



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 29, 2024

THE HOLY FAMILY

PASTOR

Rev. Terrence D. Kerner

DEACON

Rev. Mr. Tom Leonard

ORGANIST

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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.

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame

So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - SOLEMNITY OF MARY

MASSSES:

Dec. 31st, Tuesday 4:00 PM and Jan. 1st, Wednesday 10:00 AM

2024 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).



2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST

Please Print

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

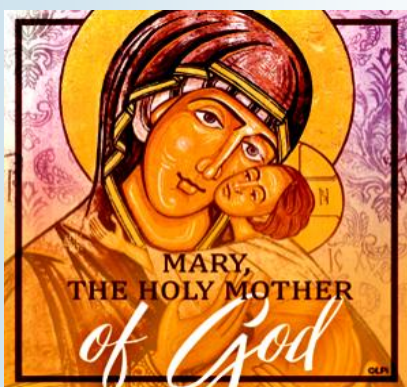
ENVELOPE: # _____ PHONE: _____

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
John Cassar	Patricia Nowak
Lena Castlevetere	Kevin O'Day
Phil Ciavaglia	Victoria Porter
Bob DeSantis	Fe Roland
Janice Dumas	Kim Rzucidlo
Rachele Esper	Stan Sajewski, Jr.
Esther Fonseca	Rose Mary
Delphine Gray	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	Lydia Yeghiazarian
Les Langlois	Bernice Zaja
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



2025 Christmas Tribute Late Arrivals

Clarke, Ernie	Sopchek Family
Clarke, Hilda	Sr. Mary Presentine
DallaVecchia Family	Ugrowski
DePoli Family	Terry, Richard
Hanson, Beverly	Ugrowski, Henrietta
Hanson, Walter	Ugrowski, Norbert
Kruse, Kenneth	Verville Family
Lieggio, Armando	Worrall, Andrew A.
Lieggio, Theresa	Worrall, Andrew J.
Newton Family	Worrall, Jeffrey
Ramos, Anthony	Zajac Family
Riopelle Family	Zombeck, John



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+25**”. 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 **25** refer to the year of the blessing. The letters are abbreviations of the Latin words, “**C**hristus **M**ansionem **B**enedicat” 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

MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEAR EVE & DAY

New Year’s Eve, Tuesday Dec. 31st Mass 4:00 PM
 New Year’s Day, Wednesday Jan. 1st Mass 10:00 AM

All in the Family

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

From Our Giving Tree Donations



The greatest gift is the joy of giving freely, for in sharing with others, we reflect God's love.

Pictures from Nativity Parish



News from the Food Pantry

Thank you all for your support of our pantry. In the month of November. We have served 171 families in need with 480 family members. Quite a busy month.

We are committed to continuing supporting our Neighbors In Need.

Thank you all for your generous support through the Meijers Simply Give Program. I will give a report as soon as we receive notice from Meijers on what we will receive in food cards.

I know we ask a lot, but our supplies are moving fast and the need is still high. In addition to food donations, monetary & Kroger, Aldi and Dollar Tree Gift cards would be greatly appreciated.

SVDP FOOD PANTRY

@St. Maria Goretti

Our needs for January

- Pasta noodles
- Spaghetti noodles
- Box stuffing
- au Gratin potatoes
- Mac and cheese
- Ramin noodles

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**.

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!

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.



Lector Schedule

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
December 31/ January 1**

Tuesday, December 31st, 4:00PM
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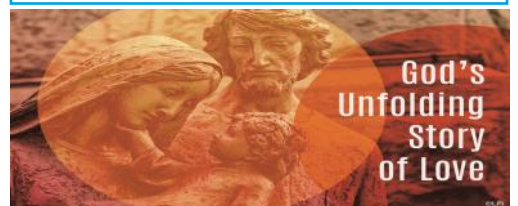
Wednesday, January 1st, 10:00 AM
Sebastian Hernandez

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 4/5

Saturday, January 4th, 4:00 PM
Christine Leonard

Sunday, January 5th, 9:00 AM
Janeen Bodary

Sunday, January 5th, 11:00 AM
Pam Lewis



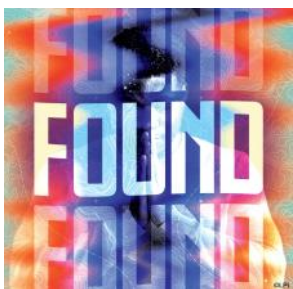
Trivia Answer from page 5:
The three kings who visited baby Jesus.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The Holy Family

As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, "Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us." I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God's grace, their love for each grew stronger and deeper as the years went by.

The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary "after three days found him in the temple area, sitting among the teachers..." (Luke 2:46). We don't know



specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: "Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss - just like every couple who has lost a child.

What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God's presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before.

— Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

For three days, Mary and Joseph search and worry before finding Jesus in the temple. "Didn't you know where I was?" he says to them, in so many words. We, too, look for Jesus. We, too, know where to find him. Let us never forget and never despair.

TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

In gratitude to the Lord, Hannah returned the gift of her son, Samuel. **Is there a gift from the Lord for which you are particularly grateful?**

Second Reading:

As children of God, John teaches us that believers should love one another and believe in the name of Jesus. **In addition to faith and love, what else do you think unites us as children of God?**

Gospel:

Luke presents an anxious experience that Mary and Joseph had as parents raising the young boy, Jesus. **Do you recall a time when your parents were worried or anxious about you?**



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

— Lk 2:51-52
Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 31st

St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
4:00 PM

† Jim Uniewski (by Carol Uniewski)

Wednesday, January 1st

Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace
10:00 AM

-/† Living & Deceased Members of the Benitez Family (by Family)

-/† Living & Deceased Members of the Meyer Family (by Anthony Meyer)

† Joseph Pulford (by Family)

Thursday, January 2nd

Saints. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
9:00 AM

† Hank Granowicz (by Lorraine Kwiecinski)

† Christopher Sassak (by Irene & Pat Bruen)

Friday, January 3rd

The Most Holy Name of Jesus
9:00 AM

- Sister Jean Horger, Health & Healing (by Friend)

- Judith Smith, Special Intention (by Friend)

Saturday, January 4th

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
4:00 PM

† Christine Attard (by Dan Bazner)

† Maria & Juan Benitez (by Family)

† Michael Leonetti (by Family)

† Jeffrey Meyer (by Anthony Meyer)

† Martha Wiczorek (by Diane Bartos)

Sunday, January 5th

The Epiphany of the Lord
9:00 AM

† Ken Kuzava (by Family)

† Frances Limpicki (by Gloria Koss)

† Christopher Sassak (by Virginia Cacicedo)

† Paul Sullivan (by Kathy)

11:00 AM

† Catherine Anderson (by Diane & Family)

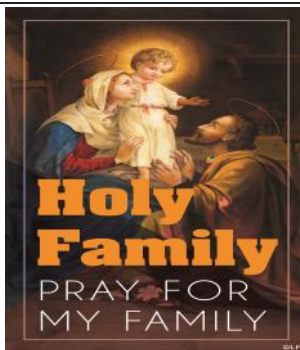
† Donald Anderson (by Diane & Family)

† Gerald Blaskie (by Sally Blaskie & Family)

† Michael Korzeniewski (by Diane Edmonds & Family)

Stewardship Report

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WEEK ENDING	Dec. 15	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 4,481.00	\$ 125,511.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ <u>1,150.00</u>	\$ <u>20,725.00</u>
ACTUAL	\$ 5,631.00	\$ 146,236.00
BUDGET	\$ <u>6,000.00</u>	\$ <u>144,000.00</u>
VARIANCE	\$ (369.00)	\$ 2,236.00

Rest in Peace

ANDRE PALARDY

Husband of Anna Palardy

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



TRIVIA

Question: According to tradition, who were Balthasar, Melchior, & Casper?

Answer on Page 3

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.

Bethlehem became a link between heaven and earth; God and man met there and looked each other in the face. In the taking of human flesh, the Father prepared it, the Spirit formed it, and the Son assumed it.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen



With joyful hearts we welcome newly baptized

EMILIO LEMUS VAZQUEZ

Son of Jesus Lemus and
Ladys Vasquez
December 14, 2024

Celebrant: Deacon Tomas Leonard

May the Lord give His angels charge over you, to guide you in all your ways.

Readings for the Week

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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