



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.**

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

PASTOR

Rev. Terrence D. Kerner

DEACON

Rev. Mr. Tom Leonard

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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,

On page two of this week's bulletin is some very sad news. Deacon Tom describes his cancer and the medical implications for treatment. Deacon intends to continue his ministry to us as long as possible. Certainly, as he describes it, there will be a period of time that he will be absent. Deacon Tom is displaying incredible courage and powerful faith these days. He attributes his attitude to prayer and the certainty of our support for him. Any cards or personal messages for him can be placed in the offering boxes in church.

Deacon Tom is intensely committed to serving the sick and homebound of the parish. People love his visiting and offering the Eucharist to them. For a while this ministry will have to be suspended unless parishioners come forward to continue this corporal work of mercy. I am asking you to consider being a part of this ministry to the degree you are able. Simply contact the parish office or drop a note in the offering box. We will be contacting you. Certainly I will work with you & help you to be comfortable making the communion calls. Not only will you be bringing Christ to our homebound but also your faithful love for them. This new parish ministry will be titled "Christophers" for obvious reasons.

Our Family of Parishes (St. Alphonsus-St. Clement, St. Barbara, St. Kateri, St. Maria Goretti) has only three deacons to serve us. Sadly, we learned last week Deacon Regis Buckley of St. Maria Goretti is battling lung cancer. Our third deacon is Larry Girard and is 106 years old - the oldest deacon in the United States. God has blessed us with these good men to serve the Church through their parish ministry. May we bless them with our grateful and hopeful prayers!

With Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent not too far off it is appropriate to think about how you may want to observe this holy season. There are plenty of different ways of doing so. Think of a few that will help you discover and rededicate your life to God, your family and your parish.

On a final note, enjoy the Super Bowl and don't let Taylor Swift get in the way of watching some good football!



FEBRUARY

PRAYER LIST

Norma Jean Bak	Patricia Lambert
Colleen Barston	Les Langlois
Ana Bautista	Dcn Tom Leonard
Kathy Brown	Joan Lewandowski
Kevin Brown	Marcella Linda
Irene Bruen	Marie Maurees
Rusty Burrell	Anne Munir
John Cassar	Patricia Nowak
Lena Castlevetere	Victoria Porter
Phil Ciavaglia	Gail Remily
Bob DeSantis	Dean Rodriguez
Janice Dumas	Stan Sajewski, Jr.
Toby Edgell	Rose Mary
Rachele Esper	Schimizzi
Esther Fonseca	Deborah Slowik
Delphine Gray	Kelly Sobon
Mary Hepler	Rob Sobon
Emily Hudson	Nicholas Stefan
Fr. Terry Kerner	Roy Swift
Christine Kowalski	Susan Swift
Stan Kozlowicz	Lydia Yeghiazarian
Anthony Kuras	Bernice Ziaja
John Krzyston	



Loving God, we celebrate St. Kateri Tekakwitha, "Lily of the Mohawks," as one of Your Son's most faithful fol-

lowers. Through St. Kateri's powerful intercession, we confidently ask You to grant to those we have named above your healing and peace. We ask this through Your risen Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Word, Who lives with You forever and ever. Amen.

THE DEACON IS "SPEAKIN"

I want to share with you my health situation. For some time, I have had trouble eating and holding down solid food. It was determined that I have esophageal cancer. It appears to be localized in the esophagus.

The first phase of my chemotherapy will commence on February 12th through the end of March (4 total treatments). Four to eight weeks following this series of chemotherapy, I will have surgery to remove my entire esophagus. Four to six weeks after I am released from the hospital, I will begin phase two of my chemotherapy over a period of two months (4 total treatments). So, perhaps in September or October, I will have completed my cancer treatment and hopefully get a clear bill of health.

The usual side effects are not feeling well, being nauseous, hair loss, fatigue, and sensitivity to cold. There are far worse side effects which are possible but not probable.

I intend to continue my Diaconate responsibilities as I am able.

Please keep me in your prayers, especially that any side-effects which I might experience be more of the "garden variety" type, than the more serious possibilities. Too, please keep Christine in your prayers. I have a great team of doctors, all of which I have consulted with, at Henry Ford Hospital's Cancer Institute in Detroit.

I feel fine, now, though I am restricted to a liquid diet. It will be a great adventure going through this with the Lord. I am looking forward to, by grace, deepening my faith, knowledge and intimacy with Jesus Christ.

God Bless You,
Dcn. Tom



March 1st, Saturday 5:00 pm
Polish Dinner.
Tickets will be sold soon.

St. Kateri Parish Gift & Book Shop

Rosaries, prayer cards, books, Bibles, gifts, jewelry, greeting cards, wind chimes and more...

Open before and after weekend Masses.
Proceeds go to the Parish and Red Cloud Indian School.



Lector Schedule

WEEKEND OF FEB 15/16
Saturday, February 15th, 4:00 PM
Therese Terns
Sunday, February 16th, 9:00 AM
Janine Bodary
Sunday, February 16th, 11:00 AM
Sebastian Hernandez

Eucharistic Ministers

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.

The Holy Family
February dedicated to



All in the Family

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

SVDP FOOD PANTRY

@St. Maria Goretti

OUR NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY

Basics:

Cooking Oil Mayonnaise
Ketchup Mustard

Canned Fruit:

Mixed Fruit Pears
Peaches Pineapple

Other:

Pancake Mix Pasta Sauce

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**.



World Day of the Sick is an annual observation introduced by John Paul II. It is also the liturgical commemoration of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes, with an especially solemn celebration taking place every 3 years at a Marian shrine.

SIX MEN & WOMEN OF AFRICAN DESCENT ON THE ROAD TO SAINTHOOD

Venerable Pierre Toussaint (1776-1853) was born a slave in Haiti. Philanthropist & Founder of many Catholic charitable works.

Venerable Mother Mary Lange, (1784-1882) was the foundress and first Superior General of the Oblate Sisters of Providence (1829-1832), the first congregation of African American women religious in the history of the Catholic Church.

Venerable Henriette Delille (1813-1862) was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, where she lived all of her life. She was determined to help those in need for the love of Jesus and for the sake of the Gospel.

Fr. Augustus Tolton(1854-1897) was the first Roman Catholic priest in the United States publicly known to be black when he was ordained in 1886.

Julia Greeley (Birth between 1833 to 1848-1918) was born into slavery, at Hannibal, Missouri. Freed by Missouri's Emancipation Act in 1865, Julia subsequently earned her keep by serving white families in Missouri, Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico-though mostly in the Denver area

Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA (1937-1990) was a self-proclaimed, "old folks' child". She is acclaimed a "holy woman" in the hearts of those who knew and loved her and continue to seek her intercession for guidance.

Mini Reflection: What does it mean to lower your net? It means to listen to God, even when you don't understand Him. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you.

DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED! – CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

St. Patrick's Breastplate, Explained

St. Patrick's Breastplate (sometimes called The Lorica of St. Patrick) is an ancient Irish prayer attributed to St. Patrick. The prayer first appears in the *Liber Hymnorum*, an 11th-century collection of Irish and Latin hymns, where it is said that Patrick sang these words when he was besieged by the anti-Christian chieftain Lóegaire.

The prayer's most famous excerpt contains an invocation that Christ be "with me, before me, behind me, beneath me, above me, on my right, on my left, when I lie down, when I sit down, in the heart of every man who thinks of me, in the mouth of every man who speaks of me, in the eye that sees me, in the ear that hears me." The prayer's complete version can be divided into eleven sections, each calling upon different elements of divine protection, binding those who recite it to the strength of the Trinity.

The full prayer can be found at:

<https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/breastplate-of-saint-patrick/>

THINGS TO PONDER

Hate is too great a burden to bear. It injures the hater more than it injures the hated.

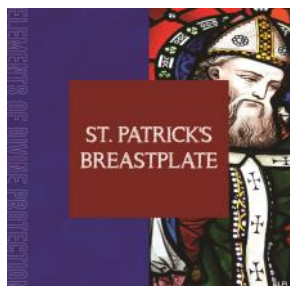
—Coretta Scott King

For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.

—Nelson Mandela

Trivia Answer from page 5:

Fátima, Portugal.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

My parents' garage is full of old junk that no longer serves any purpose in my life. As a 46-year-old man, I admit that's pretty lame. Either due to my sentimentality or laziness (or both, probably), I just couldn't get myself to throw things away. But a few days ago, by a grace of God, I thought: "I'll hire my nephew Ryan to throw a bunch of my stuff away — he couldn't care less about my junk!" And you know what? It worked. In one day, Ryan chucked the majority of his uncle's useless stuff. I feel so free, ready for a new junk-free chapter in my life.



This kind of thing happens in this Sunday's Gospel. Peter's net is full of useless junk. Luke says he and the others are cleaning their nets after catching no fish. Imagine them deject-

edly and impatiently removing a nasty assortment of seaweed, sticks and muck. The Lord teaches and calls them once their nets are cleared out. So it goes with us. Spiritual life begins by removing that which is useless and merely taking up space in our hearts, minds and lives. Then Jesus teaches and acts in a marvelous way in our lives, too.

So what's junking up your net? What habits, attachments, possessions, preoccupations? If, like me, you struggle to clean your nets by yourself, ask the Lord to send you someone like my nephew to be your "Peter" and help you clean it out. It is well worth it. Once Peter's net is clean, he is free to make a wonderful catch.

— Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"I am a sinful man," says Simon Peter as he falls to his knees before Jesus. He had doubted the Lord, had hesitated to follow his instructions. How often can the same be said of us? Remember that God knows the outcome. He knows our nets will be filled. Do not be afraid.

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Gospel Question: In Jesus' call of the first disciples, we see Peter's obedience and humility. **How might you put these virtues into practice this week?**

1st Reading Question: Isaiah eagerly accepted God's call to serve once his sin was removed. **What helps you be open to serve others?**

2nd Reading Question: Paul reminds the Corinthians of the Gospel message he proclaimed to them about Jesus's death and resurrection appearances. **What do you think makes preaching successful?**

Prayer When Facing the Unknown

Dear Jesus,
When you call me to places where I am unfamiliar, be with me.

When you invite me to a mission I feel ill-equipped to handle, give me your strength.

Help me to leave everything and follow you.

Amen

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 11th

Our Lady of Lourdes

6:40 PM

- † Lofton Greene (by Gloria Koss)
- † Marc Wais (by Family)

Wednesday, February 12th

9:00 AM

- † Alfred Zadrozny (by Family)

Thursday, February 13th

9:00 AM

- † Joseph Czapski (by Nancy & Bob Sliwinski)
- † Dorothy Nouhan (by Gloria Koss)
- † Sara Stuk (by Family)

Friday, February 14th

Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day

9:00 AM

- † Josephine DeFilippi (by Family)

Saturday, February 15th

4:00 PM

- † Christine Attard (by Maria Caretti)
- † George Dressler (by Wife)
- † Rita Durfy (by Family)
- † Josephine Luna (by Family)
- † Carmen & Paul Saliba (by Family)

Sunday, February 16th

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM

- † Diane Catallo (by Mary & Matt Masley)
- † Debbie Elkins (by Lucia Gliese)
- † Salvatore LaMacchia (by Betty Polidori)

11:00 AM

- † Vera Ciavaglia (by Family)
- † Carl Cinzori (by Diane Vogel)
- † Mary, Feliks & Robert Turek (by Son/Brother)
- † Rocco Zuccaro (by Family)



Stewardship Report

WEEK ENDING	Feb 2	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 4,496.00	\$ 162,897.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 985.00	\$ 27,480.00
ACTUAL	\$ 5,481.00	\$ 190,377.00
BUDGET	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 186,000.00
VARIANCE	\$ (519.00)	\$ 4,377.00



Rest in Peace

ANTHONY SERAZIO

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

TRIVIA CHALLENGE CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Where did three children witness six apparitions of Mary, Mother of God in 1917?

Answer on Page 3.

Dear St. Kateri Parishioners,

We, at Nativity of Our Lord, thank you for your generosity and your continued support of our Christmas Assistance Program. We filled the parish minivan and another SUV with household items, clothes and toys and had to come back as more items came back. As always, Therese made sure everything ran smoothly.



Over the week of December 10, families picked up their "Christmas" at our church. They received food boxes which included fresh produce, canned goods, ham and fresh bread. They also received gifts of clothing and toys for the children and gift cards to use as they needed. The families are so appreciative that they don't have to worry about Christmas for their children.

Our 48213-zip code is one of the biggest and poorest in the city of Detroit and there are very few resources to help those in need. Being one of the few places offering assistance means our Christmas Program is vital to the neighborhood. Without help from groups like yours, we would struggle to keep up with the need.

We thank you for your assistance and ask God to bless you for your generosity.

Peace and Love in Christ, Fr. Christopher Talbot

"What do you get when your cross Sherlock Holmes and a Marian apparition?"



"The mysteries of the Rosary!"

FUN FACT!

During the month of February, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Many years ago, in a small town in France, Mary appeared to a young girl named Bernadette and declared herself to be the "Immaculate Conception."

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

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.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

U. S. Air Force
Diamond Knight
Kathleen Lyons
Teresa Lyons
Timothy Lyons
Connor Plate

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

U. S. Navy
Anthony Baldwin
Brendan Burns
Conor Burns
James Donahue
Jacob Fader
Ben LePage
James Smith
Rob Swales
Alex West

National Guard (Army)
Joey Enright