



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.**

AUGUST 24, 2025

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

by Fr. Terry Kerner

Summer is over and it has gone by so quickly. We now focus on Autumn and all the beauty and color of the days ahead. Hopefully we will be experiencing cooler and less humid days without smoke from Canada.

The school year has begun, and we are looking forward to another year of collaborating with St. Maria Goretti, St. Alphonsus-St. Clement and ourselves with the Family Faith Formation Program. The program is the religious education program for K - 8. Sessions are every Monday from 5:30 - 7:00 at St. Kateri. The program this year begins on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th AT 5:30**. Parents **must be** present with their students for Orientation and Registration. **FIRST TIME** Families and children **NEED THEIR BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES**. The Confirmation Program is a two-year preparation and can accommodate a high schooler. All students will be assigned a grade appropriate for their age, experience in a religious formation program and family religious practices. During class time parents are strongly urged to participate in the Parent faith enhancement program. Please realize that the Family Faith Program invites participation by all families regardless of their current practice of the Catholic Faith or marital status. Any question of eligibility can be confidently directed to Deacon Tom or myself.

Young Adults and older considering Baptism and Confirmation are invited to enter the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) which begins in October. (Last Easter this program saw 19 adults confirmed-average age 24 years old.) Early registration and information can be made by calling St. Kateri Parish Office (313.336.3227).

St. Kateri is most generous in so many ways, and it is good for all to know that. Our annual CSA collected 152% of its target from 199 donors, 42% of the parish. This is a much higher participation rate than most parishes. The money which still is coming in and what will remain in the parish totals \$25,100. Thank you to all who are contributing to the success! At the same time, we have been asked to collect funds for the work of Catholic Relief Services in supplying food for the people of Gaza. Any donation can be made in the offertory, by mail or directly to the parish office. And if your financial support is not enough, know that Blood Drive last week, with 19 donors, is estimated to help impact 57 lives in our community. Again, **THANK YOU** to all who give in so many ways.

Have a great week!

Lector Schedule



WEEKEND OF AUG 30/31

Saturday, Aug 30th, 4:00 PM
Theresa Jordan

Sunday, Aug 31st, 9:00 AM
Michael Magnone

Sunday, Aug 31st, 11:00 AM
Barb Hartman

OUTDOOR ROSARY EVERY MONDAY THRU OCTOBER Monday evenings at 6 PM

Come join us at the Blessed Mother's Shrine.

(Behind the church) to say the rosary.



You may wish to bring a lawn chair if you need to be seated.



ATTENTION LADIES OF ST. KATERI PARISH

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS RETREAT CENTER (at 23333 Schoolcraft) is offering a weekend retreat for woman September 12th-14th 2025. This year's theme- Navigating Turbulent Waters

Life is often unpredictable; in scripture, the disciples knew this well: caught in storms, fearing for their lives, questioning their faith. And yet Jesus was there -calming the sea, reaching out to Peter, inviting them to breakfast on the shore.

Join us for a reflective and restorative retreat where we will explore how to navigate the turbulent waters of our own lives. Together, we will listen deeply to the Holy Spirit's call to hope, peace, and inner stillness.

A retreat is a precious opportunity to renew faith, to experience the loving presence of God and to seek the wisdom and teachings of Jesus so necessary for good daily living. Receive the joy and peace that God wants for each of us.

A retreat is a time for focusing on your inner life and relationship with God. There is scheduled and unscheduled time that includes both group talks and quiet time. The retreat begins with check-in at 4:30pm on Friday and concludes with Sunday mass by noon. There is lodging in a private room with private bathroom and five meals. The Retreat Center has secured 20 acres of outdoor pathways and gardens.

A retreat is a time to step back from the demands and challenges of daily life- to slow down, rest, and gain perspective. Join us for a weekend of refreshment and renewal of heart, mind and spirit that comes from making a retreat. For more information or to register call Linda O'Connor at 313-300-4766 or St. Paul's at 313-535-9563 or website stpaulretreat.org



Comprehensive. Live. Expert Teachers. Encounter Jesus with the Catholic Biblical School

Dive into the Bible with a dynamic, expert instructor! Join the Bible Course at St. Mary Cause of Our Joy in Westland (Thursdays 6-7:30 pm) from Sept-May. Dive into the Psalms, John's Gospel, and Revelation with

an expert instructor there to guide you! This Sept-May we'll explore the "wisdom literature" of the Bible and discover how God's Word gives light to our path today! Through donations, CBSM is accessible to all with 100% of requests for financial aid granted. Find out more at cbsmich.org or call/text 586-438-3085.

"Adoration will heal our Church and thus our nation and thus our world.
Peter Kreeft, Quotes on the Most Blessed Sacrament

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT OUR PARISH



Every Tuesday from 4:00pm – 6:15pm

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Prayer Requests

Alyssa Atkinson	Irene Bruen	Dennis Downey	Jennifer Kozlo	Cynthia Nepjuk
Vicky Attard	Jim Burns	Toby Edgell	Stanley Kozlowski	Michael Owen
Norma Jean Bak	John Cassar	Rachele Esper	John Krzyston	Victoria Porter
Andrew Balestrieri	Lena Castlevetere	Delphine Gray	Patricia Lambert	Diana Short
Aurora Balino	Phil Ciavaglia	Emily Hudson	Dcn Tom Leonard	Deborah Slowik
Connie Belzer	Anthony Cinzori	Fr. Terry Kerner	Jon LePage	Joseph Winslow Sr.
Frank Bonfiglio	Bob DeSantis	Larry Kosiba	Anne Munir	Bernice Ziaja

In order to keep this list current, names will be kept on the list for two months only. Please call the office (313.336.3227) to add, remove, or keep a loved one's name on the list.

All in the Family

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

SVDP FOOD PANTRY

@St. Maria Goretti

Our needs for August:

CONDIMENTS:

Cooking Oil Mayo

FOOD:

Boxed Au Gratin	Knorr Bag Side
Potatoes	Dishes
Boxed Mashed	Pancake Mix
Potatoes	Canned Pears
Boxed Stuffing	

DOLLAR STORE:

Toothbrushes	Razors
Tooth Paste	Deodorant
Shampoo	

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**.

The generous will be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

Proverbs 22:9

Trivia answer from page 5:

Mary Magdalene.

Dear God,
I do not think anybody
could be a better
God. Well I just
want you to know but
I am not just saying
that because you
are God. Charles

From Children's Letters to God

FAITH FORMATION

Registration is now being taken. We invite parents from St. Kateri, St. Maria Goretti and St. Alphonsus-St. Clement parishes to enroll their children in the religious education classes sponsored by our Family of Parishes.

All classes and adult sessions will be on
Mondays, from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM at St. Kateri.

Call St. Kateri Office (313.336.3227) or email:
info@stkateridearborn.org.

September 8, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Orientation
ALL PARENTS & STUDENTS ARE TO ATTEND

Regular classes begin September 15,
Monday, 5:30 - 7:00 pm.

DO YOU KNOW HIM, OR JUST KNOW ABOUT HIM?

Facebook, Twitter, and other forms of social media can be powerful tools of communication. They allow people to stay in touch. They provide an avenue for fresh ideas. People can be engaged in conversations and be exposed to issues of the day in ways few could have dreamed of just a few decades ago. But social media can also give the false sense of really knowing someone, when only the surface has been scratched about who a person is in reality.

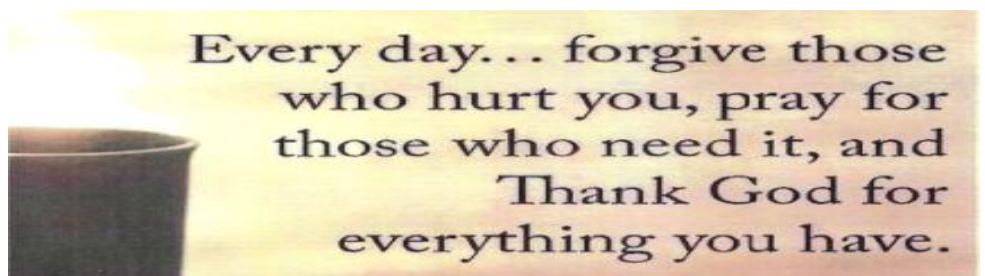
You don't really know someone just because you know a lot about him or her and are linked to a profile online. Unfortunately, people develop emotional attachments to the idea of a person all the time. If they do find themselves fortunate enough to meet the person face-to-face one day, they can often find out they never really knew the person in the first place.

There are people who believe they know Jesus so very well. They can readily share their view of what Jesus would do or wouldn't do in a given situation. They own items like crosses and Bibles that seem to provide evidence of this person they know so well. Sometimes, they even strongly admonish others because their view of Jesus is certainly not in line with their own.

But in Luke 13, Jesus speaks about those who claim to know him, but they really do not belong to him at all. They make claims based upon what they have seen and heard, but they have never allowed Jesus to truly change them. They are like Facebook followers; seemingly close, but with no real relationship at all.

Do you know Jesus? Don't just be a fan. Invite Jesus into your life and let the real relationship begin.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: "**Strive to enter through the narrow gate**" (Luke 13:24). How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How

would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"



Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; *hypomone* in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to

climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

— Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate," Jesus tells us. "Many will attempt... but will not be strong enough." So let us never be so foolish that we rely on our own strength. Narrow does not mean unpassable — not if we ask for help.

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question:

Isaiah reveals to us God's plan to gather and unite all His people and witness His glory in the age to come. **What are you hoping for in the future?**

2nd Reading Question:

The author of Hebrews offers words of encouragement for community members struggling and discouraged in their faith. **Is there a friend or co-worker you could look to support this week?**

Gospel Question:

Jesus speaks to the crowds of the dire consequences of rejecting his call to salvation. **What could be some effective ways to bring others to faith in Jesus?**

Prayer for Holiness

Good Shepherd,
Guide me through the narrow gate. Remove from me anything that distracts me from You, Your love, Your invitation, Your mission. Keep me close to You, familiar at every step.

Amen.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 26th

6:40 PM

† Mary Ann & Emanuel Sultana,
50th Wedding Anniversary
(by Family)

Wednesday, August 27th

St. Monica

9:00 AM

† Marc Wais (by Family)
† Jacob Watts (by Wife, Ilene)

Thursday, August 28th

St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of
the Church

9:00 AM

† Patricia Larson (by Family)
† Deceased Members of the
Syrian Family (by Family)

Friday, August 29th

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

9:00 AM

† Joseph Pulford (by Family)

Saturday, August 30th

4:00 PM

† Maria Medrano (by Family)
† Consuelo Petersen
(by Family)
† Rod Rodriguez (by Family)
† Jim Uniewski
(by Carol Uniewski)
† Jane Witan (by Family)
† Connie Zavistowski
(by Beverly Farchione)

Sunday, August 31st

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM

† Judith Miller (by Daughter)

11:00 AM

† Philip Mruzik (by Family)
† Edward Wayne (by Family)
† Frank Brunetti (by Wife, Rose)



Stewardship Report

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WEEK ENDING	Aug 17	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 4,977.00	\$ 39,299.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 1,335.00	\$ 7,840.00
ACTUAL	\$ 6,312.00	\$ 47,139.00
BUDGET	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 42,000.00
VARIANCE	\$ 312.00	\$ 5,139.00

QUIZ TIME!

Question: According to the Gospel stories, who was the first person to encounter the risen Jesus?

Answer: Page 3

If you are waiting on
God, do what waiters
do—serve!



Holiness Runs in the Family

Raising faithful children is no easy task. For St. Monica, it seemed nearly impossible. Her husband wasn't Christian and often mocked her faith. Their son, Augustine, fell quickly into wild ways. He and his friends drank, stole, and caroused throughout town. Monica never stopped praying for Augustine, no matter how far he strayed. Augustine became swept up in heresy, a false form of Christianity—lived with a mistress and had a child out of wedlock. All the while, Monica kept praying. Conversion came slowly to Augustine, but at age 32, he was finally baptized. Augustine would go on to become a priest, then bishop, then world-renowned theologian whose works have stood the test of time.

May St. Monica & St. Augustine inspire us to never stop praying for our loved ones.

**NO
LABOR DAY
MASS**

Our parish office will be closed from August 29 thru Monday, September 1.
We will resume normal office
hours on Tuesday, September 2. **HAPPY LABOR DAY**

"How does St. Dominic travel?"



"He takes a Greyhound."



St. Dominic is frequently depicted with a dog in art. When his mother was expecting, she had a dream about a dog with a torch in its mouth, inspiring the reflection that Dominic would be a great preacher (and he was)!

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Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

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
Anthony Baldwin
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