

# 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, December 28, 2025**



## THE YEAR END THANKSGIVING PRAYER TO JESUS

*Dear Jesus, as this year draws to a close, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude. Thank You for Your constant presence, for Your grace, and for the countless blessings You've poured into our lives. In times of joy and in times of trial, You have been our strength and our comfort. We thank You for Your love which sustains us each day, and for Your guidance that leads us through every season. May we continue to grow in faith and reflect Your light in the year ahead.*

*In Your precious name, we pray. Amen.*

## HOLY DAY - THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASSES

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday at 4:00 PM

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday at 10:00 AM

The Office will be open this Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. We will close for New Year's on Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, January 1<sup>st</sup>, and January 2nd. We will reopen on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

### 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.



## TO OUR JANUARY SUPER SENIORS (80 AND OVER)

Wishing you all the best for your special birthday  
...and every day you continue to bless this parish.

Elizabeth Amici, Charles Anderson, Patricia Bozich, Betty DeMilde,  
Raymond Jakubowicz, Lillian Murray, Joan Powaser,  
Charles Powell, Agatena Russo, Theresa Taylor,  
Marie Webb, Shirley Williams, and Bernice Ziaja.

### *Lector Schedule*



#### NEW YEAR'S LITURGIES

Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>  
4:00 PM  
Frank DeMilde

Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>  
10:00 AM  
Barb Hartman

#### WEEKEND OF JANUARY 3/4

Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 PM  
Gloria Koss

Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM  
Janine Bodary

Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM  
Teri Siacska

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas. This feast developed at the beginning of the 19th century in Canada and then spread to the entire Church under Pope Benedict XV in 1921.



The Holy Family reminds us that Jesus lived in a real family. Every home has struggles. But like the Holy Family, we are called to listen to God and care for each other with patience. Love grows in quiet moments, hard choices, and daily kindness. God is with us in everyday family life.

### 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!

## 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  
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.

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

Our needs for January

**CANNED/PACKAGED**

- Canned Carrots
- Canned Pears
- Mayonaise
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Mac & Cheese
- Rice a Roni

**DOLLAR STORE**

- Men & Women Razors
- Shampoo
- Tooth brushes
- Tooth paste

**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.

## 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.

### 2025 Christmas Tribute Late Arrivals

In Memory of

Fiorini, Mary  
Galante, Jack  
Galante, Michael  
Jakob, Patricia  
Kliemann, Joyce  
Kolenda Family  
Lane, Sheila  
Marciw Family  
Marciw, Judith L.  
Ostap Family  
Pudlik, Gary  
Pudlik, Paul  
Stellini, Mario  
Zuzga, Bessie  
Zuzga, Joseph

In Honor of

Jaskowski, Ronald



## Thank You

Thank you for all of your generosity with the MEIJER's Simply Give program. We appreciate all the support we receive for our Neighbors in Need.

Blessings from St. Maria Goretti St. Vincent de Paul

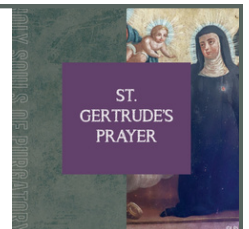
### St. Gertrude's Prayer, Explained!

St. Gertrude's Prayer is a petition said on behalf of the Holy Souls of Purgatory, offering the Blood of Christ in reparation for the sins of the departed.

St. Gertrude, often called "St. Gertrude the Great," was a Benedictine nun who lived in 13th-century Saxony, present-day Germany.

A mystic, she received visions of Christ beginning at the age of 25. She was also a prolific writer and devotee of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and is often invoked as an intercessor for the Holy Souls of Purgatory. Her feast day is celebrated on November 16.

The St. Gertrude Prayer reads: "Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home, and in my family. Amen."







## GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When I was ten, my dad gathered our family around the table in small-town Vermont and told us we were moving to the big desert city of Phoenix, Arizona. We were leaving behind family, friends, and everything familiar. None of us knew what to expect.

But something beautiful happened. As we made the move together, our family grew closer. In retrospect, I'm amazed at my parents' courage to go on that adventure. Even as a kid I realized our family found, in that challenge, a deeper unity and mutual love.

In today's Gospel, Joseph is told: "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee..." (Matthew 2:13, 20). First to Egypt, then later to Israel. The Holy Family is frequently challenged to move and change, to adapt to God's will for them, in order to find safety in the midst of threat. It's not just an idiosyncratic story about survival. It's a spiritual pattern for all of us. Every Christian family is called to be a kind of sanctuary, especially in a world full of noise, busyness, and fear.

May I make a practical application for us? The Lord's Day, Sunday, is perhaps the most practical way we imitate this dynamic we see in Joseph and his family. Sunday is not meant to be just like every other day, filled with errands and stress. It's meant to be a day set apart; a holy "escape" into rest, worship, joy, and peace. A day to rise, take your family, and flee, into God's presence. — Father John Muir

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God created the Holy Family with a great sense of purpose, because he knew that Jesus would be defined by the woman and man who raised him. Who is our "Holy Family" — the people who will define us? Who has God placed within our lives for a specific purpose?

### REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

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

Sirach emphasizes the importance of children honoring and respecting their parents. **What are some of your favorite memories of your parents?**

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

Paul taught the Colossians that families should show mutual respect and love toward one another. **How do you encourage these virtues in your family?**

#### Gospel Question:

We hear how the Holy Family faced some very dangerous circumstances early on. **Can you think of some challenges your family has had to overcome?**



#### Family Blessing

**May God bless, protect, unite,  
mend, and renew our family.**

**Help us to be instruments of  
healing and holiness, breaking  
generational curses, rewriting  
scripts, overcoming  
tribulation, joining in  
gratitude, and growing in joy .  
together.  
Amen.**

## Mass INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

**6:40 PM**

Frances Kujda (by Sister)

**Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

*St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve*

**4:00 PM**

Jim Uniewski (by Carol Uniewski)

**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace*

**10:00 AM**

Living & Deceased Members of  
the Benitez Family

(by Mary Meyer)

Mary Fron (by Richard Fron)

Living & Deceased Members of  
the Meyer Family

(by Tony Meyer)

New Year Blessings for

Parishioners of St. Kateri

(by Tony & Mary Meyer)

**Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory  
Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of  
the Church*

**9:00 AM**

Joe Pulford (by Family)

**Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

**4:00 PM**

Andy Balestrieri

(by David & Theresa Smith)

Maria & Juan Benitez

(by Mary Meyer)

Lina Herring (by Family)

Jeff Meyer (by Tony Meyer)

Martha Wiczorek

(by Diane Bartos)

Alan Konkell

(by Ann & Rick Lewandowski  
& Family)

**Next Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

**9:00 AM**

Tom Durfy (by Family)

Ken Kuzava (by Family)

Paul Sullivan (by Kathy)

**11:00 AM**

Barbara Alban

(by Edward & Michele Bovich)

Julia Armaza (by Family)

Maura O'Connell, Special

Intention (by Anne)

Enrique Signori, Sr. (by Family)

## Stewardship Report

WEEK ENDING	Dec 14	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 3,956.00	\$ 124,148.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 1,021.05	\$ 26,850.06
ACTUAL	\$ 4,977.05	\$ 150,998.06
BUDGET	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 144,000.00
VARIANCE	\$ (1,022.95)	\$ 6,998.06

## TRIVIA Just for fun

**Question:** Which saint is the Patron saint of priests?

Answer on page 3

There are many easy ways for you to give to support St. Kateri Church:

One-time gifts, recurring online giving, & 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:

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

or use the QR code for speedier access.



## A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

**Lord, You make all things new.  
You bring hope alive in our heart  
And cause our spirits to be born again.**

**Thank You for this NEW year,  
For all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us A mighty flame  
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God  
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.  
Amen**

## Readings for the Week

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

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

**Thursday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



## 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