



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 1, 2024

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday:
9:00 AM-Noon and 1:00-4:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM-Noon

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

From the Pastor's Desk

by Fr. Terry Kerner

This weekend we begin the Season of Advent and the beginning of a new Church year. It is a period of Christmas preparations along with devout spiritual reflection on what the birth of Christ means personally for us. It can be an invitation to think about the awareness of Christ over the past months and the blessings He brought into our homes and lives. It can also be a time of recalling the painful and sorrowful times experienced since our last Christmas when we found strength and hope from fellow Christians bringing Christ to us day in and day out. Advent can be a personal retreat when we take time each day to remember what we have celebrated and what we have suffered through. As Christians we know in our hearts and minds that the ultimate Christmas gift we can experience is our love for God and His return gift of grace in our lives.

Advent is of course a time of generous sharing of blessings received. The Giving Tree has been made available for those wanting to gift local charities. Closer to Christmas we will have a poinsettia for you to take to our ninety and older parishioners. Food and Cash donations for the St. Maria Goretti Food Pantry are welcome and especially needed this time of year. Donations to our parish Christmas offertory and flower collection are always appropriate. All of us have something to offer this Advent if only it be sharing in the spirit and joy of Christmas!

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on Monday, December ninth. Though not an "obligatory" observance this year, we will celebrate the feast day with a Noon Mass. All are welcome and encouraged to invite family and friends from other parishes.

To assist in your holiday planning the following schedule has been set:

Communal Penance Service December 21 11:00 am

Liturgies:

Christmas Eve	December 24	4:00 pm & 6:00 pm
Christmas Day	December 25	10:00 am
New Year Eve	December 31	4:00 pm
New Year Day	January 1	10:00 am

Have a joyful Advent!

DECEMBER

PRAYER LIST

Norma Jean Bak	Marcella Linda
Colleen Barston	Marie Maurees
Ana Bautista	Jerry McLean
Kathy Brown	Anne Munir
Kevin Brown	David Munir
Irene Bruen	Sean Munir
Rusty Burrell	Patricia Nowak
Matthew Cabrera	Kevin O'Day
John Cassar	Victoria Porter
Lena Castlevetere	Fe Roland
Phil Ciavaglia	Kim Rzucidlo
Bob DeSantis	Stan Sajewski, Jr.
Janice Dumas	Christopher Sassak
Rachele Esper	Rose Mary
Esther Fonseca	Schimizzi
Taeko Greenwood	Deborah Slowik
Mary Hepler	Kelly Sobon
Emily Hudson	Rob Sobon
Fr. Terry Kerner	Nicholas Stefan
Stan Kozlownic	Janice Strimpel
Patricia Lambert	Roy Swift
Les Langlois	Susan Swift
Joan Lewandowski	Chris Zelasko

Lord, we bring before you the ongoing struggles of those on our prayer list. We ask for your enduring strength and grace to sustain them on their journey. Grant them patience and faith as they navigate this difficult path. Please use this experience to draw them closer to you and deepen their trust in your plan. Amen

Lector Schedule

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 7/8

- Saturday, December 7th, 4:00PM
Gloria Koss
- Sunday, December 8th, 9:00 AM
Janeen Bodary
- Sunday, December 8th, 11:00 AM
Lawrence Winey

**Monday, December 2nd is our deadline
HONORING YOUR LOVED ONES
AT CHRISTMAS**

2024 Flower Tribute request is in the November envelope packet or you may use the form on our website www.stkateridearborn.org. The suggested price is \$10 per name or family name. We encourage you to list the **FAMILY NAME** rather than each individual name. It will save you money. One very beautiful plant can represent the entire family. You can submit an individual name for each plant if this is your wish.



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!

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.
Retirement Fund for Religious
Next weekend's special collection.
December 7th & 8th.

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.

Suggested donation \$2.00



All in the Family

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

NEW CHRISTMAS TRADITION

Beginning December 1st
Read one chapter of
The Book of Luke in the Bible
each evening.
There are 24 Chapters.
On Christmas Eve you will
have read an entire account of
Jesus' Life and wake up
Christmas Morning knowing
WHO and WHY
We Celebrate!!

News from the Food Pantry

Thank you all for your support of the pantry. In the first three weeks of November, we have served 53 families in need with 170 family members.

The Simply Give program at Meijer in Allen Park continues through December 28, with a **doubled day on December 14.**

I know we ask a lot, but our supplies are moving fast and the need is still high.

In addition to food donations, monetary and Kroger, Aldi and Dollar Tree gift cards would be greatly appreciated.

SVDP FOOD PANTRY

@St. Maria Goretti

Our needs for December:

Canned:

Beets
 Carrots
 Chili
 Chicken
 Mixed Vegetable
 Northern beans
 Pumpkin
 Small Soups
 (No cream of
 Mushroom)
 Large Soups
 Spinach
 Tuna

Pantry:

Garbanzo beans
 Grape jelly

Gift Cards:

Aldi
 Dollar Tree
 Kroger

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.



The Giving Trees

This year our recipients for The Giving Tree are Nativity of our Lord parish, and the St. Vincent DePaul at St. Alphonsus-St. Clement & St. Maria Goretti.

Nativity Parish

Please take a gift tag ornament if you want to purchase a gift for Nativity. All gifts should be **unwrapped** and placed under the tree or dropped off at the parish office.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Giving Program

For the last several years, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Alphonsus-St. Clement Church has provided gift cards to underprivileged children in our community. Last year we gave out approximately 90 gift cards valued at \$50 each for children 16. The generosity of our benefactors in support of this effort was overwhelming, and is greatly appreciated!

If you wish to participate in this program, please purchase one or more gift cards from Meijer, Target or Walmart and **leave them under the Giving Trees in the church or in the Gathering Space.** If you prefer not to shop, you can make a monetary donation instead. Simply provide cash or a check made payable to St. Alphonsus-St. Clement SVDP or St. Maria Goretti SVDP. Thank you for your generosity and have a blessed Christmas!

All gifts and donations need to be in by Sunday, December 8th!

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

God bless you and thank you so much for your continued support of our parish outreach programs.



The Food Pantry also accepts monetary donations.

- For a cash donation, please enclose in an envelope clearly marked for the **SVDP Food Pantry.**
- For a check, make it payable to **St. Maria Goretti-SVDP** and in the memo line **FOOD PANTRY.**

Also benefiting the Food Pantry at St. Maria Goretti

Meijer has started the **Simply Give** program. The dates are **now through December 28th** with a **doubler day on December 14th.**

Looking for a female caregiver.

Experience preferred.

For more information, please call:

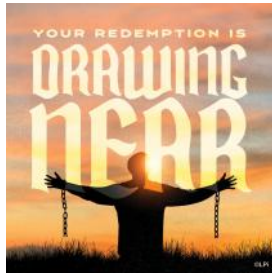
Rose Mary 313-310-8442

Trivia answer from Page 5:

Answer: A crucifix always includes Christ's body and a cross does not

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, "Don't be afraid." She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, "Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen." A few days later she died.



In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to "look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." He then compares what's coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That's what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem.

Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you're troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: "Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming." *Father J. Muir*

Christians face the ending of our personal various "worlds" in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves "fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world" (Luke 21:26).

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

There is only one king whose subjects can choose whether or not they will serve him. We choose Christ when we choose the truth. When we serve the truth, we serve Christ the King.

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:
The prophet Jeremiah speaks of God's promise to save Jerusalem so all can "dwell safely" in the land. **Where in your life do you feel the safest?**

Second Reading:
In preparation for the return of Jesus, Paul prayed that the believers in Thessalonica would love one another and conduct themselves in a way pleasing to God. **As we enter the season of Advent, what could you do to actively prepare for the return of Jesus?**

Gospel:
Jesus forewarns his disciples not to let the daily anxieties of life distract them from the coming day of his return. **Who helps you when you are overcome with anxiety?**



Prayer for the first week of Advent
Prayer of Expectation
Dear God,
As we prepare for Your arrival, align our hearts and homes to Your will.
Pour into us Your grace, as we wait in joyful expectation.
Amen.

Mass Intentions

- Tuesday, December 3rd**
St. Francis Xavier, Priest
6:40 PM
† **Rose Mary Salvetti** (by Cheryl Gaedcke)
- Wednesday, December 4th**
St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
9:00 AM
† **Christine Attard** (by Forta Sultana)
- Thursday, December 5th**
9:00 AM
† **For the Poor Souls in Purgatory** (by Paula Goodrich)
- Friday, December 6th**
St. Nicholas, Bishop
9:00 AM
† **Rod Rodriguez** (by Family)
- Saturday, December 7th**
St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
4:00 PM
† **Maria & Juan Benitez** (by Family)
† **Marilyn Egan** (by Family)
† **Warren Meyer** (by Anthony Meyer)
† **Joe Orlando** (by Family)
† **Carol Przydzial** (by Tim Przydzial)
† **Frank Tylutki** (by Family)
- Sunday, December 8th**
2nd Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM
† **Carmela DiPaolo** (by Family)
† **Michael Leonetti** (by Family)
† **Mary Ann Stoner** (by Eileen Stoner)
† **Paul Sullivan** (by Kathy)
† **Mary Ellen Zell** (by Family)
- 11:00 AM**
† **Nancy & Ron Caretti** (by Maria Caretti)
† **Ethel Darany** (by Children)
† **Leonard Kwiecinski** (by Family)
† **Bill Rose** (by Denise Rose)
† **Jim Uniewski** (by Carol Uniewski)

Stewardship Report

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WEEK ENDING	Nov 17	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 5,213.00	\$ 107,281.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 1,235.00	\$ 16,800.00
ACTUAL	\$ 6,448.00	\$ 124,081.00
BUDGET	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
VARIANCE	\$ 448.00	\$ 4,081.00

TRIVIA

Question: What is the difference between a crufix and a cross?

Answer on page 3



St. Joseph's Helpers is a nonprofit 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.

If you need help or more information contact Rayna Bennet at 313-900-5235.

AROUND THE GIFT SHOP

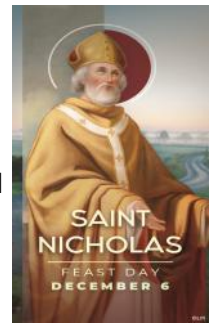
Need ideas for Christmas gifts and decorations? Be sure to visit the St. Kateri Parish Gift and Book Shop. We carry Advent wreaths and candles, memorial ornaments, Nativity sets, Christmas lanterns, boxed cards, and gifts. What better way to keep Christ in Christmas than to give spiritually themed gifts!



St. Nicholas | Feast Day December 6

St. Nicholas of Bari (March 15, 270 – December 6, 343), the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution. According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys.

Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today.



Readings for the Week

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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: s 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: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

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: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

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

U. S. Army

Nick Calvas
Mary Beth Myers
Rocky Myers

U. S. Marines

Noah Aiello
Anthony P. Alfano
Louis J. Bardel
Lukas Boudreau
Connor Danaher
Haley Valentine
Joseph R. Walker
Evan West

National Guard (Army)

Joey Enright