

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 21, 2025



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2025 Christmas Schedule

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: Jan. 3, 2026 resumes the regular weekend schedule.
Saturday at 4:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 am.



**The parish office will be closed
from December 24-26!
We will reopen on Monday,
December 9 @ 9:00 AM**

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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.

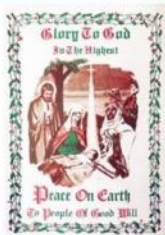
Gift Shop News

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!



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

EACH ONE OF US IS
AN INNKEEPER WHO
DECIDES IF THERE IS
ROOM FOR JESUS.



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.

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 Kozlowicz
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.

CHRISTMAS BEATITUDES

Blessed is December, for Christmas is near.
 Blessed are the poor of pocket, for they shall be called parents.
 Blessed are the artistic, for they shall get stuck wrapping everyone's gifts.
 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall restrain children from knocking over the Christmas tree.
 Blessed are they who are heavily laden, for they shall be called shoppers.
 Blessed are they who weave paper garlands, produce plays and wear a confused look, for they shall be called teachers.
 Blessed are they who hunger for turkey and trimmings (and happily do the dishes) for they shall be satisfied.
 Blessed is the sweater knit in secret, coins sent to a food bank, dinner for a shut-in, for they shall be called love.
 Blessed are we who, despite the chaos, hold the real Christmas closely in our hearts For we shall be called joy+filled.

-Joan Wester Anderson

Now enrolling! St. Anselm Catholic School -- Come and see what it means to be a Stag!

We are a small close-knit community, and offer a faith-based education for students in Preschool to 8th grade. With individualized attention in our core and special subjects, our students are well-prepared to attend any of the top high schools in the area.

Our school is committed to maintaining a strong Catholic identity with weekly all school mass, and a comprehensive religious education program to prepare students for sacraments during school hours.

We encourage parent involvement, and offer many extracurricular clubs, family activities and CYO sports. There is something for everyone at St. Anselm!

To schedule a building tour for your family, and a shadow day for your student, please call our main office at 313-563-3430 or email Principal Brian Owens at bowens@saintanselmschool.org

St. Anselm Catholic School | saintanselmschool.org | 17700 W Outer Drive, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127

SVDP FOOD PANTRY @ St. Maria Goretti

Our needs for *December*

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.

MEIJER'S SIMPLY GIVE PROGRAM

has started again for our pantry.

The campaign runs **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.

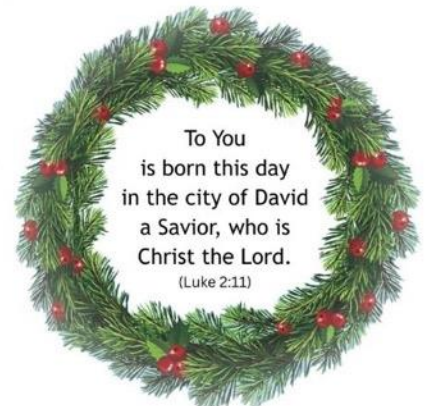
Trivia Answer: St. Nicholas.

The Nativity of the Lord

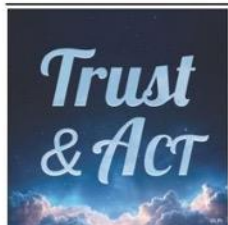
Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly.



Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.



To You
is born this day
in the city of David
a Savior, who is
Christ the Lord.
(Luke 2:11)



GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly ten years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" (Matthew 1:20). When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks – not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.

— Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Sometimes we want God's instructions to be clear and precise – like the angel in Joseph's dream. But Joseph's understanding was only as strong as his devotion to God's will. If we give our lives to God as Joseph did, we will know what he asks of us.

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question:

Seven hundred years before the birth of Jesus, Isaiah prophesies to King Ahaz that a virgin would bear a son and name him, Emmanuel ("God is with us"). **When have you felt close to God this Advent season?**

2nd Reading Question:

Paul instructs the Roman Christians that they are "called to be holy." **What do you see as some of the steps toward growing in holiness?**

Gospel Question:

We hear how Joseph struggled initially with the news of Mary's pregnancy. **How do you discern making difficult decisions?**

Prayer for Advent – Miracles

Dear God,

You are in the miracle business.
I still believe that You can move
mountains and separate seas.
Break into every unknown and
astound us with Your goodness
and grace.
Amen.

Mass INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 23rd

St. John of Kanty, Priest

6:40 PM

Christopher Lawson
(by Gloria Koss)

Wednesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM

Parishioners of St. Kateri

6:00 PM

Parishioners of St. Kateri

Thursday, December 25th

The Nativity of the Lord

10:00 AM

Parishioners of St. Kateri

Friday, December 26th

St. Stephen, First Martyr

9:00 AM

Rod Rodriguez (by Family)

Saturday, December 27th

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

4:00 PM

Pat Ayland (by Family)

Andrew Balestrieri

(by Kristen Sassak)

Rosa Bear (by Mary Meyer)

Maria & Juan Benitez

(by Mary Meyer)

Joe Pulford (by Family)

Jacob Watts (by Wife, Irene)

Next Sunday, December 28th

The Holy Family

9:00 AM

John DePoli

(by Mary Anne Nini-Sulkey)

Carmela DiPaolo (by Family)

Deceased Members of the

Stoner Family (by Eileen Stoner)

11:00 AM

Andrew Balestrieri

(by Cynthia Smith)

Maura O'Connell, Special

Intention (by Anne)



Stewardship Report

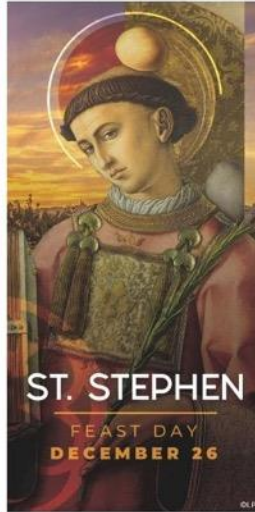
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WEEK ENDING	Dec 7	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 5,171.00	\$ 120,192.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 1,501.06	\$ 25,829.01
ACTUAL	\$ 6,672.06	\$ 146,021.01
BUDGET	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 138,000.00
VARIANCE	\$ 672.06	\$ 8,021.01

Welcome

CHRISTOPHER AND KATHLEEN
SIVAKO

We are happy that you have
joined our parish family.



Lector Schedule



CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Wednesday, December 24th
4:00 PM
Gloria Koss
6:00 PM
Therese Terns

Thursday, December 25th
10:00 AM
Robert Ciavaglia

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 27/28

Saturday, Dec 27, 4:00 PM
Frank DeMilde

Sunday, Dec 28, 9:00 AM
Michael Magnone

Sunday, Dec 28, 11:00 AM
Sebastian Hernandez

TRIVIA

Just for fun

Question: Which saint's
nickname is "Santa Claus"?

Answer on page 3

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOW COULD
JOSEPH HAVE
SO MUCH
FAITH IN
DREAMS?



HE DIDN'T — HE
HAD FAITH THAT
GOD COULD
SPEAK TO HIM
ANY WAY GOD
WANTED TO!

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Readings for the Week

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

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5,
6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-
5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5,
8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and
29/Lk 1:67-79

Thursday: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-
4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-
5, 9-14

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps
31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt
10:17-22

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6,
11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps
128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 3:12-21 or
3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ST. KATERI PARISH

Please fill out this form below and submit it in the offertory, to the
office, by mail, or simply call 313-336-3227.

NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____