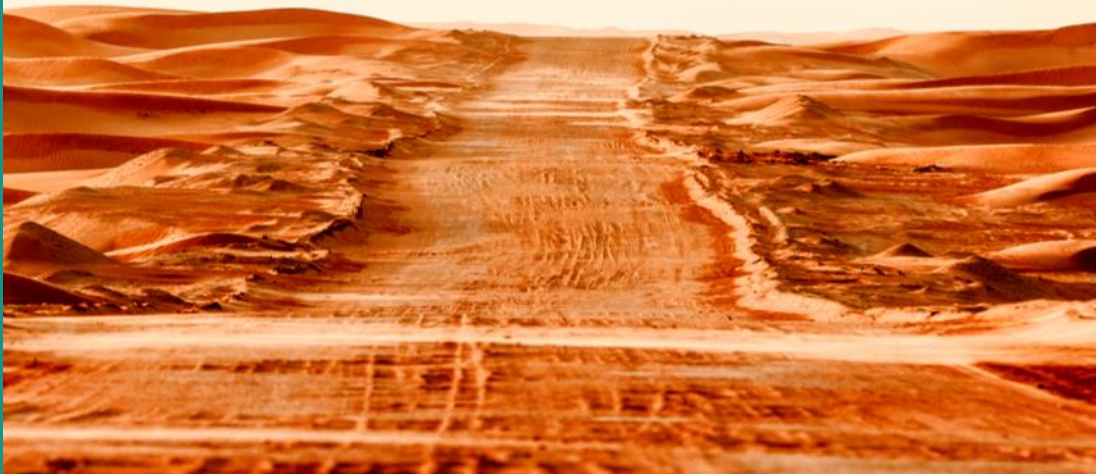


FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# HE LEFT AND WENT OFF.

— MARK 1:35 —



## ST. KATERI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

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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

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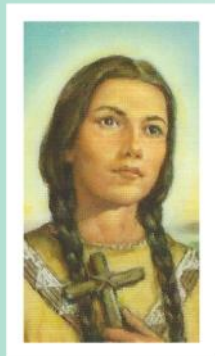
### Welcome New Parishioners!

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# February

## PRAYER LIST

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Michael Mountain	Sally Tarpey
Anne Munir	Michael Wais
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.



**St. Hyacinth of Poland's** devotion to the Christ in the Eucharist ignited a missionary fire that spread the Gospel across Central and Eastern Europe. He established Dominican communities all over Poland and is the **patron saint of the pierogi!**

### Christmas spirit lives on: Santa makes surprise 'off-season' visit to St. Kateri

DANIEL MELOY Jan 24, 2024

Detroit Catholic

### In town to see the Detroit Lions, St. Nick covers the true meaning of Christmas, gift-giving advice during impromptu Q&A

DEARBORN — What does Santa do now that Christmas is over?

Well, if you ask him, it's not over just quite yet.

Jolly ol' St. Nicholas made an impromptu appearance Jan. 22 at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish in Dearborn, surprising children after a faith formation night with an informal question-and-answer session about the Christmas season.



Santa Claus was in town visiting the suddenly winning Detroit Lions and decided to stop at nearby St. Kateri to spend time with the children and emphasize how the Christmas spirit can exist well past December, said Fr. Terry Kerner, pastor of St. Kateri Parish.

"He was in town for the Lions game, driving by (the reindeer get January off after their Christmas duties), because we are only a block or two away from the Lions headquarters where they work out," Fr. Kerner told Detroit Catholic. "So he said, 'I know the kids at St. Kateri,' so he popped by for a visit. God bless him."

The surprise visit happened after the Rouge Family of Parishes' (St. Kateri, St. Alphonsus-St. Clement in Dearborn, St. Barbara in Dearborn & St. Maria Goretti in Dearborn Heights) regularly scheduled family faith formation night, during which children & adults go into separate classes to learn more about the faith.

The families then gathered in the parish's community room, decked with Christmas décor & Hudson's Teddy Bears, which parishioners have gifted Fr. Kerner for years, dating back to his time at St. John the Baptist Parish in Monroe.

The children were visited by Santa Claus, played by John McGrail, a parishioner at St. Clare of Montefalco in Grosse Pointe Park, who thanked the children for all the milk and cookies he received during his Christmas deliveries and for striving to be good boys and girls during the buildup to Christmas.

St. Nicholas reminded the children not to be disappointed if they didn't receive everything they wanted for Christmas, noting there are many children who have it worse than them.

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"Think of the kids who don't have it so well as you," McGrail said. "Be kind to them; when you are in school and someone is getting picked on, or maybe his clothes aren't right, walk up to them and be friendly. There is a lot of good things I give to children, but what you give to others is even greater."

A little girl raises her hand during a Q&A with Santa Claus allowing kids from the Rouge Family of Parishes to learn more about St. Nick after he just finished his busiest night of the year.

The best way to keep the spirit of Christmas going is to focus on who was born during the Nativity and the gifts God gives each person, which are meant to be shared with others, he said.

"It's important that you kids understand you have the ability to be good to each other and to help the people around you, help out at home" McGrail said. "Maybe mom and dad have to work, or they have three or four kids to take care of, so help out in the morning by getting your clothes for school ready or clean up after breakfast. Maybe you have a neighbor who is old, who needs help. Go out of your way to visit them. Shovel their sidewalk. Say 'hi.' There is nothing better for an old person than to talk to a younger person."

The children asked questions about what Santa does at the North Pole when it's not Christmas, what Mrs. Claus' job is, how Santa manages the elves who make the toys and how he knows which child has been naughty and nice. "Here's the truth of the matter: Most children are really nice, but could be better. But most are nice," McGrail said. "Very seldom do I run into a kid that is really, really naughty. And even then, it's temporary. We all get angry, we all get cranky, we all say things we might regret. In those situations, apologize, say, 'I didn't mean to say that,' and we all try to do better."

Fr. Kerner said he hopes Santa's visit reinforces that the love and good spirit of Christmas is meant to last year round. "Tonight, (kids) learned how Christ brought a message of love and to be concerned about everybody," Fr. Kerner said. "(They also learned) that some boys and girls don't have it as good as them, some moms and dads don't have it as good as them, and that they can always help out and be generous."

Santa also provided some practical advice about Christmas - avoid asking for a puppy, he said, because dogs are a big decision that the entire family needs to make - along with maintaining the spiritual side of Christmas.

"Santa, and being Santa, is an extension of God's creation, God's love," McGrail said. "The best part of my job is to bring the joy to people and to remind them Christ is the center of the season. That is something kids, and adults, need to remember."

Fr. Kerner said the big takeaway for the St. Kateri youngsters is to realize that their faith and its traditions — the holidays, saints and customs — are real, tangible parts of their lives and part of being Christian disciples.

"The biggest thing they are going to learn is that their faith is real; it has a dynamic reality to it," Fr. Kerner said. "They are being exposed to things in church that perhaps they aren't normally exposed to. Events like tonight are meant to help them feel more comfortable in church, so they will want to start coming to church more, and maybe bring mom and dad along."

Dear Father Kerner and Parishioners,

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Thanks to you, and by God's grace, Catholic Charities is here providing help and giving hope to more than 20,000 of our neighbors each year, including many who have never found themselves in a position to ask for help before. Your kindness offers real comfort and relief to those in need today.

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Thank you for your generous gift in support of our All Saints Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. Your donation of \$2,448.00 was gratefully received thru December 30, 2023.

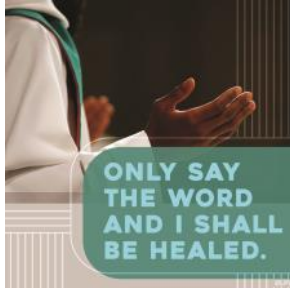
You make a difference in the lives of our less fortunate neighbors. Thank you! May God bless you richly as you have blessed others.

Sincerely,  
Patricia S. Brosnahan, CFRE  
Chief Development Officer



**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctor's offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues.



munity around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays.

These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ — and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place. *Father John Muir*

Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. **"...they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door."** The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually forms a strange new com-

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Jesus went from town to town, synagogue to synagogue, following the need. He follows it still, to this very day. Your life is the town he is visiting, your heart the synagogue where he preaches. Remember that for this purpose he has come.

**REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE**

**First Reading:**

Job was overwhelmed with feelings of sadness and despair. **How does your faith help you get through difficult times?**

**Second Reading:**

Paul sees his "gospel" (the good news of Jesus Christ) as the center of his life. **What do you think is the focus of your life?**

**Gospel:**

At the start of Jesus's public ministry in Galilee, we hear he was purpose-driven in performing many healings and exorcisms, as well as preaching the good news of the kingdom of God. **What could you do this week as an intentional act of charity or kindness?**

**St. Kateri Parish Gift Shop News**

When the weather gets bad, and it's hard to get out, hunker down in a comfy chair at home with a good spiritual book or devotional practice. It can be just as productive (if not more) as running non-essential errands and constant busyness. "Be still...and know that I Am."

And...we just happen to carry many books on spirituality and devotional items.

Thanks for your ongoing support!

**Trivia Answer from page 5:**  
A twelve-member jury and one judge.

*Mass Intentions*

**Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

*St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs*

**6:40 PM**

† **Jim Uniewski**  
(by Carol Uniewski)

**Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM**

† **John Dingell** (by Friends)  
† **Maria Medrano & Consuelo Petersen** (by Family)

**Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

*St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin*

**9:00 AM**

† **Fr. Lawrence Jackson**  
(by Fr. Kerner & Parishioners)

**Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM**

† **Phyllis Polydoros** (by Ellie)

**Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

*St. Scholastica, Virgin*

**4:00 PM**

† **Maria & Juan Benitez**  
(by Family)  
† **Kathleen & Allan MacDonald** (by Family)  
† **Anthony Rzucidlo**  
(by Sue & Harry Bacalia)  
† **Marc Wais** (by Family)

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day*

**9:00 AM**

- **Betty DeMilde, Special Intention**  
(by Gerri & Brad Rupp)  
† **Fr. Janusz Iwan**  
(by Fr. Kerner & Parishioners)  
† **Alfred Zdrozny** (by Family)

**11:00 AM**

† **Carliloso T. Anasco**  
(by Family)  
† **Alejandra Armaza**  
(by Family)  
† **Vera Ciavaglia** (by Family)  
† **Joseph Pulford** (by Family)



*Stewardship Report*

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WEEK ENDING	Jan 28 2024	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 5,369.00	\$ 162,798.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 390.00	\$ 20,800.00
ACTUAL	\$ 5,759.00	\$ 183,598.00
BUDGET	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 201,500.00
VARIANCE	\$ (741.00)	\$ (17,902.00)

**Prayer for God's Presence**

Dear Jesus,  
Reveal yourself to me!  
When I am alone and in darkness, fill me with your light. I want to know you, I want to experience your healing. Be with me, Lord. Amen.

**SVDP FOOD PANTRY**

@St. Maria Goretti



**Our needs for February:**

Greatly Needed:

Pasta Noodles & Pasta Sauce

Canned items:

- |                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Chicken in a Can | Pears        |
| Diced Tomatoes   | Pineapple    |
| Mixed Vegetables | Small Soups  |
| Peaches          | Tomato Sauce |

- Brownie Mix
- Cooking Oil
- Flour & Sugar
- Ketchup & Mustard
- Deodorant
- Shampoo



**Question:** Which modern legal structure is based on Christ and the twelve apostles?

Answer: Page 4

We appreciate all the help we receive from this wonderful parish.

During the month of January, we fed 185 families so far this month, feeding 276 people after closing because of cold weather. So, as you can see we continue to be very busy. Unfortunately, we still are not able to help families with their bill payments. This is sad.

Any help is appreciated. Thank you in advance.

Matt Kulczyk

*Lector Schedule*

**WEEKEND OF FEB 10/11**

Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:00PM  
**Theresa Jordan**

Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM  
**Margaret Skora**

Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM  
**Gary Lewis**

**Celebrating February's Super Seniors (80 and over) Birthdays**

Wishing you all the best for your special birthday ...and every day you continue to bless this parish.



- Joseph Bozich, Nancy Coyne,
- Delphine Gray, Mary Helpler,
- Helene Juzswik, Sylvia Kruz, Judith Masley,
- Dorothy Nouhan, Anna Palardy, Louis Perri
- and Carol Zurawka



*Readings for the Week*

**Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

**Next Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

**2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST (statements will NOT be sent unless requested)**

Charitable deductions, as donations to the Church, are legitimate items to be considered when doing your taxes. The parish is happy to provide a written copy of your generosity which would **NOT** include donations to the CSA. The form below **MUST** be filled out and returned in the collection receptacles, or by mail or by calling the office at (313-336-3227).



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