

# 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, January 4, 2026**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**



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

As many of you heard last weekend, I announced my intended retirement for July 1, 2026. The archdiocese has the policy of retiring pastors when they reach eighty. Last October I did reach that age but was able to talk Archbishop Vigneron into allowing me one more year with you. Next July first I will have served you for twenty years, a relationship that has been very dear to me. I feel that I have been most fortunate in being able to serve so long considering that I will be approaching eighty-one next summer. Even archbishops are required to resign their administrative duties at age seventy-five! Retirement does not mean not serving as a priest. Though I will not reside here at St. Kateri, I look forward to living with several other Archdiocesan Senior Priests in Livonia. Looking forward to serving 54 years of priestly ordination on February 4th this year I intend to continue functioning as a priest and helping out where needed. I don't intend to become "shepherd on a shelf"!

I share this news with you and the Dearborn community with gratitude for my time with you and a request for your continual prayerful support. Please note that when speaking with Bishop Monforton he made the point of wanting you to know that St. Kateri WILL NOT close and WILL have a pastor. I will certainly support your new pastor when he is named. I am sure with your proven spirit of generosity you will do the same.

God's blessings in the new year.

### 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.

## Lector Schedule



### Weekend of January 10/11

Saturday, Jan 10, 4:00 PM  
Therese Terns

Sunday, Jan 11, 9:00 AM  
Janine Bodary

Sunday, Jan 11, 11:00 AM  
Bob Ryan

## St. Kateri Parish Gift & Book Shop

Rosaries, prayer cards, books,  
Bibles, gifts, jewelry, greeting  
cards, wind chimes & more...

Open before and after  
weekend Masses.

Proceeds go to the Parish  
and Red Cloud Indian School.

Come and  
visit with  
us!



Hurry  
Our time is  
limited!

## Welcome the newly Baptized

### GABRIELLE MARIE LEWIS

Parents: Steven & Erica Lewis

Baptized: Dec. 20, 2025  
by Fr. Terry Kerner

*May the Lord give His angels charge over you,  
to guide you in all your ways.*

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

### LENO & ROCHELLE POLI

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



## St. Kateri Parish gets in the Christmas spirit with stuffed Santa Bears display

Fr. Terry Kerner started the tradition back in the 1980s when he was at St. John Parish in Monroe and has continued it at St. Kateri, decorating the parish gathering space.

The stuffed bears are in various scenarios, from sitting at a table and playing cards or dressed up as firefighters and rescuing a fellow bear in a tree.

"It's all a collection from many, many years of people giving me these Santa bears and me not knowing what to do with them," Fr. Kerner told Detroit Catholic. "This dates back to 1986, and people at the parish were looking to downsize, and they had all these stuffed bears dressed as Santa."

*This is just a few sentences extracted from a feature article on detroitcatholic.com.*

*For the complete article you can read it here.*

<https://detroitcatholic.com/news/st-kateri-parish-gets-in-the-christmas-spirit-with-stuffed-santa-bears-display>

## 2025 Christmas Tribute Late Arrivals

### In Memory of

Dubicki, Adolph Jr.  
Polidori, Jessica  
Rotellini, Lori  
(Dubicki)  
Trisha Anne



## 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  
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.



**Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s):**  
Are you looking for a renewed sense  
of purpose & belonging?

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on Jan 30-Feb 1, 2026. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$240 for meals and a single room. Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail [reflect.michigan@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.michigan@gmail.com), or call (586) 770-1772 for details.

## 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.

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.

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#### Trivia Answer:

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

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

### Love, Explained!

If you've ever been a guest at a Christian wedding, chances are you have heard 1 Corinthians 13:4-8: "Love is patient, love is kind ... love never fails."

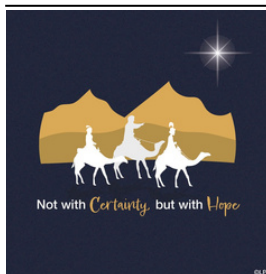


But what and who we love is just as important as how we love. Loving God, we know, is the greatest commandment of Jesus Christ, followed by loving others (Matthew 22:37-40). We are called to exhibit this love even – and, perhaps, especially – when it is difficult, when it demands we sacrifice our own preferences, our own desires and our own prejudices (Matthew 5:46).

In doing this, we "no longer stand before God as a slave, in servile fear, or as a mercenary looking for wages, but as a son responding to the love of him who 'first loved us.'" (CCC 1828)

So yes, love is patient, and love is kind – and, when practiced correctly, love is also freedom.





## GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal:

to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

When do you feel most alive? I'd wager it's not when you're most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it's when your life is aimed at something great; when you're on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends.

That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

— Father John Muir

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The journey of the Magi reflects how treacherous our Christian life on earth can be. Always, evil works against us — Satan lays traps. He sows confusion. May we, like the Magi, recognize the will of God as our guiding star.

### WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

#### The Three Wise Men

#### Magi, Three Kings, Three Wise Men...who were they?

We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There's a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men magoi. The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean "magician," but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire.

We're not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says "the east." History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts "from afar" at the prompting of their astronomical calculations.

## Mass INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

*St. André Bessette, Religious*

**6:40 PM**

Josephine DeFilippi (by Family)

**Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

*St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest*

**9:00 AM**

Joe Pulford (by Family)

**Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM**

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

**Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM**

For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 PM**

Andrew Balestrieri  
(by Michael & Diane O'Connor)  
Juan & Maria Benitez  
(by Mary Meyer)  
George Dressler (by Wife)  
George Escobedo  
(by Maria Cunningham)  
Joe Gasidlo (by Family)

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

The Baptism of the Lord

**9:00 AM**

John Danaj (by Family)  
Angeline Korejwo (by Friend)  
Maura O'Connell, Special Intention (by Anne)

**11:00 AM**

Nancy & Ronald Caretti  
(by Maria Caretti)  
Robert Schneider (by Family)  
Mary, Feliks & Robert Turek  
(by Son/Brother)

### EPIPHANY BLESSING

Dear God,

It was You who inspired the Magi to follow the star to find You.

Inspire us to seek You, as well.

Bless our homes and families this season, make them places where we can encounter You through prayer and community.

Amen.

## Stewardship Report

WEEK ENDING	Dec 21	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 4,180.00	\$ 128,328.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ <u>1,111.05</u>	\$ <u>27,961.11</u>
ACTUAL	\$ 5,291.05	\$ 156,289.11
BUDGET	\$ <u>6,000.00</u>	\$ <u>150,000.00</u>
VARIANCE	\$ (708.95)	\$ 6,289.11

When the song of the angels is stilled  
when the star in the sky is gone  
when the kings and princes are home  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks  
the work of Christmas begins:

- to find the lost
- to heal the broken
- to feed the hungry
- to release the prisoner
- to rebuild the nations
- to bring peace among the people
- to make music in the heart.

*by Howard Thurman*

*Christmas*  
**IS FOREVER**



JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who are the four  
Gospel authors?

Answer on Page 3

## REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

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

Isaiah prophesies a coming of age when the glory of the Lord would shine upon Israel and their hearts would throb with joy. **Can you share an experience that brought you deep joy and happiness?**

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

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Holy Spirit revealed to him that all believers in Jesus (Jew and Gentile alike) were coheirs and members of the same body. **Have you ever felt like an outsider who was welcomed by others?**

### Gospel Question

In the story of the birth of Jesus, Matthew contrasts the fear and concern of King Herod with the joy and praise of the Magi. **What feelings does the season of Christmas evoke for you?**

## Help Us Put the FUN in Fundraising!



Shake off those winter blues and support a great cause with a 3-week Line Dancing Class sponsored by the St. Alphonsus-St. Clement Conference of St. Vincent de Paul. Classes will be taught by SVdP member and dance enthusiast Michele Smith. Get moving to favorites like The Hustle and Cupid Shuffle, along with some of today's hottest dances such as Shivers, Topsy, and more! Classes take place at Fr. Yagley Hall, 7500 Schaefer, Dearborn, from 1-2 PM on January 17, 24, and 31, 2026. A suggested donation of \$10 per class directly supports neighbors in need within our community. Come dance, laugh, and make a difference! Pre-registration is not required. For more information, please call the St. Alphonsus-St. Clement parish office at 313-581-5218.

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## Readings for the Week

**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

**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

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

## TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ST. KATERI PARISH

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### NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION

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

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

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