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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

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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 Fe Roland Phil Ciavaglia Kim Rzucidlo **Bob DeSantis** 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 mansionen 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



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 Chili Mushroom) Chicken Large Soups Mixed Vegetable Spinach Northern beans Tuna

Pantry: **Gift Cards:** Garbanzo beans Aldi Grape jelly

Dollar Tree

Kroaer

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

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

hood 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

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.

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

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, "blessed" for two reasons, her mother- despite all the problems and difficul-

> ties that plague us. We become blessed, happy, and joyful in the measure that we are in contact with Jesus and trust in him.

dvent 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

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

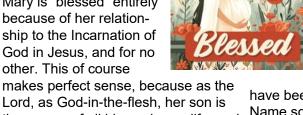
- **†** Deceased Members of the **Brotherton, Munoz & Zub** Families (by Family)
- + Josephine DeFilippi (by Family)
- t Carmela DiPaolo (by Family)
- † Carmen & Paul Saliba (by Family)
- **†** Rosemary & Edward Tylutki (by Family)

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)



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.



Stewardship & **Immaculate WEEK ENDING** Dec. 8 **Conception YEAR TO DATE OFFERTORY** 3.564.00 2.321.00 \$ 121.030.00 **ONLINE GIVING** 925.00 0.00 19,575.00 **ACTUAL** \$ 140,605.00 4,489.00 2,321.00 **BUDGET** \$ 138,000.00 6,000.00 0.00 **VARIANCE** \$ (1,511.00) 0.00 2,605.00

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
- ▶ It is an easy way for you to make a gift from one of your major assets.

HOW IT CAN BENEFIT YOU

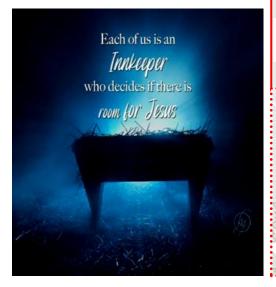
Before December 31, 2024 contact your IRA custodian and ask that your distribution be made as a charitable roll over to St. Kateri Church and to include your name and address with the gift. We encourage you to consult your own legal and tax professionals.





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

Answer on Page 3



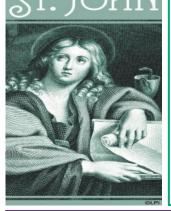
AROUND THE SHOP

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!



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-

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,

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

TO	RECOME	A MEMBER	OF OUR	PARISH	FAMILY
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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					
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NAME:					
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