

# St. Kateri Catholic Church

*Welcome! No matter what your personal history, race or color, no matter what your self-image or esteem, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at St. Kateri Church.*

**16101 Rotunda Dr, Dearborn, MI 48120**

[www.stkateridearborn.org](http://www.stkateridearborn.org)

**Sunday, November 16, 2025**

**33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

by Fr. Terry Kerner

This weekend around the Archdiocese you are hearing the same message about the needed restructuring for ALL parishes. This is a two-year effort that involves all 900,000 practicing Catholics in our 212 parishes. We need to realize that 66 parishes have less than 300 souls and with an average of 177 people attending mass. Seventy-six parishes have between 301 – 600 registered members with weekly mass attendance at 443 people. There are 37 with 601 – 1,000 parishioners, seeing an average of 781 people in church on a weekend. Thirty-four parishes have over one thousand souls for an average of 1,442 attending mass on weekends. It is evident that too many parishes are caring for too few parishioners. Realignment and combining of parishes will be addressed.

The urgency of restructuring is also apparent with fewer priests caring for our parishes. In 2024 most active priests were 50 + years old. Eighteen percent were over 70 years old. Only 39% were younger than age 49. In 2029 projections for active priests in parish ministry will decline to 163 and by 2034 that number drops to 134 priests.

The data is sobering but not defeating. Throughout history, the Church has continually responded to societal changes that affect structures and church priorities. The Archdiocesan Restructuring will bring concerns to all of us and present many questions. The data brings into sharp relief some of the challenges we face as an Archdiocese, including fewer priests to care for our parishes, declining Mass attendance, and a surplus of aging church building that require more financial resources than we have. At the same time, we are trusted to seek the most pastoral and realistic way of dealing with the realities of the day. We can be thankful that the Holy Spirit, with our humble request, will inspire and guide our journey over the next two years.

In this season of thanksgiving, we can be genuinely grateful for what we have had in the past and for what we will come to celebrate in the future.

### PASTOR

Rev. Terrence D. Kerner

### DEACON

Rev. Mr. Tom Leonard  
Rev. Mr. Tim Pilon (Ret.)

### ORGANIST

Kevin Jakubowicz

### OFFICE STAFF

Mary Masley & Ellie Sajewski

### BOOK & GIFT SHOP

Open weekends before  
and after Masses

### 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

### OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY THRU THURSDAY:  
9:00 AM-NOON & 1:00-4:00 PM  
FRIDAY 9:00 AM-NOON

### PHONE NUMBER

313.336.3227

### E-MAIL

[info@stkateridearborn.org](mailto:info@stkateridearborn.org)

### Welcome

New Parishioners!  
To register, change an address, or if  
you moved, please contact the  
parish office.

**Last day to purchase tickets for the  
Harvest dinner is SUNDAY the 16<sup>th</sup>  
NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.**

### Gift Shop News

Advent and Christmas items are now available at the Gift Shop! Advent begins on November 30th. We carry wreaths and candles in preparation for Christmas.

Shopping early for Christmas? Be sure to visit the shop to see our selection of nativity sets, cards, sacramentals, spiritually themed jewelry, gifts and books.

A new "God loves you!" teddy bear and board book have found a home on our shelves. In addition to providing (super cuddly) comfort to young children, they teach a very important lesson.

All proceeds from our sales benefit our Parish and the Red Cloud Indian School in South Dakota. Thank you for your support.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

**OUR CHRISTMAS TRIBUTE** form was in last week's bulletin. You may also use the envelope in your offertory envelope collection.

**Suggested donations is \$10  
per name or Family name.**

**DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 30**

*Welcome the newly Baptized*

**LOGAN ELIJAH SKRABUT**

Baptized November 8, 2025  
by Deacon Tom Leonard

Parents: Mark Skrabut  
& Loreal Lacey

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



### THE GIVING TREES - STARTING NOV. 22

This year our recipients for The Giving Trees are Nativity of Our Lord parish, St. Joseph Helpers, and the St. Vincent DePaul at St. Alphonsus-St. Clement & St. Maria Goretti.

**Nativity Parish – (Red & Green Ornaments)** Please take a gift tag ornament if you want to purchase a gift for Nativity. All gifts should be unwrapped, with the tag attached, and placed under the tree or dropped off at the parish office.

**St. Joseph Helpers – (Blue Ornaments)** They are a Christian-valued nonprofit providing free, minor, safety-related home repairs to seniors, disabled, veterans, and those in need. \$25 Gift Card donations from Ace Hardware, Home Depot, and Lowes would be greatly appreciated! These donations will be used to purchase materials for the home repairs.

**St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Giving Program – (White envelopes)** Last year **St. Alphonsus-St. Clement's SVdP** gave out approximately 70 gift cards valued at \$25 each for underprivileged children 16 and under in our community. Gift cards from Meijer, Target or Walmart can be left in the offertory boxes or dropped off at the parish office. **St. Maria Goretti SVdP Food Pantry** continues to need monetary donations to purchase food. Simply provide cash or a check made payable to St. Maria Goretti SVDP. Thank you for your generosity, and may you have a blessed Christmas!

**All gifts and donations need to be in by Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.**

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

God bless you and thank you very much for your continued support of our parish outreach programs.

### Prayer Requests

Alyssa Atkinson	Phil Ciavaglia	Rachel Esper	Stanley Kozlowicz	Lori O'Leary
Norma Jean Bak	Anthony Cinzori	Esther Fonesca	Lorraine Kwiecinski	Victor Piaskowski
Irene Bruen	John DePoli	Delphine Gray	Dcn Tom Leonard	Victoria Porter
Jim Burns	Bob De Santis	Emily Hudson	Jon LePage	Charlie Powell
John Cassar	Dennis Downey	Fr. Terry Kerner	Anne Munir	Deborah Slowik
Lena Castlevetere	Toby Edgell	Jennifer Kozlo	Cynthia Nepjuk	Joseph Winslow, Sr.
			Michael Owen	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.

# URGENT NEED!

**SVDP FOOD PANTRY @ St. Maria Goretti**

**Our needs for November**

## CANNED/PACKAGED

- Canned Beets
- Canned Carrots
- Canned Peas
- Canned Spinach
- Canned Mixed Fruit
- Canned Peaches
- Bagged Mashed Potatoes
- Boxed Stuffing
- Ramen Noodles
- Mayo

**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**.
- Kroger, Aldi and Dollar Tree Gift cards would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you all for your support of the pantry. In the month of September, we served 136 households with 387 family members. We appreciate all the support we receive for our Neighbors in need.

## MEIJER'S SIMPLY GIVE PROGRAM

has started again for our pantry. The campaign runs from **through December 28<sup>th</sup>** at the **Allen Park store**. Your generosity in the past has allowed us to purchase the food for our Neighbors in Need. On **December 13<sup>th</sup>** Meijer will **double Match** our donation.

"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

**If you do not fill your mind with prayer, it will fill itself with anxieties, worries, temptations, resentments, & unwelcome memories.**

Scott Hahn

# POPE LEO DIGITAL VISIT LIVE ON EWTN



On Friday, November 21 at 10:15 a.m. ET, history will be made as the Holy Father, Pope Leo, embarks on his first-ever digital visit to the United States.

In this Jubilee of Hope, the Holy Father extends a heartfelt invitation to young people everywhere—to come together in faith, to be seen, heard, and valued. This momentous occasion represents a new chapter in the Church's mission to encounter all people where they are, guided by the light of Christ and the promise of hope.

We invite you to join this extraordinary digital gathering, where faith meets the future and hearts are moved toward renewal and unity.

## Pope Leo's Digital Visit to the United States

Live from the National Catholic Youth Conference

Friday, November 21, 10:15 a.m. ET

Livestream anywhere EWTN is found

May this encounter with the Holy Father inspire us all to deeper faith, greater hope, and renewed commitment to the Gospel message.

## Sacred Heart Parish, Mt. Kelly Cemetery

23250 Cherry Hill Road, Dearborn

In recent years the landscape of Mt. Kelly Cemetery has been changing with a notable rise in the construction of two columbaria – a structure which holds cremated remains.

This shift reflects the broader social, environmental and economic trends we are seeing. As more people choose cremation, a columbarium offers a respectful space and often is more affordable.

Also, end of life planning is gaining popularity as families seek to reduce emotional and financial stress during these difficult times. Mt. Kelly is open to the Catholic Community in our area.

For more information, please email me at

[cemetery@shparish.org](mailto:cemetery@shparish.org).

Elena Lovelace, Manager

## JOYFUL GRATITUDE!

Our **St. Vincent DePaul Drive** for clothing and small household articles was a beautiful success! Thanks to our volunteers, you know who you are, and to all who took time to give items that were slightly used, neatly packed, and thoughtfully dropped off. Fr. Luke was able to take the shoes that were donated for the people in Nigeria. We plan to get the truck back for the Spring and Fall in 2026!

Please remember to bring nonperishable food items for the St. Maria Goretti Food Pantry every week. They are serving nearly twice as many families due to the temporary stoppage of the SNAP program.

**Trivia Answer:** Mount Tabor.





## GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember

thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: "Do not follow them" (Luke 21:8). In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop.

— Father John Muir

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus' words today are filled with fire and brimstone, vivid with images of pain, suffering, confusion — and, ultimately, peace. Do we believe what he promises? Do we have the endurance to stay with him until the end?

## REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Question:

The prophet Malachi tells us that those who "fear" the Lord will be spared at God's coming judgment. **What does it mean to "fear the Lord"?**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Question:

Paul gave the Thessalonians some very practical advice: work quietly and eat your own food! **Are you open to taking advice from a loved one?**

### Gospel Question:

Jesus forewarned his followers that they will be persecuted for their faith in him, even with relatives and friends. **How do you support friends and co-workers who are fellow believers?**

### Lector Schedule



#### Weekend of November 22/23

Saturday, Nov 22, 4:00 PM  
Frank DeMilde

Sunday, Nov 23, 9:00 AM  
Robert Civaglia

Sunday, Nov 23, 11:00 AM  
Bob Ryan



### 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.

## Mass INTENTIONS

### Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

*The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul*

**6:40 PM**

Sharon Kischuk  
(by Lucy Berkowski)

### Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 AM**

Joe Orlando (by Family)  
Judy Smith (by Family)

### Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 AM**

William Johns (by Family)  
Mary Lajza (by Family)  
Joe Pulford (by Family)

### Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

*The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**9:00 AM**

Valentine Konarski (by Family)  
Christopher Sassak (by Friend)

### Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

*Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*

**4:00 PM**

Barbara Alban (by Gloria Koss)  
Edward Bartos  
(by Diane Bartos)  
Deceased Members of the  
Benitez Family  
(by Mary Meyer)  
All Deceased Clergy and  
Members of Religious Orders  
(by Tony Meyer)  
Judy Demko (by Diane Bartos)  
Pina Gabbeart (by Friends)

### Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

**9:00 AM**

Deceased Smutek Family  
Members in Most Need of  
God's Mercy (by Family)  
Deborah Stoner  
(by Eileen Stoner)

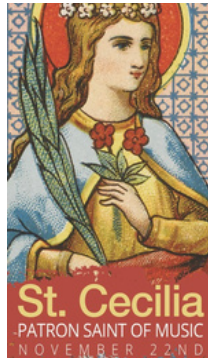
**11:00 AM**

Geralyn Forster (by Family)  
James & Esther Forster  
(by Family)  
Leonard & Genevieve Martin  
(by Family)  
Philip Mruzik (by Family)

## Stewardship Report

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WEEK ENDING	Nov 9	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 4,016.00	\$ 100,378.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ <u>1,100.45</u>	\$ <u>21,069.35</u>
ACTUAL	\$ 5,116.45	\$ 121,447.35
BUDGET	\$ <u>6,000.00</u>	\$ <u>114,000.00</u>
VARIANCE	\$ (883.55)	\$ 7,447.35



*Prayer in Seasons of Trust*  
*O Lord,*  
*Be with me now, I feel so alone.*  
*Bring Your blessings to me, like*  
*the light of a candle in darkness.*  
*Wrap me in Your mercy,*  
*give me strength to face every*  
*hardship.*  
*Amen.*

Though this feast does not have a direct biblical account, it finds its roots in ancient Christian tradition. Early Church Fathers interpreted Mary's early dedication as a sign of her unique role in salvation history. Over time, the celebration evolved as part of the liturgical calendar, reaffirming the Church's commitment to honoring the life of the Mother of God and inspiring the faithful throughout the centuries.



## Special Collection next weekend



Providing Help. Giving Hope.

Proporcionando Cionando.  
 Creando Esperanza.

☐ \$10   ☐ \$25   ☐ \$50   ☐ \$100  
☐ \$250   ☐ \$500   ☐ Other / Otros \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Be a Blessing to your Neighbors in Need

Your gift will help change the faces of despair, loneliness, hunger, and addiction one neighbor at a time.

As the charitable arm for the corporal works of mercy throughout the six counties of the Archdiocese of Detroit, Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan provides critical services including feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, providing companionship to the lonely, caring for the sick, and more – serving thousands each year.

### How will you bless your neighbor?

See your impact at [www.ccsem.org/impact](http://www.ccsem.org/impact).

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## CATHOLIC TRIVIA

... just for fun

**Question:** According to tradition, upon which mountain did the Transfiguration of Jesus take place?

Answer on page 3

## Readings for the Week

**Sunday:** Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

**Monday:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday:** 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

**Friday:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday:** 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

**Next Sunday:** 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

## PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS



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



**U. S. Army**  
 Mary Beth Myers  
 Rocky Myers  
 Adam Schneider



**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**  
 Brendan Burns  
 Conor Burns  
 James Donahue  
 Jacob Fader  
 James Smith  
 Rob Swales  
 Alex West

*Lord, hear our prayer 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. Amen.*



**National Guard**  
 Joey Enright