



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 15, 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Private Confessions:

Saturdays at 3:00 PM

Communal Penance Service

(with private confession)

Saturday, December 21 at 11:00 AM

Tuesday, December 24th, 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 25th 10:00 AM

New Year's Eve, Tuesday Dec. 31st Mass 4:00 PM

New Year's Day, Wednesday Jan. 1st Mass 10:00 AM

Note: January 4, 2025 resumes

the regular weekend schedule

Saturday at 4:00 PM, Sunday at 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM.

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by Michael Stechschulte

Often, these pilgrimages include passing through a Holy Door - a special door opened by the pope or bishop in recognition of the jubilee - such as the Holy Door at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament during the Year of Mercy in 2016.

While the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome will be the only such door throughout the world during Jubilee 2025, Detroit-area pilgrims won't have to travel to Rome to experience the jubilee's graces, Archbishop Vigneron said.

In the Archdiocese of Detroit, throughout the coming Jubilee Year 2025, certain churches will serve as official sites of pilgrimage for the faithful in Southeast Michigan to visit," Archbishop Vigneron said. "At these archdiocesan pilgrimage sites, the faithful will be able to pray the official prayer for Jubilee Year 2025 and unite themselves spiritually to all who will journey as pilgrims to Rome physically.

"Of course, if anyone from Detroit has travel plans to be in Rome during the jubilee year, you should make a visit to one of Rome's four major basilicas part of your itinerary," the archbishop added.

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PRAYER LIST

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



Come and See! The Chosen Christmas Special "Holy Night"



TODAY, Sunday, December 15th, 12 noon
St. Kateri Parish Center, Dearborn

The video focuses on Mary's experience on that most holy of nights. It portrays how Mary shares that experience with Mary Magdalene in the future. Uplifting musical performances are included.

Join us to be inspired and lift your spirits!

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!

Lector Schedule

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 21/22

Saturday, December 21st, 4:00 PM

Therese Terns

Sunday, December 22nd, 9:00 AM

Stefan Ciavaglia

Sunday, December 22nd, 11:00 AM

Gary Lewis



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.

SVDP FOOD PANTRY

Our needs for December

Canned:

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

Pantry:

Garbanzo beans
Grape jelly

Gift Cards:

Aldi
Dollar Tree
Kroger

@St. Maria Goretti

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**.

The Simply Give program is ongoing through **December 28th**

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(continuing from last Sunday) by Michael Stechschulte

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The 12 pilgrimage sites in the Archdiocese of Detroit will include:

- Basilica of Ste. Anne, Detroit
- Blessed Solanus Casey Center, Detroit
- Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Detroit
- Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield
- National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Royal Oak
- Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Riverview
- Our Lady of Hope Cemetery, Brownstown Township
- Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel (Madonna University), Livonia
- Shrine of Jesus the Divine Mercy, Clinton Township
- Shrine of St. John Paul II, Orchard Lake
- St. Joseph Shrine, Detroit
- Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pontiac

Pilgrims can receive a plenary indulgence by making a pilgrimage to any of the sites during the jubilee year, as well as by performing certain works of devotion, mercy or penance, Archbishop Vigneron said.

The normal conditions for receiving an indulgence - a detachment from sin, sacramental confession, reception of Holy Communion and prayers for the intentions of the pope - apply.

Although Jubilee 2025 will not include the opening of a Holy Door in the Archdiocese of Detroit, Archbishop Vigneron nevertheless encouraged pilgrims “to seek out a certain door in your parish church that can be a threshold for new hope.”

“That particular door is, of course, the door to the confessional,” the archbishop said. “As pilgrims of hope in this coming jubilee year, I pray that all Catholics will find hope by going or returning to the sacrament of penance. Confession is one of the greatest acts of hope a Catholic can make!

“God is always ready to forgive,” he continued. “Ask, seek, knock, and the door of his mercy will be opened to you (see Matt 7:7-8; Luke 11:9-10)! As I wrote in *Unleash the Gospel*, ‘reconciliation is an open doorway for return. No sin is unforgiveable, and through the sacrament the Father’s embrace and a fresh start await’ you.”

The offering of indulgences during the jubilee year is another expression of mercy and hope, granting opportunities not just to be forgiven, but completely cleansed from sin, the archbishop added.

“Because sin is a preference for self-love, it leaves behind an unhealthy attachment to (or a disordered love for) earthly things, even after it is forgiven. The Catechism teaches that these earthly attachments can be purified either here on earth or after death in Purgatory,” Archbishop Vigneron said. “God’s abundant mercy is such that he wants to reorder our disordered desires even now. Thus, an indulgence is the remission of the temporal punishment (the effects of sin that linger in us) caused by sin. An indulgence frees us from earthly attachments by means of heavenly remedies, such as prayers, pilgrimages, devotions, and works of mercy.”

Indulgences can be obtained either for one’s own soul - after sacramental confession is made - or the souls of those in purgatory.

Archbishop Vigneron added it’s providential that Jubilee 2025 takes place during the mission year of the U.S. Church’s National Eucharistic Revival, since confession and penance naturally beckon one to become spiritually and sacramentally united to Christ in the Eucharist.

“The focus on penance and indulgences throughout the year should help the faithful to understand the communal nature of our jubilee celebrations: penance and indulgences heal the wounds of sin that affect all God’s people; reception of the Holy Eucharist brings us into communion with God and one another, forming us into the Body of Christ; even prayers said in Detroit for the Holy Father in Rome unite us spiritually to him and to the pilgrim Church throughout the world,” Archbishop Vigneron said.

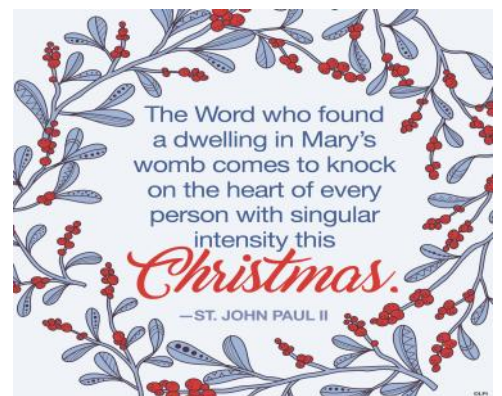
(to be continued next week)

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



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?" The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans." Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus' glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.



preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It's so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don't know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That's what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize **"with the Holy Spirit and fire"** (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their

others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: "Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the appropriate changes.

— *Father John Muir*

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Give. Love. Act with justice. This, says John, is how to live out your repentance. As Christmas approaches, be "baptized" by these words of God's greatest prophet. Let them fill you with new life as you await the coming of Christ.

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

The prophet Zephaniah speaks of a future joyful time of God's forgiveness and return to his people, Israel. **What excites you most as you think about the future?**

Second Reading:

Paul encourages the Christians in Philippi to be a community that rejoices and finds peace with God. **What could you celebrate this Advent season with family or friends?**

Gospel:

John the Baptist encouraged the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers to live ethically in very practical ways. **How could this apply to your life this week?**

Prayer with St. John the Baptist

Through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, help us to remember the least fortunate, and how caring for them shares in the caring of the beloved Christ-child. Bring Your generosity into our community.

Amen.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 17th

6:40 PM

- † Rosanne Wieczorek (by Diane Bartos)
- Anne Munir, Health & Healing (by Gloria Koss)

Wednesday, December 18th

9:00 AM

- † Joseph Pulford (by Family)
- † Christopher Sassak (by Virginia)
- † Marc Wais (by Family)

Thursday, December 19th

9:00 AM

- † Micki Cibor (by Ellie & Stan Sajewski)
- Deacon Pat Bruen, Health & Healing (by Gloria Koss)

Friday, December 20th

9:00 AM

- † Agnus & Frank Jastrzemski (by Family)
- † Carol O'Day (by Kevin O'Day)

Saturday, December 21st

St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

4:00 PM

- † Pat Ayland (by Family)
- † George Dressler (by Wife)
- † Rita Durfy (by Family)
- † Sara Stuk (by Family)
- † Rosemary & Edward Tylutki (by Family)

Sunday, December 22nd

4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM

- † Christine Attard (by Joann King)
- † Kay Reitz (by Lucia Gliese)
- † Daniel Skora (by Family)

11:00 AM

- † Louis Murray (by Lil & Arthur Murray)
- † Irene Wayne (by Family)
- Dorothy Nouhan, Health & Healing (by Gloria Koss)



Stewardship Report	
Week Ending	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	Due to the Holiday, an early submission was required. There is nothing to report at this time.
ONLINE GIVING	
ACTUAL	\$
BUDGET	\$
VARIANCE	\$



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace

JACK CONRAD

Husband of Suzanne

ANGIOLINA HERRING

CONSIDER AN IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER TO ST. KATERI CHURCH

FOR YOUR GIFT TO QUALIFY

- ▶ You must meet the age requirements.
- ▶ The transfer must go directly from your IRA to St. Kateri Church.
- ▶ You can give up to \$100,000.
- ▶ Your gift must be made to St. Kateri Church by December 31, 2024.

MAKING YOUR GIFT IS EASY

- ▶ As an exclusion from your gross income.
- ▶ By counting toward your required minimum distribution.
- ▶ It is an easy way for you to make a gift from one of your major assets.

HOW IT CAN BENEFIT YOU

Before December 31, 2024 contact your IRA custodian and ask that your distribution be made as a charitable roll over to St. Kateri Church and to include your name and address with the gift. We encourage you to consult your own legal and tax professionals.

St. Kateri Parish Gift Shop

Christmas nativity sets, lanterns, jewelry, gifts, sacramentals, Advent candles and more.

Boxed and individual Christmas cards

Help keep Christ in Christmas with your gifts.

welcome new members

DAVID & ANNETTA MAY

GLORIA CHITTENDEN

We are happy you have joined our parish family.

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

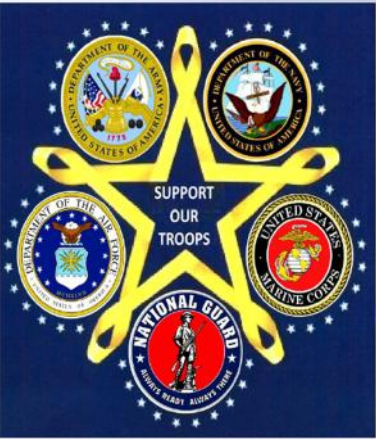
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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.



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| U. S. Air Force | U. S. Army |
| Diamond Knight | Nick Calvas |
| Kathleen Lyons | Mary Beth Myers |
| Teresa Lyons | Rocky Myers |
| Timothy Lyons | |
| Connor Plate | |
| U. S. Navy | U. S. Marines |
| Brendan Burns | Noah Aiello |
| Conor Burns | Anthony P. Alfano |
| James Donahue | Louis J. Bardel |
| Jacob Fader | Lukas Boudreau |
| Ben LePage | Connor Danaher |
| James Smith | Haley Valentine |
| Rob Swales | Joseph R. Walker |
| Alex West | Evan West |
| National Guard (Army) | |
| Joey Enright | |