



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 22, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PASTOR

Rev. Terrence D. Kerner

DEACON

Rev. Mr. Tom Leonard

ORGANIST

Kevin Jakubowicz

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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.

From the Pastor's Desk by Fr. Terry Kerner,

Speaking for Fr. Luke, Fr. Gary, Deacon Tom and the entire staff and volunteers of St. Kateri, I want to wish all of you and your families a most joyful and holy Christmas. The decorations and all the celebrations during Advent and the Christmas seasons all reflect a deep love for St. Kateri parish by very talented and committed folks. For visitors and new parishioners, I would like to invite you to experience the scores of Santa Bears in their "bear cave" located in the Gathering Space. Come and enjoy the fun and frolic of these little guys!

All parishioners and their families and friends are welcomed at St. Kateri Christmas Liturgies. The schedule of Masses: Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Christmas Day 10:00 am. Come and celebrate together the joy and the promise Christmas brings.

All who responded to the Giving Tree this year are to be congratulated and acknowledged for their generosity. Besides some very beautiful gifts being given, a total of \$3,060 in cash and gift cards have been donated. The cash and cards will be equally divided between St. Alphonsus - St. Clement Vincent de Paul and the St. Maria Goretti Food Pantry. Throughout the year our parish collaborates with the two outreach programs with food, funding and volunteers.

We often chuckle at weekend masses when it is announced that the Gift Shop is open. Besides convenient shopping for religious items, the Shop's proceeds go to support the Red Cloud Indian School in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Started over ten years ago the Gift Shop has been able to contribute a few thousand dollars to a great little Catholic school for Indian children. Take time to visit the Shop and discover some of the unique and beautiful gifts they offer for Christmas. Note, they also have OPLATKI. From an early Christian tradition, they are wafers displaying beautiful Christmas images.

Know that all of you and your families are
remembered at our Christmas masses.

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	Dorothy Nouhan
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
Joan Lewandowski	

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 DEC. 28/29

Saturday, December 28th, 4:00 PM
Kathy Ochs

Sunday, December 29th, 9:00 AM
Michael Magnone

Sunday, December 29th, 11:00 AM
Barb Hartman

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Liturgies:

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.

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!

More from the Gift Shop



HOUSE BLESSING KITS

The Epiphany house blessing traditions that were brought here by our Eastern European ancestors have been mostly forgotten. However, house blessings are still very relevant in our current times. Pope Francis speaks much about "domestic churches"...our homes where we live out our faith in concrete ways each day (not just set aside for church on Sunday). The house blessing can be a way to practice this concept.

The blessing is usually performed by family members who recite a prayer, sprinkle holy water, light incense and chalk the home's entrance doorposts with the inscription "20+C+M+B+23". What looks like a math equation are actually symbols that remind us of our dedication to God in everyday life. The symbols also remind us to be welcoming to all those who enter our homes throughout the year. The numbers **20** and **23** refer to the year of the blessing. The letters are abbreviations of the Latin words, "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means, "May Christ bless this house". The same letters also refer to the Three Kings: Caspar, Melchior & Balthazar. The + signs represent the cross.

We invite you and your families to participate in this meaningful tradition. It provides another opportunity for families to pray together as a domestic church...just as the early Christians did. We have updated the house blessing kits that are available in the Gift Shop. The kit includes chalk, an incense stick, a small bottle of holy water, a house blessing prayer and a small cross.

Suggested donation to cover the cost of supplies is \$2.00

All in the Family

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

LOVE HAS A NAME


JESUS

LOVE HAS A PLACE

OUR HEARTS

LOVE HAS A STORY

AND IT'S NOT FINISHED YET.



MAY THE HOPE AND LIGHT OF CHRIST BRIGHTEN YOUR PATH THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON.

News from the Food Pantry

Thank you all for your support of the pantry.

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.

Also benefiting the Food Pantry at St. Maria Goretti Meijer, in Allen Park, has started the **Simply Give** program. The dates are **now through December 28th**.

Trivia Answer from page 5:
The Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation/Confession.

SVDP FOOD PANTRY

@St. Maria Goretti

Our needs for December

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

Pantry:	Gift Cards:
Garbanzo beans	Aldi
Grape jelly	Dollar Tree
	Kroger

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**.

FINAL INSTALLMENT OF THE BISHOP'S ARTICLE

Archbishop designates 12 Detroit-area pilgrimage sites ahead of Jubilee 2025

Michael Stechschulte

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,

may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.


May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

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



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The Blessed Virgin teaches us the secret to being blessed, happy, and full of joy. When Elizabeth, her cousin, greets her, she calls Mary “blessed” for two reasons, her motherhood of Jesus, and Our Lady’s belief that **“there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord”** (Luke 1:45). Mary is “blessed” entirely because of her relationship to the Incarnation of God in Jesus, and for no other. This of course makes perfect sense, because as the Lord, as God-in-the-flesh, her son is the source of all blessedness, life, and joy. Mary is blessed because of her contact with Jesus, and by her faith in him.



tism. He lives in us and grows to maturity within us. We bear him to the world. This requires unshakeable faith that his promises to us will be fulfilled, despite all the problems and difficulties that plague us. We become blessed, happy, and joyful in the measure that we are in contact with Jesus and trust in him.

Advent challenges: 1.) This week go to someone who has borne the love of Jesus to you and tell her or him how they have been a blessing to you. 2.) Name someone in your life now to whom God has sent you to bring Jesus’ presence. Pray: “Lord, thank you for the blessing of sending me to bring your presence to this person. Help me bear you faithfully to him/her.”

— Father John Muir

So, it is with us, too. We become blessed by our “motherly” contact with Christ in our souls through bap-

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“Blessed are you who believed,” Elizabeth tells Mary. Do we believe? When we hear the voice of God whispering in our heart, do we listen — or do we ignore, out of fear and uncertainty? This last week of Advent, follow Mary’s example, and believe.

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

Micah prophesied a “ruler” would come through the line of David (“Bethlehem-Ephrathah”) and bring peace to the divided kingdom of Judah and Israel. **How might you be able to promote peace this week among your family or co-workers?**

Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews reminds us that Christ makes us holy so that above all else, we do God’s will. **As the season of Advent draws to a close, what could be one practical way to do God’s will this week?**

Gospel:

Elizabeth calls Mary “blessed” because she believed and trusted in the Lord. **Are there people in your life who model such trust and faith in God?**

Prayer for Christmas Visitors

God bless us all this Christmas season, those who enter and exit our home, those near and far away, those who will visit and those who cannot. Fill our lives with the peace that comes from You. Amen.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM

- Parishioners of St. Kateri

6:00 PM

- Parishioners of St. Kateri

Wednesday, December 25th

The Nativity of the Lord

10:00 AM

- Parishioners of St. Kateri

Thursday, December 26th

St. Stephen, First Martyr

9:00 AM

† Joseph Pulford (by Family)

† Caroline & Anthony Trumpka (by Family)

Friday, December 27th

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

9:00 AM

† Alan Konkel (by Family)

† Jacob Watts (by Dorothy Bernoco)

Saturday, December 28th

The Holy Innocents, martyrs

4:00 PM

† Deceased Members of the Brotherton, Munoz & Zub Families (by Family)

† Josephine DeFilippi (by Family)

† Carmela DiPaolo (by Family)

† Carmen & Paul Saliba (by Family)

† Rosemary & Edward Tylutki (by Family)

Sunday, December 29th

The Holy Family; New Year’s Eve

9:00 AM

† Christine Attard (by Lorraine Kwiecinski)

† Deceased Members of the Stoner Family (by Eileen Stoner)

- Patryk Hoover, Birthday Blessing & Health (by Grandmother)

11:00 AM

† Julia Armaza (by Signori Family)

† Ellery Signori (by Family)

† Enrique Signori (by Family)

Stewardship Report

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WEEK ENDING	Dec. 8	Immaculate Conception	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 3,564.00	\$ 2,321.00	\$ 121,030.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ <u>925.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>19,575.00</u>
ACTUAL	\$ 4,489.00	\$ 2,321.00	\$ 140,605.00
BUDGET	\$ <u>6,000.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>138,000.00</u>
VARIANCE	\$ (1,511.00)	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,605.00

AROUND THE SHOP

The Gift Shop Elves would like to extend a sincere "Thank You!" to all those who have supported us through your purchases, prayers, cleaning, set-up, accounting, package delivery and volunteer time. A special "Thank You" to Fr. Terry who conceived and supported this special ministry. Volunteers at the shop are witnesses to this ministry by listening to stories, providing sacramentals that inspire and praying for those in need. God IS with us!

Your purchase proceeds and change donations this year have amounted to \$975 for the Red Cloud Indian School in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. The School is also grateful to you.

Although the Gift Shop will be closed during the weekend of December 28-29th, we welcome you back in January. Traditional house blessing kits will be available for the Feast of Epiphany on January 5th.

God bless you and your families during this most holy Christmas season!

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.

THE BELOVED DISCIPLE ST. JOHN



Readings for the Week

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29/Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc & 17/Mt 10:17-22
Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/ Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52



TRIVIA

Question: What are the names of the two Sacraments of Healing?

Answer on Page 3



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: _____

