

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, December 14, 2025



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This week will be busy! This Sunday we celebrate Gaudate Sunday, a time to rejoice in anticipation of Christmas. For our Jewish brothers and sisters, the eight-day celebration of Hanukkah begins. Now more than ever, we should appreciate our guarantee of freedom of religion and the multiple ways Americans celebrate their faith. May we never take it for granted.

This Monday the students and parents in the Family Live Formation program will celebrate their last class prior to Christmas. Carols will be sung, the birth of our Savior proclaimed, and the story of the Night Before Christmas told. After the children visit the Santa Bears and find their gift they will share in the traditional Christmas cookies. Hopefully all our families will attend Mass over the Holidays & remember what the season is all about. The Family Formation resumes again in February.

On Saturday, December 20 at 11am we will have our **Advent Communal Penance service** at St. Kateri. Everyone is invited to attend but only if you are a sinner.

The same weekend parishioners will be asked to deliver poinsettia to our special parishioners who are ninety and older. Currently we have fifty-one registered with us. This is a wonderful way for folks to celebrate the meaning and the joy of Christmas. Consider doing this.

Of course, all our activities only lead up to Christmas and its meaning for us. Take time to plan with loved ones the masses you will be attending over the Holidays. Please note the Liturgies scheduled:

Christmas Eve: Masses at 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm Christmas Day: Mass at 10:00 am

New Year Eve: Mass at 4:00 pm. New Year Day: Mass at 10:00.

We hope to see all of you in the days ahead. Don't forget to wish the Santa Bears a Merry Christmas while you are here!

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.



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

Gift Shop News

A very Blessed Christmas and New Year from your friends at the Parish Gift Shop! Thank you for your past and (hopefully) ongoing support of this ministry. We hope that the items you find at the shop bring peace, joy and inspiration to you, your families and friends.

It is humbling to see the deep spirituality of the many people who visit us. Your purchases, prayer requests and conversations speak of your faith and your relationships with Jesus, the Saints and the Church. Even the worn-down rosary beads and yellowed prayer book pages that are donated speak to years of devoted use.

The Shop will be closed the weekend of **December 27-28**. We'll reopen on January 3rd.

God's continued blessings to all!



Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." - Mt 11:4-5

You are invited to our **Communal Penance Service at St. Kateri on Saturday, December 20th at 11:00am.**

The service will include a time of prayer, scripture reading, and an opportunity for individual confession and absolution. It's a meaningful occasion to find peace and spiritual healing as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas celebration of the birth of Jesus.

2025 Advent & Christmas Schedule

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.

Lector Schedule



Weekend of December 20/21

Saturday, Dec 20, 4:00 PM
Frank Bonfiglio

Sunday, Dec 21, 9:00 AM
Margaret Skora

Sunday, Dec 21, 11:00 AM
Max Orduyo

Prayer Requests

Alyssa Atkinson
Norma Jean Bak
Henry Balmucki
Irene Bruen
Jim Burns
John Cassar
Lena Castlevetere

Phil Ciavaglia
Anthony Cinzori
John DePoli
Bob De Santis
Dennis Downey
Toby Edgell
Rachel Esper

Esther Fonesca
Delphine Gray
Emily Hudson
Fr. Terry Kerner
Jennifer Kozlo
Stanley Kozlowski
Lorraine Kwiecinski

Dcn Tom Leonard
Jon LePage
Maryann Mountain
Anne Munir
Cynthia Nepjuk
Michael Owen
Lori O'Leary

Terry Petlichkoff
Victor Piaskowski
Victoria Porter
Charlie Powell
Deborah Slowik
Joseph Winslow, Sr.
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.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Explained!

The four apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe took place in December 1531, when Juan Diego, an indigenous convert to the Catholic faith, encountered a woman dressed as an Aztec princess on Tepeyac Hill in present-day Mexico City. The woman, who was pregnant, spoke to him in his native language. She identified herself as the Mother of God.

Over the next four apparitions, Our Lady requested that Juan Diego implore the local bishop to build a church on the hill, and performed miracles to prove her identity. Through one of the miracles, she imprinted her image onto Juan Diego's tilma, or cloak; the tilma bearing that image can still be viewed today at the basilica which now stands on the site of the apparition.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is venerated as the Patroness of the Americas, and she is beloved worldwide as a symbol of motherhood, faith and identity. Her feast day is Dec. 12.



**The First ever
cordless phone was
created by God. He
named it Prayer.
It never loses its
signal and you never
have to recharge it.
Use it anywhere.
Amen!**

WEST SIDE DETROIT POLISH AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HOST

NINETEENTH ANNUAL OPLATEK (CHRISTMAS PROGRAM)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026, NOON – 3:30 P.M.

ST. COLETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH, ACTIVITIES CENTER

(FAR BACK END OF PARKING LOT)

17600 NEWBURGH ROAD, LIVONIA, MI 48152

Honoring Ford Motor Company on their Michigan Central Station restoration efforts and member Geraldine ("Gerry") A. Madison (posthumously).

Featured entertainment will be Antoni Mączka Orchestra & St. Florian's/Polonaise Choir, including kolędy (Polish Christmas carols) sing-along. Doors open 11:30 a.m.; awards at noon. Sharing of opłatki (Polish Christmas wafers) and catered lunch by Veronica's (pierogi, kielbasa/kapusta, bread & butter, Christmas cookies and desserts, coffee, tea, and water).

Society's Heritage Room will be open.

Free admission. To offset the cost of the reception and performers, free-will donation envelopes will be at every place setting. Dziękuję! Optional 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Colette. Entire facility wheelchair and walker accessible.

Attendees **MUST R.S.V.P.** at Eventbrite by no later than December 30: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/west-side-detroit-polish-amERICAN-historical-society-19th-annual-oplatek-tickets-1975698511432>

All are welcome! Merry Christmas! Wesółych Świąt!
For further information, please visit <https://www.detroitpolonia.org>;
call or e-mail Ms. Laurie A. Gomulka and leave message for return call at 1-855-POLONIA (765-6642) or Lgomulka@detroitpolonia.org.
WSDPAHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit historical society.

Trivia Answer:

St. Anne and St. Joachim.



MEIJER'S SIMPLY GIVE PROGRAM

has started again for our pantry. The campaign run from **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. Your generosity is so very much appreciated through out the year. It is especially meaningful at Christmas.

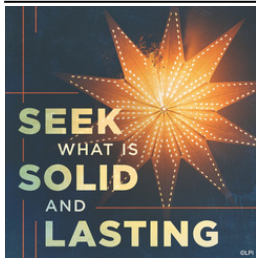
SVDP FOOD PANTRY @ St. Maria Goretti

Our needs for **December**

BOXED	CANNED
Au Gratin Potatoes	Small Soups (badly needed)
Mashed Potatoes	Tomato Sauce
CEREAL	MISCELLANEOUS
Cinnamon Toast Crunch	Brown Gravy
Lucky Charms	Turkey Gravy
Special K	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

When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired,

I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort ... for this?

As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?" (Matthew 11:7). He's not just describing the crowd's mis-aimed pursuit. He's naming our tendency to chase after what's flashy but flimsy. What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can't satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

John the Baptist wasn't a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real.

This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to Christ? *Father John Muir*

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Go and tell what you have seen and heard," Jesus says. When it comes to proving who he is, he always lets his actions do the talking. We have heard. We have seen. We must go and tell. Let's let our actions do the talking. Who do we think Jesus is?

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question:

The prophet Isaiah taught his community to "be strong, fear not!" because God has planned a remarkable future where both the people and the land will be restored. **Is there a friend or co-worker who needs your encouragement this week?**

2nd Reading Question:

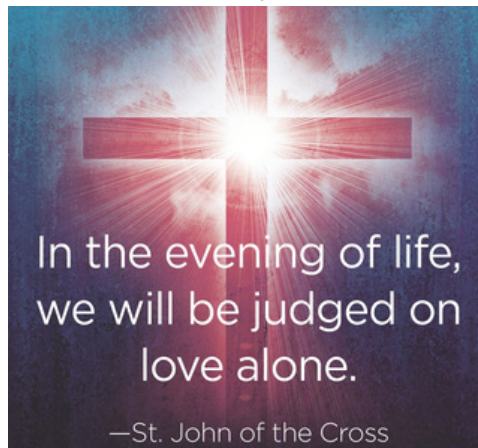
James encourages his community to be patient and firm of heart in waiting for the coming of the Lord. **What are you waiting for during this Advent season?**

Gospel Question:

In prison, John the Baptist seemed uncertain about who Jesus is. **Who do you talk to when you have questions about Jesus?**

Prayer for Advent – New Growth

Dear God,
Bring new life! Your love creates
and cultivates.
Bring Your power into the places I
think of as "deserts"
and your grace to the prayers I
fear may be "deserted."
You can redeem and restore, bring
a new song to my heart.
Amen.



Mass INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 16th
6:40 PM

Stanley Sajewski, Jr. (by Family)
Marc Wais (by Family)
Michael Wais (by Family)

Wednesday, December 17th
9:00 AM

For the family members of Judy
Smith, Special Intention
(by Family)

Thursday, December 18th
9:00 AM

Deceased Smutek family
members in Most Need of
God's Mercy (by Family)
Maria & Angus Tylutki (by Family)

Friday, December 19th
9:00 AM

Micki Cibor (by Gloria Koss)
Agnus & Frank Jastrzembski
(by Family)

Saturday, December 20th
4:00 PM

George Dressler (by Wife)
Lina Herring (by Family)
Joe Pulford (by Family)
Carmen & Paul Saliba (by Family)
Deceased Members of the Syrian
Family (by Family)

Sunday, December 21st
4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM

Connie DiMarco
(by Cataldo Family)
Tom Durfy (by Family)
Sue Piasecki
(by David & Theresa Smith)
Deceased Members of the Zub &
Munoz Families (by Family)

11:00 AM

Vera Ciavaglia & Arduino
DeAngelis (by Family)
Leonard Kwiecinski (by Family)
Irene Wayne (by Family)



Stewardship Report

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Due to the holiday and early submission required from the bulletin printer, there is no report for this bulletin.

TRIVIA Just for fun

Question: According to tradition, what are the names of Mary's parent

Answer on page 3



A very special
THANK YOU to all who
participated in our
Giving Tree program. It
means so much to so
many people.



38 SUNDAY IN ADVENT



Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

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.

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