

# 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**

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**Sunday, January 11, 2026**

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**



*FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK by Fr. Terry Kerner*

I want to take this opportunity to thank all friends and parishioners who offered Christmas greetings, gifts and goodies. All added up to making my last Christmas at St. Kateri most memorable. As I announced over the holidays, I will be retiring at the end of June this coming summer. Retirement does not mean retiring from priesthood but from active ministry as your pastor for twenty years. The Archdiocesan policy is for priests to step down at age 80 from parish administration. I reached that "golden mark" last October. At my request Archbishop Vigneron graciously granted me this extra current year. The bishop called me a few weeks ago to remind me that I needed to make the retirement announcement by the beginning of the new year. Bishop Monforton also emphasized that he wanted our parish to know that St. Kateri would NOT be closing in the years ahead. Good news for all of us.

I will be living at the Senior Priest Village in Livonia alongside nineteen other senior priests all of whom help in various parishes with masses, confessions and various needs. I will share more with you as I approach retirement. For now, I can only say that twenty years seems like a long time but feels to have gone so quickly at this time of my life. You have all made it meaningful and something I cherish very much. I hope to visit often.

One very remarkable quality of St. Kateri parish is generosity and care for the needy. Christmas time every year reveals this in beautiful ways. I want to share with you the help you have given to others over the past few weeks.

A consistent charity we support every year is Nativity Parish located in the poorest part of Detroit. This year from the Giving Tree you donated over 200 gifts.

The Giving Tree this year included a new need for a new charity:

St. Joseph Helpers, a group of men who volunteer their time and talent helping seniors make repairs to their property. The men do not charge for their labor but only ask for some help with material. You responded by donating gift cards for Ace, Home Depot and Lowes.

The Giving Tree again included this year the St. Vincent de Paul Society. A very generous \$3,600 was given for this traditional charity and divided between the St. Alphonsus – St. Clement and St. Maria Goretti Conferences.

Christmas 2025, with gratitude for St. Kateri's blessings through the years, dedicated 10% of its Christmas collection to feeding the hungry. This significant collection yielded \$7,548 for the St. Maria Goretti Food Pantry. Combined with the \$1,800 from the Giving Tree, we can be grateful for being able to offer nearly \$10,000 to help the vulnerable.

*May God bless your New Year and all the people you have helped this past year!*



*Dear Friends at St Kateri Tekakwitha Parish,*

*Thank you so much for your very generous donation. Your continued support will allow us to keep food on the table for families in need. Thank you again for your kindness and generosity. Asking God to bless you in return for the thoughtfulness you've shown.*

*Your friends at*

*St. Maria Goretti-St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry*

"No Work of charity is foreign to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul"

**Happy New Year from the Gift Shop Volunteers!** To mark the feast of Epiphany, many cultures commemorate the Three Kings' visit to the Infant Jesus by asking for God's blessings on their homes and families.

The Gift Shop carries house blessing kits with an explanation of the tradition. If you have kits from previous years, feel free to use them...just change the date on the doorposts to 2026. (How easy is that!)

### Lector Schedule

#### **Weekend of January 17/18**

Saturday, Jan 17, 4:00 PM  
Frank Bonfiglio

Sunday, Jan 18, 9:00 AM  
Nancy Coyne

Sunday, Jan 18, 11:00 AM  
Bob Ryan

## **NEW YEAR HOUSE BLESSING TRADITION**

The Epiphany house blessing traditions that were brought here by our Eastern European ancestors have been mostly forgotten. However, house blessings are still very relevant in our current times. Pope Francis speaks much about "domestic churches"...our homes where we live out our faith in concrete ways each day (not just set aside for church on Sunday). The house blessing can be a way to practice this concept.

The blessing is usually performed by family members who recite a prayer, sprinkle holy water, light incense and chalk the home's entrance doorposts with the inscription "20+C+M+B+26." What looks like a math equation are actually symbols that remind us of our dedication to God in everyday life. The symbols also remind us to be welcoming to all those who enter our homes throughout the year. The numbers 20 and 26 refer to the year of the blessing. The letters are abbreviations of the Latin words, "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means, "May Christ bless this house". The same letters also refer to the Three Kings: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. The + signs represent the cross.

We invite you and your families to participate in this meaningful tradition. It provides another opportunity for families to pray together as a domestic church...just as the early Christians did. We have updated the house blessing kits that are available in the Gift Shop. The kit includes chalk, an incense stick, a small bottle of holy water, and a house blessing prayer. Suggested donation to cover the cost of supplies is \$2.00.

**St. Kateri Gift Shop**

## **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  
Barbara Schechter  
Jennie Siwik  
Deborah Slowik  
Joseph Winslow, Sr.  
Eugene Zafferani  
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.**

## 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.

## January Prayer

Dear Lord,

I pray that in you we would find  
hope and healing. Watch over us  
and give us the strength to keep  
moving forward as well as come  
alongside those who have suffered.

Thank you for the new year and  
the opportunities that lie before us.

*Amen*

## VIRTUES, EXPLAINED! – CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

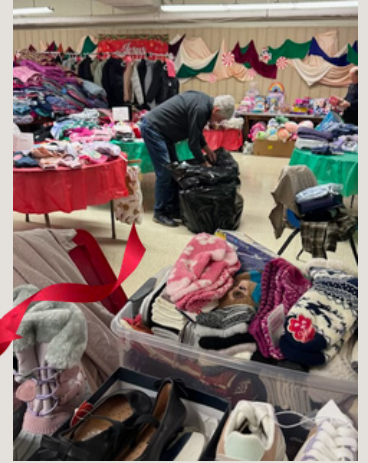
### JOY, EXPLAINED!

Though it is often used as a synonym  
for happiness, joy has far more to do  
with the choices we make than the  
emotions we feel.

Joy is the experience of achieving  
what we most desire – and what we  
most desire is love. God made us in  
love and for love, and so, in the same  
way that a flower seeks the sunlight,  
our souls seek the warmth of true,  
selfless love. The virtue of joy,  
therefore, is a fruit of the virtue of  
love, or charity (CCC 1829).

“We are meant to have our human  
joys: the joy of living, the joy of love  
and friendship, the joy of work well  
done,” said Saint Pope John Paul II.  
“We who are Christians have a  
further cause for joy: like Jesus, we  
know that we are loved by God our  
Father. This love transforms our lives  
and fills us with joy.”

## A Glimpse at your Giving Tree gifts



*Thank You*

Trivia Answer: Epistles.

## 2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST

(statements will **NOT** be sent unless requested)

Charitable deductions, as donations to the Church, are legitimate items to  
be considered when doing your taxes. The parish is happy to provide a  
written copy of your generosity which would NOT include donations to  
the CSA. The form below MUST be filled out and returned in the collection  
receptacles, or by mail or by calling the office at (313-336-3227).

## 2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST

**Please Print**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

ENVELOPE #: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_





## GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Apple ran a commercial not long ago called “Behind the Mac – Greatness.” It shows artists and creators, such as Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish, and Lady Gaga, working behind their MacBooks. The narration says,

“There’s a certain kind of person who doesn’t wait for greatness. They make it.” It’s a compelling message. There’s beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: If you are what you make, what happens when you can’t anymore? When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then?

Today’s Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn’t preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” It’s not a reward for success. It’s not earned. Before he does anything “great,” Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father.

And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: “You are my beloved.” That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away. This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there. — Father John Muir

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

John could not believe that Jesus would seek baptism from him, a lowly mortal man. But our God is a humble God. He does not fear our weakness. He extends his hand, saying, “It is fitting.” So take his hand. Begin the work he has set out for you.

### REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

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

Isaiah speaks of God using a servant to deliver justice to the nations of the world.

**When have you felt God calling you to do His work?**

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

Peter testifies how God and the Holy Spirit were active in the life and public ministry of Jesus. **Do you sense the Holy Spirit present in your life?**

#### Gospel Question

John the Baptist initially hesitates baptizing Jesus. **Do you have a friend or co-worker who needs your encouragement?**

### BLESSING FOR BAPTISMAL GRACES

Dear God,

**Through Baptism, You called and claimed us as Your own, chosen and loved.**

**Pour Your blessing upon us as we remember our Baptism.**

**Plant Your identity in our hearts. Help us to live as Your beloved.**

**Amen.**

# LIVE OUT YOUR BAPTISM

## Mass INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

*St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

**6:40 PM**

Joe Orlando (by Family)

**Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM**

Michael Wiggins  
(by Joan & Brian)

**Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM**

Rod Rodriguez (by Family)

**Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM**

For the Soul Nearest to  
Heaven (by Grace Kirwan)

**Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

*St. Anthony, Abbot*

**4:00 PM**

Juan & Maria Benitez  
(by Mary Meyer)  
Joseph Czapski (by Nieces)  
Margaret Kish  
(by The Crafty Ladies)  
Joe Pulford (by Family)  
Paul & Carmen Saliba  
(by Paula & John Uicker)  
Deceased Members of the  
Syrian Family (by Family)

**Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

*2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**9:00 AM**

Sue Piasecki  
(by Cataldo Family)  
Sara Stuk (by Family)  
Peter Ulrich (by Family)

**11:00 AM**

Benny Chawaniec (by Family)  
Ellery Signori (by Family)  
Yuri Signori (by Family)  
Arleen Zalewski (by Husband)



## Stewardship Report

| WEEK ENDING   | Jan 4       | YEAR TO DATE  |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| OFFERTORY     | \$ 5,125.00 | \$ 133,453.00 |
| ONLINE GIVING | \$ 1,581.65 | \$ 29,542.76  |
| ACTUAL        | \$ 6,706.65 | \$ 162,995.76 |
| BUDGET        | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 156,000.00 |
| VARIANCE      | \$ 706.65   | \$ 6,995.76   |

## REST IN PEACE

### DONALD O'BRIEN

Husband of Valentina O'Brien

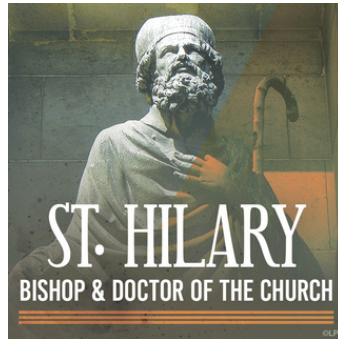
*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

The collection on the Feast  
of the Solemnity of Mary  
**\$1,275.00**

WELCOME TO  
OUR NEW MEMBER

**KATHLEEN ADDISON**

*We are happy you have  
joined our parish family.*



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!



## 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.

## Trivia JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name for the formal letters in the New Testament sent to people and Christian communities?

Answer on Page 3

## Readings for the Week

**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

**Next Sunday:** Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

## 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.*