

THE DEACON IS SPEAKIN’

I am writing to thank you for your many prayers, cards, notes and well-wishes, as I go through my esophageal cancer treatment and to bring you up-to-date on my health. I will have my 3rd and 4th chemotherapy treatments in the 2nd and 4th weeks of March, respectively. Sometime later, I will have surgery scheduled to remove my esophagus, followed by recovery and continued chemotherapy.

The side effects of the treatment are principally fatigue, malaise, pressure headaches, thinking as though through molasses, and neuropathy. These symptoms intensify with subsequent treatments.

The good news is that, for the most part, within a week after each chemotherapy, I am feeling much better. Further, the chemo is slowing down and shrinking the tumor, permitting me to begin eating solid foods. Lastly, I am now able to gain weight, with the insertion of a feeding tube being removed from consideration. I attribute all this, in no small part, to your prayers, for which I am very grateful.

Spiritually, as I pray and ponder God’s Word and teaching, it seems to be taking on a new clarity, reality and profundity, more so than any mathematical or scientific truth or fact of life. Secondly, I am growing to surrender personal desires and agendas to God, and to be happy and satisfied with what the Lord is permitting. I attribute this, again, to your prayers and the grace which this illness is permitting.

Finally, I am blessed by Fr. Terry’s example of “ministerial grit” in the face of his own medical challenges, and his pastoral watchfulness over me. Thank you once more for your kindness and repeated prayers on my and Christine’s behalf.

JOIN US FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS ALL FRIDAYS DURING LENT @ NOON

March 14 We will be praying the Stations of the Cross for Healing



“The way of the cross is the most important moment of Jesus’ life – for him, and for us. The cross turns pain into love. And love is the fullness of life.” With these words, Father. David Knight invites us to journey to the cross with Jesus as a way to heal our own pain, grief and woundedness.



Lector Schedule

WEEKEND OF MARCH 15/16

Saturday, March 15th, 4:00PM
Gloria Koss

Sunday, March 16th, 9:00 AM
Janine Bodary

Sunday, March 16th, 11:00 AM
Barb Hartman



Join us as we watch
“The Chosen” Season 4
Sundays: March 9, 16 and 30
at 12 noon

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Norma Jean Bak
Colleen Barston
Ana Bautista
Kathy Brown
Kevin Brown
Irene Bruen

Rusty Burrell
John Cassar
Lena Castlevetere
Phil Ciavaglia
Michelle Ciccarelli
Bob DeSantis
Janice Dumas
Toby Edgell
Rachele Esper
Esther Fonseca

Delphine Gray
Mary Hepler
Emily Hudson
Fr. Terry Kerner
Christine Kowalski
Stanley Kozlowicz
Anthony Kuras
John Krzyston
Patricia Lambert
Les Langlois

Dcn Tom Leonard
Joan Lewandowski
Marcella Linda
Marie Maurees
Anne Munir
Patricia Nowak
Victoria Porter
Gail Remily
Dean Rodriguez
Stan Sajewski, Jr.

Rose Mary Schimizzi
Deborah Slowik
Kelly Sobon
Rob Sobon
Nicholas Stefan
Roy Swift
Susan Swift
Joseph Winslow Sr.
Lydia Yeghiazarian
Bernice Ziaja

All in the Family

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

What is Catholic Social Teaching?

Catholic social teaching refers to the Church's perspectives on building a just society, originating from Sacred Scripture and articulated through a tradition of Church documents. It is grounded in and founded upon the dignity of the human person, which proclaims that God created human beings out of love and in His image and likeness, thus endowing them with an innate and inherent dignity.

All other Catholic principles flow from and are founded upon human dignity. Other core concepts of Catholic social teaching include solidarity, which recognizes that as one human family, we have a responsibility to each other; as well as a preferential option for the poor, which calls for putting the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

Upholding the Dignity of Human Life

Each person possesses an inherent dignity is willed, created, and loved by God. In every circumstance, state, or situation the teaching—which informs MCC's advocacy human dignity, which first begins with son's right to life. To uphold and protect son, MCC supports:

- Recognizing and protecting the value of every person's life from conception to natural death.
- Defending the elderly, the ill, those with disabilities, and vulnerable populations by upholding Michigan's statutory ban on assisted suicide.
- Initiatives and pregnancy care programs that provide and expand alternatives to abortion, as well as assist pregnant and parenting women with prenatal, postpartum, and adoption services, including state support of pregnancy resource centers.
- Eliminating abortion and promoting the health and safety of women.
- Prohibiting or regulating policies that violate the dignity of the human person and the sanctity of human life, including embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, and surrogacy.
- Reducing violence in society, regulating access to guns, and increasing access to mental health and addiction treatment.
- Expanding and improving end-of-life care until a person's natural death.
- Supporting the authentic nature of the human person and recognizing the inherent biological differences between males and females, with particular attention to gender ideology.
- Addressing racial injustice and promoting racial harmony.
- Policies that address the potential benefits and threats posed by the utilization of Artificial Intelligence

REMEMBER . . .
Catholics ages 14 and older are to abstain from meat all Fridays during Lent.



This weekend there is the collection for the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. Your contribution restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection.

Mini Reflection: The devil knows that Jesus is human, so he uses all the best tricks he has for getting humans to break. The devil will try these things with us, too - this Lent, and throughout our lives. But how can we resist? We're only human. What do we have that the devil doesn't have?



**K of C Fish Fry
At St. Maria Goretti**
Every Friday of Lent
4pm—7 pm



**SACRED HEART SCHOOL
ANNUAL TIN CAN RAFFLE!**
Luck of the Irish
MARCH 14-16
100 + TIN CAN RAFFLE BASKETS
Plus Legacy Cash Raffle with a \$5,000 Grand Prize!!
Drawings Sunday at 2pm!
SACRED HEART PARISH HALL
22430 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, MI

RAFFLE HOURS
FRIDAY 3PM TO 7PM
SATURDAY 9AM TO 6PM
SUNDAY 8AM TO 1PM

Trivia Answer from page 5:
Matthew.

SVDP FOOD PANTRY
@St. Maria Goretti
Our needs for March:

Dollar Store:
Bar Hand Soap Shampoo
Deodorant Woman' Razors

Food:
Raisin Bran 1lb Bags of
Honey Bunches White Rice
of Oats Knorr Products

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**.

**EUTHANASIA AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE:
MORAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS, FRIDAY, MARCH 28 at 7 PM
ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA CATHOLIC CHURCH,
16101 ROTUNDA DRIVE, DEARBORN, MI 48120**

Two speakers will address this threat to human life and dignity:



Jason B. Negri, MS, E-mail: jason@jasonnegri.com
ATTORNEY: A member of the State Bar of Michigan since 2003, Negri's solo practice specializes in transactional law, wills & trusts and small business needs. He is a member of the Estate Planning & Probate section, and is a co-founder of the Religious Liberty Law section of the Bar.

AUTHOR: Negri has written articles which have appeared in Faith magazine, Crisis Magazine Online, and Columbia, the monthly magazine of the Knights of Columbus. He co-authored the booklet Freedom to Flourish: A Catholic Analysis of Doctor-Prescribed Suicide and Euthanasia, published in 2011 by the Knights of Columbus as part of their Veritas series. He also authored the booklet Twenty Answers on End-of-Life Issues, published in 2014 by Catholic Answers, Inc.

EDUCATOR AND SPEAKER: Negri has taught courses in Business Law and Education Law as an adjunct professor at Concordia University in Ann Arbor, MI, at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. He has also taught both Civics and Intro to Law on the high school level. He speaks nationally on the practical and ethical aspects of end-of-life issues, and has provided workshops and training to those seeking to improve their ability to effectively communicate these issues.

MEMBERSHIPS: Negri is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. He has served on the boards of two different charter public schools in South-east Michigan, and is the elected Treasurer of Hamburg Township in Michigan, where he resides with his wife Samantha and their children.

Robert Fastiggi (A.B. Dartmouth, Ph.D Fordham) holds the Bishop M. Kevin Britt Chair of Dogmatic Theology and Christology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, MI where he has taught since 1999. He previously taught at St. Edward's University in Austin, TX (1985—1999). He was the co-editor of the English translation of the 43rd edition of Denzinger-Hünermann, Compendium of Creeds, Definitions, and Declarations on Matters of Faith and Morals (Ignatius Press, 2012) and the executive editor of the 2009-2013 supplements to the New Catholic Encyclopedia. He is a council member of the Mariological Society of America and a member of PAMI, the Pontifical Marian Academy International (Pontificia Academia Mariana Internationalis).



Around the Shop

Lent isn't just about "giving up." Lent is also about "growing up" and deepening our relationship with God. We grow by praying more, doing good deeds, reading spiritual books, etc. Modern media such as trusted videos, podcasts and music can also "fertilize" our spiritual lives.

That is where "The Chosen" video series comes in. Join us in watching Season 4 of "The Chosen" beginning Sunday, March 2nd at 12 noon. Two episodes of Season 4 will be shown the Sundays of March 9, 16 and 30. The videos will be shown in the St. Kateri Parish Center (St. Martha classroom). There is no charge.

And don't forget to stop by the Gift Shop to check out our selection of spiritual books, Bibles, sacramentals, gifts and more. The shop also carries St. Patrick and St. Joseph Day cards along with RCIA and Easter cards and gifts.

Have a blessed Lent!

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 11th

6:40 PM

- † George Dressler (by Wife)
- † Charles Wardell (by Joan & Brian)

Wednesday, March 12th

9:00 AM

- Dr & Mrs Kevin O'Donnell, Special Intention (by Doina)

Thursday, March 13th

9:00 AM

- † Alan Konkel (by Family)
- Deacon Tom, Health & Healing (by Mary Anne Sulkey)

Friday, March 14th

9:00 AM

- Deacon Tom & Family, Special Intention (by Gloria Koss)

Saturday, March 15th

4:00 PM

- † John Danaj (by Family)
- † Pina Gabbeart (by Friends)
- † Lina Herring (by Dolores Borg-Niemiec)
- † Barbara Meyer (by Tony Meyer)
- † Dorothy Nouhan (by Gloria Koss)
- † Ann Uicker (by Family)

Sunday, March 16th

2nd Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM

- † Audrey Drozdowski (by Jakubowicz Family)
- Deacon Tom, Health & Healing (by Cataldo Family)

11:00 AM

- † Christine Attard (by Maria Caretti)
- † Nancy & Ronald Caretti (by Maria Caretti)
- † Arleen J. Zalewski (by Family)



Stewardship Report

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WEEK ENDING	Mar 2	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 6,252.00	\$ 183,875.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 1,135.00	\$ 31,440.00
ACTUAL	\$ 7,387.00	\$ 215,315.00
BUDGET	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 210,000.00
VARIANCE	\$ 1,387.00	\$ 5,315.00

St. Joseph's Helpers which is a nonprofit organization, founded on Christian values, composed of men & women who volunteer their time and talents to provide those in need with basic home maintenance and repairs. Their ministry's focus is on the elderly, disabled, and those who just need a helping hand.

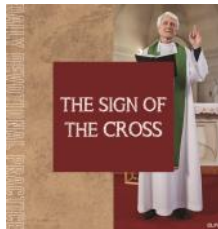


For more information contact Rayna Bennet at 313-900-5235

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

The Sign of the Cross

Christians have been making the sign of the cross since ancient times. It is not only an important component of formal liturgies and sacramental rites, but also a daily devotional practice whereby the faithful invoke the blessing and protection of God



The Making of a Saint: Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk

You are cordially invited to a presentation by **Fr. Joseph Daoust, S.J.** Episcopal Delegate for the Diocesan Investigation of his Cause

Sunday, March 23, 2025, 12 noon
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish Center
16101 Rotunda Drive, Dearborn
 (between Southfield and Greenfield Roads)

Nicholas Black Elk was a participant in the battles of Little Big Horn and Wounded Knee. He performed with the Buffalo Bill Show in Europe and danced before Queen Victoria. But he was also a visionary and Lakota medicine man. He became an extraordinarily effective Catholic catechist as well as a revered advocate of Lakota spirituality.

What might make him the second Native American Saint?

Our Presenter, Fr. Joseph Daoust, recently completed a decade as Superior of the Jesuits ministering with the Lakota in South Dakota. He came to appreciate the rich spiritual traditions of the Lakota, especially through learning about the remarkable life and teachings of Nicholas Black Elk (c.1865-1950). The Bishop of Rapid City appointed Fr. Joe as Episcopal Delegate to lead the diocesan investigation of Black Elk's life and holiness, the results of which are now in the Vatican where the Cause for Black Elk's Canonization is ongoing. In his previous assignments, Fr. Daoust has worked in Rome, taught at the University of Detroit, and been Provincial Superior of the Detroit Province of Jesuits.

Watch a film on Nicholas Black Elk at www.rapidcitydiocese.org/black-elk-home

Free will donations will benefit Red Cloud Indian School on the Pine Ridge Reservation, SD

TRIVIA

Question: What is the name of the first book of the New Testament?

Answer on Page 3

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36



Online Giving

It is so easy! Give it a try!

There are many ways for you to give to St. Kateri Church, including one-time gifts, online recurring giving and, of course, at Mass.

Creating an account will enable you to:

- Save and manage your preferred method of giving.
- Make one-time or recurring contributions.
- View your online giving history.

To set up your account go to our website stkateridearborn.org and select **ONLINE GIVING**.