayer - every generation!
Bind our wounds, forgive our debts, show your mercy!
Lead us to deeper communion with each other and You.
Help us, too, to be a holy family.
Amen.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 2nd
Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

6:40 PM
† Josephine DeFilippi (by Family)

Wednesday, January 3rd
The Most Holy Name of Jesus

9:00 AM
† For the Most Forgotten, Abandoned & Neglected Souls in Purgatory (by Tom Korte)

Thursday, January 4th
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

9:00 AM
† Laurence & Christopher Jordan (by Family)
† Martha Wiczorek (by Diane Bartos)

Friday, January 5th
St. John Neumann, Bishop

9:00 AM
† Maria Medrano & Consuelo Petersen (by Family)

Saturday, January 6th
St. André Bessette, Religious

4:00 PM
† Ernie Adams (by Therese Terns)
† Catherine Anderson (by Family)
† Jerry Blaskie (by Wife, Sally)
† Don Clark (by Theresa Plaunt)
† Mike Korzeniewski (by Family)
† Ronald Parana (by Elaine Parana)

Sunday, January 7th
The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 AM
† Dolores Hnot (by Bacalia Family)
- Terry Petlichkoff, Health & Healing (by Carol Uniewski)
† Irene & Joseph Sopchak (by Family)
† Paul Sullivan (by Kathy Sullivan)

11:00 AM
† Ken Kuzava (by Family)
† Karen Phelps (by Marissa Perez)
† Joseph Pulford (by Family)
† Robert Schneider (by Family)
† Mary, Feliks & Robert Turek (by Son/Brother)

Stewardship Report

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WEEK ENDING	Dec 17	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 5,325.00	\$ 136,326.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ <u>1,080.00</u>	\$ <u>16,960.00</u>
ACTUAL	\$ 6,405.00	\$ 153,286.00
BUDGET	\$ <u>6,500.00</u>	\$ <u>162,500.00</u>
VARIANCE	\$ (95.00)	\$ (9,214.00)

Baptism



On Sunday, December 17, 2023
DOMINIC MICHAEL LEWIS
 son of Steven & Erica Lewis
 was baptized by Fr. Terry Kerner.

May the Lord give His angels charge over you, to guide you in all your ways.

TRIVIA

JUST FOR FUN

Question: True or False: The Catholic Church teaches that those people who don't know and accept the Church will NOT be saved.

Answer on page 3

The parish office will be closed January 1, 2024.
 We will reopen at 9 AM on January 2, 2024.

Lector Schedule

WEEKEND OF JAN 6th & 7th

Saturday, January 6th 4:00 PM
 Theresa Jordan

Sunday, January 7th 9:00 AM
 Janeen Bodary

Sunday, January 7th 11:00 AM
 Margaret Skora

Readings for the Week

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

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Christmas collection reminder...

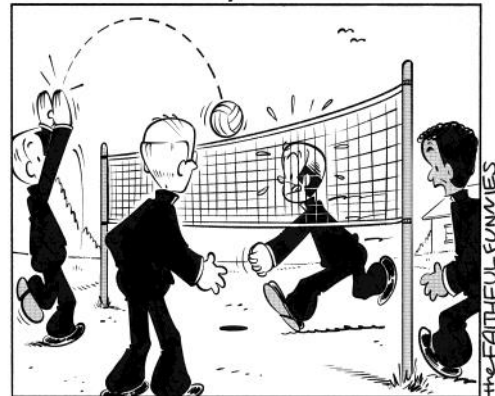


Christmas donations made up until January 7th will NOT be subject to the Archdiocesan assessment of 7%. 100% of all contributions until then will remain in our parish! Either a check or cash will be fine.

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!

"Which vocation is best at volleyball?"



"Deacons, they're ordained for service!"



In the early Church, a need arose for people who could serve the vulnerable in the community. So, deacons were selected to perform this service.

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: _____

