

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 7, 2025



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK by Fr. Terry Kerner

As announced last weekend our parish will be contributing ten percent of our Christmas collection to the St. Maria Goretti Food Pantry. As a parish we have been very generous with our weekly delivery of canned food items and other pantry items. At the same time, we realize that we have been very blessed with donations and offertory contributions. Our healthy financial position is because of parishioners and visitors giving generously the very best they can. (I have always believed that God cannot be outdone in generosity!) The Food Pantry distributes not only food but helps with many other items that folks might need. Single parents especially can use help with paper and baby products. Cash is needed in these instances. To that end and in thanksgiving for our own blessings, St. Kateri will be giving TEN PERCENT of our CHRISTMAS COLLECTION to the work of the Food Pantry. Contributions at Christmas are not taxed by the archdiocese and all of it remains in the parish. Christmas offerings should be marked "Christmas". Bless your kindness!

This Monday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception –the Patroness of the United States. Though Mass this year is not obligatory, a Noon liturgy will be celebrated as well as a 6:00 pm Mass with the Family Faith participants. All are invited to pray and celebrate this mass. The liturgy will conclude with the blessing of the new Blessed Mother and Christ Child statue that will be installed at our Marian shrine behind church. You are welcome to attend and participate. Have a joyful Advent.

THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
★★★★★★★★★★★★



Monday, December 8th
Immaculate Conception
Holiday of Obligation

Masses at NOON & 6:00PM

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

Santa's elves have been busy stocking the shelves of our Parish Gift Shop. To keep "Christ in Christmas," we carry spiritually themed gifts, books, cards, nativity sets, candles, jewelry, ornaments and more.

As Catholics we are called to spread the Good News. What better way to do that than to remind our family and friends of the "reason for the season." There is always a little room in the gift box or Christmas stocking for a little reminder.

Lector Schedule



Weekend of December 13/14

Saturday, Dec 13, 4:00 PM
Therese Terns

Sunday, Dec 14, 9:00 AM
Theresa Martin

Sunday, Dec 14, 11:00 AM
Barb Hartman

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.



All gifts and donations need to be in by this **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.



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

SAINT JUAN DIEGO
December 9th

OUR LADY
OF
GUADALUPE

December 12th

Prayer Requests

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

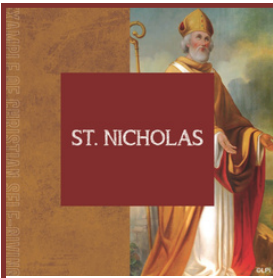
Phil Ciavaglia
Anthony Cinzori
John DePoli
Bob De Santis
Dennis Downey
Toby Edgell
Rachel Esper

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.



ST. NICHOLAS

DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED! – CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

St. Nicholas, Explained!

St. Nicholas was a fourth-century Christian bishop who lived in modern-day Turkey. There is minimal historical scholarship dating to the period of his life, but stories and traditions that developed after his death emphasize his profound spirit of generosity, especially towards the poor.

One particularly famous oral tradition tells that St. Nicholas saves three young women from a life of destitution and ruin by secretly giving them a dowry so they could marry. His popularity increased in the centuries following his death, and by the medieval period he was a beloved model of Christian charity invoked in a particular way during the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

On his feast day, Dec. 6, children often wake up to find small gifts or treats in their shoes or Christmas stockings, a tradition which has variations across different ethnic groups. In the United States, St. Nicholas gift-giving practices are especially popular in places where large numbers of German and Dutch immigrants settled.

Special Collection

NEXT WEEKEND

Retirement Fund for Religious

Fondo para
la Jubilación
de Religiosos

Please give to those
who have given a lifetime.
Done a los que donaron su vida.

retiredreligious.org

A woman went to the post office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards. She said to the clerk, "May I have 50 Christmas stamps?"

The clerk asked, "What denomination?" The woman said, "Oh dear me! Has it come to this? Give me 32 Catholics, 12 Methodists and 6 Baptists."



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. On **December 13th** Meijer will **double Match our donation.**

What if you gave yourself one quiet, prayerful morning before Christmas?

Women's Advent Brunch
Saturday, December 13, 2025 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center
23333 Schoolcraft Rd., Detroit, MI 48223
Brunch: \$15

We invite you to a morning of prayer, reflection, and community as we prepare our hearts for Advent.
Keynote speaker: Vickie Figueroa, Director of Cultural Ministries & Coordinator of Black Catholic Ministry.
Register: www.dominicancenter.org
Invite a friend—All women are welcome!

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THE PERFECT GIFT

As you prepare your hearts for Jesus, the Greatest Gift God has ever given, consider enriching another great gift, the gift of your marriage. Apply today at wwme.org to attend a Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. Jan. 30-Feb.1 Comfort Inn & Suites - Grand Rapids; Feb. 13-15 Mar Eliya Retreat Center - Oxford; March 6-8 Center for Ministry - Saginaw; April 10-12 St. Francis Retreat Center - DeWitt. For more info, contact Amy & Joe at 517-667- 0433.



Trivia Answer:
Gabriel, Michael, and Raphael.

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.



GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating **“locusts and wild honey” (Mark 1:6)**. It’s not just a strange historical detail. It’s a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to

Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we’re each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it’s time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It’s time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That’s the honey. Savor it!

John didn’t avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we’ll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

— Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The story of Advent is a story of repentance. John the Baptist held up a mirror to the chosen people. He urged them to look at what they saw there. This Advent, will we look in the mirror? Will we choose repentance?

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question:

Isaiah foresaw God’s future when the world will be ruled by a new and ideal ‘King David’ (“a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse”) and the earth will be filled with knowledge of the Lord. **What do you hope for in your future?**

2nd Reading Question:

Paul encouraged the community of believers in Rome to be in harmony with each other in thought and mind. **Are there relationships in your life you consider to be harmonious?**

Gospel Question:

John the Baptist taught the people to prepare for the kingdom of heaven by repenting of sins and producing “good fruit.” **What could you do this second week of Advent to make a positive impact?**

Prayer for Advent - Peace

Come, Lord Jesus!

Bring your peace to our world. Inspire reconciliation, heal divisions, bind wounds, rewrite scripts. You are the Prince of Peace, bring that light into every space. Amen.

Mass INTENTIONS

Monday, December 8th

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Noon

Bill Rose (by Denise Rose)

6:00 PM

Ethel Darany (by Children)

Jim Uniewski (by Carol Uniewski)

Tuesday, December 9th

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

6:40 PM

James Doran (by Zell Family)

Wednesday, December 10th

Our Lady of Loreto

9:00 AM

William Johns (by Family)

Mary Lajza (by Family)

Joann Sajewski (by Family)

Thursday, December 11th

St. Damasus I, Pope

9:00 AM

Alan Konkell (by Family)

Joe Pulford (by Family)

Edward & Rosemary Tylutki
(by Family)

Friday, December 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 AM

Josephine DeFilippi (by Family)

Angeline Korejwo (by Friend)

Gladys Wardell (by Joan & Brian)

Saturday, December 13th

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

4:00 PM

Juan & Maria Benitez

(by Mary Meyer)

Ray Escobedo

(by Maria Cunningham)

Maria Medrano (by Family)

Consuelo Petersen (by Family)

Rod Rodriguez (by Family)

Rosanne Wiczorek

(by Diane Bartos)

Sunday, December 14th

3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM

Joe Orlando (by Family)

Tom Powaser (by Family)

Daniel Skora (by Family)

11:00 AM

Ronald & Nancy Caretti

(by Maria Caretti)

John DePoli (by Family)

For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
(by Paula Goodrich)

Stewardship Report

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WEEK ENDING	Nov 30	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 4,380.00	\$ 115,021.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ <u>971.05</u>	\$ <u>24,327.95</u>
ACTUAL	\$ 5,351.05	\$ 139,348.95
BUDGET	\$ <u>6,000.00</u>	\$ <u>132,000.00</u>
VARIANCE	\$ (648.95)	\$ 7,348.95



The holiday season is often characterized by the hustle and bustle of shopping, festive gatherings, and twinkling lights, creating a vibrant atmosphere that many eagerly anticipate.

The phrase "Jesus is the reason for the season" holds deep significance for Catholics, reminding us that during the busy holiday season, the center of our celebrations should always be Jesus Christ. This phrase serves as a reminder to focus on the true meaning of Christmas, which is the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, who came to bring salvation and reconciliation to humanity.

TRIVIA Just for fun

Question: What are the names of the three biblical archangels?

Answer on page 3



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Readings for the Week

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

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next 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

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

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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____