

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

Sunday, November 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

by Fr. Terry Kerner

As we heard last weekend, a restructuring of the Archdiocese will be taking place over the next two years. In the SPRING of 2026, each parish will hold two listening sessions for parishioners to input their opinions for the pastoral models under consideration. Dates for the sessions will be announced in early 2026. Next SUMMER the feedback from the parish sessions will be used to refine the pastoral models and then presented to the Archbishop for his discernment. In the SPRING of 2027, the decisions regarding each parish will be announced as well as the assignments of our priests. The SUMMER of 2027 will see the implementation of the new structure effective July 1, 2027.

The Archbishop is committed to the transparency of the process and hopes for the prayer and participation of all our parishioners. Every step of the restructuring will be covered in the DETROIT CATHOLIC, the Archdiocesan free online news source. The best way to get the DETROIT CATHOLIC delivered to your email inbox either daily or weekly, is to go to detroitcatholic.com/subscribe Another source of information will be restructuring.aod.org We will also help to keep you abreast of the process in the months ahead. Prayer is essential. Non-selfish prayers for the guidance of the Holy Spirit is essential for wise decision making over the next two years. Beginning with Advent and the start of the new liturgical year we will be praying at each mass for the wise and compassionate implementation of the process ahead. Let us support one another in our Faith.

This weekend as we begin Advent, we realize a two-fold character to the season. It is obviously a preparation for the solemnities of Christmas and the First Coming of Christ in time to humanity. Advent is likewise an awareness and appreciation of the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight!

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

Welcome

New Parishioners!

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

Lector Schedule

Weekend of December 6/7

Saturday, Dec 6, 4:00 PM
Christine Leonard

Sunday, Dec 7, 9:00 AM
Margaret Skora

Sunday, Dec 7, 11:00 AM
Gabriel Doran

Monday, Dec 8, Noon
Nancy Coyne

Monday, Dec 8 6:00 PM
Bob Ryan

**Artificial Intelligence is no
match for God's wisdom.**



To December's Super Seniors (80 and over)

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

*Here's to another year of wonderful memories. Cheers
to you and all the incredible moments yet to come!*

NOVEMBER 30TH IS THE DEADLINE FOR OUR CHRISTMAS TRIBUTE

The form is available on our website stkateridearborn.org
or you may also use the envelope in your offertory
envelope collection.

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

2025 Advent & Christmas Schedule

December 8th

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Masses: Noon & 6:00 pm (with the FFF students-all are
welcome)

PENANCE: Private Confessions - Saturdays at 3:00 pm
Communal Penance Service (with private confession)
Saturday, December 20 at 11:00 am



CHRISTMAS LITURGIES:

Christmas Eve at 4:00 & 6:00 pm
Christmas Day at 10:00 am

NEW YEAR LITURGIES:

New Year's Eve at 4:00 pm
New Year's Day at 10:00 am

Note: January 3, 2026 resumes the regular weekend schedule.
Saturday at 4:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 & 11:00 am.

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 & 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.

Prayer Requests

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



THE GIVING TREES

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.

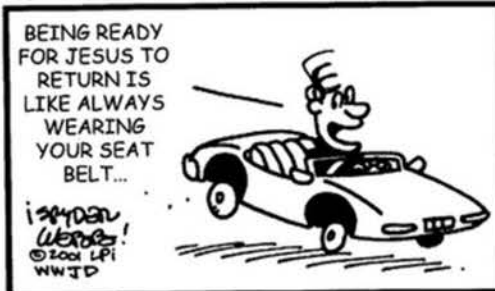
St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Giving Program – (White envelopes) Last year **St. Alphonsus-St. Clement's SVdP** gave out approximately 70 gift cards valued at \$25 each for underprivileged children 16 and under in our community. Gift cards from Meijer, Target or Walmart can be left in the offertory boxes 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 8th.

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.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Trivia Answer: St. Bernard.

Women's Advent Retreat with Vickie Figueroa

Dec. 13 | 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | St. Paul of the Cross, 23333 Schoolcraft, Detroit, MI Brunch: \$15

Register: www.dominicancenter.org

Bring a friend—All women welcome!



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

With your continued support, we served 144 families with 393 members in the month of October.

MEIJER'S SIMPLY GIVE PROGRAM

has started again for our pantry. The campaign run from **September 27th through December 28th** at the Allen Park store. Your generosity in the past has allowed us to purchase the food for our Neighbors in Need. On **December 13th** **Meijer will double Match our donation.**

SVDP FOOD PANTRY @ St. Maria Goretti

Our needs for

December NEW!

BOXED
Au Gratin Potatoes
Mashed Potatoes

CEREAL
Cinnamon Toast
Crunch
Lucky Charms
Special K

CANNED
Small Soups (badly needed)
Tomato Sauce

MISCELLANEOUS
Brown Gravy
Turkey Gravy
Cooking oil
Syrup

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.



GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never

forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he. — Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"You do not know on which day your Lord will come," Jesus says. He is reminding us that we do not know the mind of God. But we do know the heart of God, and we know that it is filled with mercy for those who heed the warning: Stay awake!

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question:

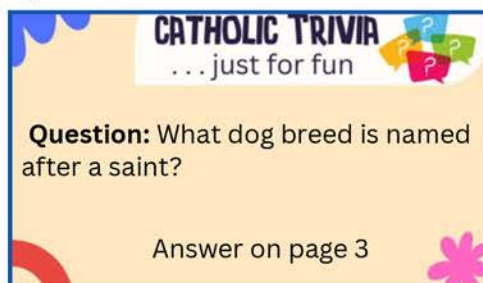
The prophet Isaiah envisioned a future with no more wars and nations united in belief and worship of Israel's God. **What does a world totally at peace look like?**

2nd Reading Question:

Paul encouraged the Romans to live with a sense of urgency in anticipation of their own salvation. **What motivates you to live a moral life?**

Gospel Question:

Jesus taught his disciples that no one knows when the Son of Man will return, so you must always be prepared. **How do you plan to use the season of Advent this year to welcome Jesus into your life?**



Mass INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 2nd
6:40 PM

Sharon Kischuk
(by Lucy Berkowski)

Wednesday, December 3rd
St. Francis Xavier, Priest
9:00 AM

Lori O'Leary, Health & Healing
(by Anne Munir)
Cheryl & Mark Schram, Health & Healing (by Anne Munir)
Deceased Smutek family
members in most need of
God's mercy (by Family)

Thursday, December 4th
*St. John Damascene, Priest and
Doctor of the Church*
9:00 AM

For the family members of Judy
Smith, Special Intention
(by Family)
Sara Stuk (by Family)
Frank Tylutki (by Family)

Friday, December 5th
9:00 AM

Joe Pulford (by Family)
Dennis Short (by Family)

Saturday, December 6th
St. Nicholas, Bishop
4:00 PM

Maria & Juan Benitez
(by Mary Meyer)
Pina Gabbeart (by Friends)
Joe Gasidlo (by Family)
Warren Meyer (by Tony Meyer)
Carol Przydzial (by Family)
Ann Uicker (by Family)

Sunday, December 7th
2nd Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM

Carmela DiPaolo (by Family)
Mary Ann Stoner (Eileen Stoner)
Paul Sullivan (by Kathy)
Mary Ellen Zell (by Family)

11:00 AM

Barbara Alban
(by Edward & Michele Bovich)
Mary, Feliks & Robert Turek
(by Son/Brother)
John Zombeck (by Family)

Stewardship Report

WEEK ENDING	Nov 16	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 5,662.00	\$ 106,040.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 1,411.05	\$ 22,480.40
ACTUAL	\$ 7,073.05	\$ 128,520.40
BUDGET	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
VARIANCE	\$ 1,073.05	\$ 8,520.40

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, 2025.

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, 2025 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.

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

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Stay informed. Stay inspired. Father Terry Kerner



Online Giving

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

Thank you for your financial support of our parish community and its ministries. Our online giving system will allow you to safely contribute to the parish directly from your bank account or via a credit card.

Creating an account will enable you to:

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

It is even **easier** to do now to set up an account:

<http://osvhub.com/stkateridearborn/giving/funds>

or use the QR code for speedier access.



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



National Guard
Joey Enright

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.