



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 8, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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.

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

By Michael Stechschulte

DETROIT - For more than 700 years, the Church's jubilees have marked "the passage of years and centuries" and "served as holy times in human history when we pause, pray, seek the Lord's pardon, and praise Him for His merciful grace," Detroit Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron said.

The year 2025 will be such a year for the universal Catholic Church.

On Dec. 24, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, inviting pilgrims from around the world to experience God's mercy and ushering in the Holy Year 2025 - a quarter-century celebration of grace, forgiveness and renewal - centered on the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope."

Archbishop Vigneron will celebrate the solemn opening of the jubilee in the Archdiocese of Detroit during an 11 a.m. Mass Sunday, Dec. 29, at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit.

The Church celebrates ordinary jubilees every 25 years, although extraordinary jubilees are sometimes proclaimed in the interim. The last extraordinary jubilee was in 2016, when Pope Francis proclaimed a "Year of Mercy," and the next one is likely to take place in 2033, when the Church marks the 2,000th anniversary of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection.

The last ordinary jubilee - although it was anything but ordinary - took place in 2000, when Pope St. John Paul II led the Church into the new millennium during the Great Jubilee.

The tradition of jubilee years goes back to biblical times, when "God instructed the children of Israel through Moses to count every fiftieth year as sacred (Lev 25:10)," Archbishop Vigneron explained in a new pastoral note, "Our Pilgrimage of Hope," released Nov. 30 in preparation for the jubilee year.

"The biblical jubilee year was a sacred time in which the Israelites, freed from slavery, would proclaim liberty to captives and forgiveness to debtors; people returned to family and homeland as a way of recalling that the simplest bonds in life are often the most essential; and people renewed their trust in God by letting the land lay fallow and relying solely on what God provided (see Lev 25:11-13; 20-22)," Archbishop Vigneron wrote.

In 1470, Pope Paul II established the practice of celebrating jubilees every 25 years, instead of 50, in order to allow more people to experience a Holy Year within their lifetimes.

Jubilee years in the Church are characterized by their extraordinary focus on God's mercy, especially through the expanded availability of the sacrament of confession and the offering of indulgences, Archbishop Vigneron said.

Jubilees also frequently take on the character of a pilgrimage - either physical or spiritual - offering opportunities for the faithful to undertake a journey rooted in faith, he added.

"By making our way through the busy world, pilgrim journeys help us to appreciate the beauty of creation, recall the need for silence and recollection, form friendships with fellow travelers, and seek Christ, who is the way (John 14:6) and the gateway (John 10:9) to eternal life, in every encounter and situation.

(continued next week)

DECEMBER 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	Chris Zelasko
Les Langlois	

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. 14/15

Saturday, December 14th, 4:00PM

Theresa Jordan

Sunday, December 15th, 9:00 AM

Margaret Skora

Sunday, December 15th, 11:00 AM

Pam Lewis

Celebrating December's Super Seniors (80 and over) Birthdays



Wishing you all the best for your special birthday ...and every day you continue to bless this parish.

December Birthdays:

Esperanza Aguirre, Ambrosio Balino, Mary Ann Bardelli, Rose Brunetti, Filippo Ciavaglia, Lucia Gliese, Joann Grubb, Barbara Kubicek, Carole Kulwicki, Michael Mountain, Valentina O'Brien, Victoria Porter, and Leonard Schabath

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!

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



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



Saturday, December 14th 5:00pm

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!

Immaculate Conception

"Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!" December 8th is one of our feasts celebrating Mary - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began with work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!



**Immaculate Conception Mass
December 9, Monday at Noon**

All in the Family

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



All Giving Tree unwrapped gifts and donations **MUST** be in by **Sunday, December 8th!**

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Private Confessions:

Saturdays at 3:00 PM

Communal Penance Service

(with private confession)

Saturday, December 21 at 11:00 AM

Christmas Liturgies:

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

Wednesday, December 25th 10:00 AM

Note: January 4, 2025 resumes the regular weekend schedule

Saturday at 4:00 pm,

Sunday at 9:00 & 11:00 am.

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!



A CHRISTMAS SEASON PRAYER

Dear God, as the Christmas season rushes around us, I pray for the grace to slow down and truly

appreciate the meaning of this special time.

Help me to quiet the noise and focus on the simple joys of your love, the gift of family, and the peace of your presence.

Guide me to prioritize what truly matters and to savor each moment, not getting caught up in the hustle and bustle.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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.

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** with a **double day on December 14th**.

SVDP FOOD PANTRY

@St. Maria Goretti

Our needs for December

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

<u>Pantry:</u>	<u>Gift Cards:</u>
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**.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

In the year 1995, in the seven-teenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.



Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our *history*, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious lead-

ers who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come." *Fr. John Muir*

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when **"the word of God came to John the Baptist:"** Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

John the Baptist was appointed to prepare the way for the Lord. This Advent, follow his example and prepare the way for the Lord. Invite the Lord to make straight the roads in your life that wind, and to smooth all that is rough in your heart.

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

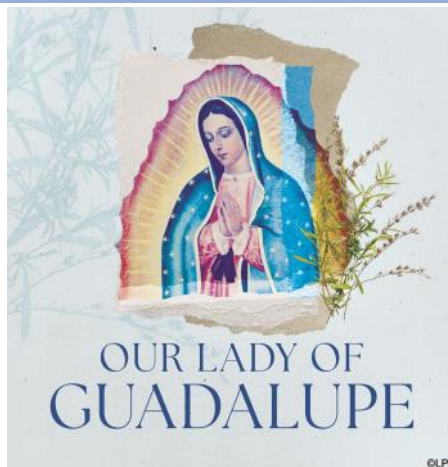
The prophet Baruch offers the Israelites in Babylonian exile a vision of hope in which their broken relationship with God will be fully restored. **Is there a broken relationship you could help heal this Advent season?**

Second Reading:

Paul prays with joy over the partnership he experiences with the believers in Phillipi. **What relationships in your life bring you joy?**

Gospel:

Luke is careful to place the activities of John the Baptist in their proper historical and political context, showing how God acts in human history. **Can you think of a time in your personal history when you felt God present?**



Prayer of Preparation

With abiding hope as we look forward to Jesus' arrival —Make straight the paths, Lord! Fill us with holy excitement, in Your name. Amen.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 9th

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Noon

- Parishioners of St. Kateri

Tuesday, December 10th

Our Lady of Loreto

6:40 PM

† James E. Doran (by Zell Family)

† Tom Powaser (by Family)

Wednesday, December 11th

St. Damasus I, Pope

9:00 AM

† Joseph Pulford (by Family)

- Judith Smith, Special Intention (by Fr. Kerner)

Thursday, December 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 AM

† Ray Escobedo (by Family)

† Gladys Wardell (by Joan & Brian)

Friday, December 13th

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

9:00 AM

† For the Poor Souls in Purgatory (by Paula Goodrich)

Saturday, December 14th

St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

4:00 PM

† Maria & Juan Benitez (by Family)

† Joe Gasidlo (by Family)

† Marie & Augnus MacPhal (by Family)

† Maria Medrano & Consuelo Petersen (by Family)

† Rod Rodriguez (by Family)

Sunday, December 15th

3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM

† Jenny Cincori (by Sandra Mesara)

† James E. Doran (by Zell Family)

† Kathy Moore (by Sandra Mesara)

† Holy Souls in Purgatory (by Paula Goodrich)

11:00 AM

† Christine Attard (by Phil Ciavaglia)

† Vera Ciavaglia (by Family)

† Mae Rose (by Denise Rose)

- Deacon Chris Jaskowiec, Health & Healing (by Gloria Koss)

Stewardship Report

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WEEK ENDING	Nov. 24	Dec. 1	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 5,523.00	\$ 4,662.00	\$ 117,466.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ <u>625.00</u>	\$ <u>1,225.00</u>	\$ <u>18,650.00</u>
ACTUAL	\$ 6,148.00	\$ 5,887.00	\$ 136,116.00
BUDGET	\$ <u>6,000.00</u>	\$ <u>6,000.00</u>	\$ <u>132,000.00</u>
VARIANCE	\$ 148.00	\$ (113.00)	\$ 4,116.00

Rest in Peace

CHRISTOPHER SASSAK

Husband of Kristine Sassak

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

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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 BIBLE SUMMIT

Sunday, January 25th, 2025, 10:00am-4:15pm

Discover the richness of God's Word! Dive into the Bible with dynamic Catholic presenters at this one-day conference, as we celebrate Word of God Sunday. Choose from talks that reveal...

- modern leadership lessons from the Bible
- how to answer tough questions about seven day creation
- models of evangelization for a hostile culture
- scriptural insights for human sexuality.

Get answers to your tough questions during Bible Q&A with a panel of experts!

The Bible Summit is being hosted by the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan at Holy Family in Novi. Registration is \$35, including lunch. Registration deadline is January 16th; register online at cbsmich.org/biblesummit or call/text 586-438-3085.

Readings for the Week

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
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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: _____