

# St. Kateri Catholic Church

*Welcome! No matter what your personal history, race or color, no matter what your self-image 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, February 15, 2026**



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

by Fr. Terry Kerner

Yes, Lent really does begin this week with Ash Wednesday! Please refer to the Lenten schedule below for your planning and living your observance of the season. As is often said, Lent is more than just giving up things" it can also be invitation to "do things". The forty days ahead give a great opportunity and excuse for changing some bad habits and embracing loving new ones. I urge all of us to look for to this grace-filled time.

Please note the invitation to explore the Solanus Casey Museum coming to St. Kateri February 21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>.

Capuchins will be giving talks and sharing some very meaningful aspects of Fr. Casey's life and ministry. The museum is open to the public and encourages other parishes to join in the experience.

Be healthy, keep warm and stay holy!

## Our Lenten Schedule

### ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18 Masses: 9:00 AM & 5:00 PM, Scripture service at NOON

### Stations of the Cross & Private Confession Fridays at Noon

Feb. 20 Praying the Stations of the Cross for Seniors

Feb. 27 Stations for the Suffering, Ill & Disabled

Mar. 6 Stations of the Cross for Healing

Mar. 13 Stations of Hope: Praying the Stations for Today

Mar. 20 Stations of Strength: Praying the Stations of the Cross in Times of Suffering

Mar. 27 Mary's Way of the Cross

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays 4:00 - 6:30 PM

### PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesdays 6:30 PM & Thursdays 9:00 AM

### PRIVATE CONFESSIONS FRIDAYS

(during the Stations) Noon & Saturdays 3:00 PM

Communal Penance Saturday, March 28 11:00 AM



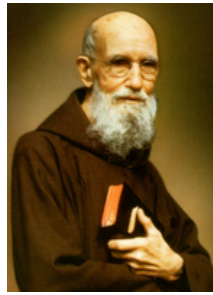


**February 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**

**St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

16101 Rotunda Drive, Dearborn, MI 48120  
(Between Southfield Fwy and Greenfield)  
313-336-3227      Info@StKateriDearborn.org

The story of Blessed Solanus Casey is brought to life with the traveling museum. Learn about Blessed Solanus Casey through the banners, relics, portraits, and brochures. Capuchin Friars will tell the history of Blessed Solanus Casey and share his life, works, and cause for Sainthood.



**Blessed Solanus Casey**

Born: November 25<sup>th</sup>, 1870  
Profession of Vows:  
July 21<sup>st</sup>, 1898  
Died: July 31<sup>st</sup>, 1957  
Beatified:  
November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Hours Open to the Public:**

**Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>** Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Capuchin Presentation at 12:00 p.m.

**Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Soup and Bread Supper (Free Will Donation)

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Closing Talk by Capuchins at 6:00 p.m.

Visitation for Catholic Schools: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



**LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE**

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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**Lenten  
Black  
Books  
are  
available**

in the Gift Shop (before & after weekend Masses) and in the Parish office during normal business hours. Suggested donation \$2

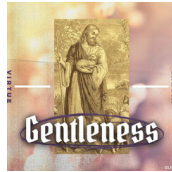
**Prayer Requests**

Alyssa Atkinson	Anthony Cinzori	Joe & Phillis Ivy	Maryann Mountain	Victoria Porter
Norma Jean Bak	Bob De Santis	Fr. Terry Kerner	Anne Munir	Charlie Powell
Fran Bernard	Rachel Esper	Gloria Koss	Cynthia Nepjuk	Barbara Schechter
Irene Bruen	Esther Fonesca	Stanley Kozlowicz	Lori O'Leary	Jennie Siwik
John Cassar	Delphine Gray	Lorraine Kwiecinski	Michael Owen	Joseph Winslow, Sr.
Lena Castlevetere	Emily Hudson	Dcn Tom Leonard	Judith Masley	Eugene Zafferani
Phil Ciavaglia		Jon LePage		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.

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

### Gentleness, Explained!



As followers of Christ, we are commanded to “always be prepared to offer an explanation ... to justify the hope that is in you.”

But the success of that evangelism hinges entirely on the very next instructions this passage contains: “However, do so with gentleness & respect” (1 Peter 3:15).

The word “gentleness” has come to be associated with softness and fragility – but there is no virtue that requires greater strength. As one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, gentleness dis- poses us to receive the inspirations of the Spirit, who “reveals to men who Jesus is” (CCC 152). In cultivating a spirit of gentleness, we more closely resemble Christ, who was unfailingly gentle, even in the face of violence and death.

“Every virtue is a good thing, but most of all gentleness and meekness,” said St. John Chrysostom. “This shows us men; this makes us to differ from wild beasts; this fits us to vie with Angels.”

**Trivia Answer:** Faith, Hope, and Love (Charity).



*Next Week*

*Special  
Collection*

Central & Eastern Europe

*also*

Preorders will be  
taken next  
week for  
On the Rise Bakery  
for your  
Easter  
Celebration

## SVDP FOOD PANTRY

@ St. Maria Goretti

### Our needs for February

#### CANNED/PACKAGED

- Canned Beef stew
- Canned Chili
- Manwich
- Canned Pineapple
- Canned Spinach

#### OTHER ITEMS

- Strawberry Jelly
- Instant Oatmeal
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Spaghetti Noodles

### 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.

Thank you all for your support of the pantry. In the month of January, we served 105 households with 292 family members.



**K of C Fish Fry  
At  
St. Maria Goretti**

**Every Friday  
of Lent  
4pm–7 pm**

#### 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

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#### Welcome

New Parishioners!

To register, change an address, or if you moved, please contact the parish office.





## GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A few years into my priesthood, I hit a wall. I had taken on too many commitments: Masses, meetings, ministries, projects. I couldn't keep up. I was double-booking, forgetting things, running late, and letting

people down. My boss at the time, a wise priest, and our shared secretary, noticed. For my birthday, the two gave me a stack of 100 flashcards, each with one word printed in a different language: "NO." It was funny, but also painfully true. If I couldn't say no, my yes was in danger.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the Evil One" (Matthew 5:37). He's not just giving advice about polite speech. He's showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom.

The Church Fathers often linked this kind of straightforward truthfulness with spiritual maturity. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we hedge, flatter, exaggerate, or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. That little stack of flashcards reminded me that God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too.

Lenten Challenge: Practice one moment of honest, peaceful speech this week. Maybe it's a sincere "yes" to something important, or a humble "no" to something you cannot do. Let it be a quiet step into the freedom Jesus offers.  
— Father John Muir

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus does not want us to live within the law — he wants the law to live within us. God's law, fulfilled by His Son, is rich soil. We must let it nourish the words and the decisions of our Christian life — only then will it flow forth into the world.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Mass INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

*The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

**6:40 PM**

Barbara Sue Bacalia (by Family)

**Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Ash Wednesday*

**9:00 AM**

Parishioners of St. Kateri

**Noon - Scripture Service**

**5:00 PM**

Deborah Slowik

(by Gloria Koss)

**Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM**

*For All Souls in Purgatory*

**Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM**

Alan Konkell (by Family)

**Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

*St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

**4:00 PM**

Juan & Maria Benitez

(by Mary Meyer)

Louella Combs

(by Goodrich Family)

Joe Gasidlo (by Family)

John Uicker, Jr.

(by Paula & John Uicker)

Jim Uniewski

(by Carol Uniewski)

**Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*1st Sunday of Lent*

**9:00 AM**

Charla Bynum (by Family)

Deceased Members of the

Stoner Family

(by Eileen Stoner)

Zub Family (by Family)

**11:00 AM**

Nancy & Ronald Caretti

(by Maria Caretti)

Carolyn & Duncan Doran

(by Family)

Joseph Kwiecinski (by Family)



## Stewardship Report

WEEK ENDING	Feb 8	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 4,194.00	\$ 157,112.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 1,257.40	\$ 35,378.16
ACTUAL	\$ 5,451.40	\$ 192,490.16
BUDGET	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 186,000.00
VARIANCE	\$ (548.60)	\$ 6,490.16

### St. Kateri Parish Gift & Book Store

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.

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

**PAMELA CADDY**

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

### Lector Schedule

#### Ash Wednesday, February 18

9:00 AM Therese Terns  
12:00 PM Theresa M. Skora  
5:00 PM Gabriel Doran

#### Weekend of Feb 21/22

Saturday, Feb 21, 4:00 PM  
Therese Terns  
  
Sunday, Feb 22, 9:00 AM  
Janeen Bodary  
  
Sunday, Feb 22, 11:00 AM  
Teri Siaczka

### CATHOLIC



JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** What are the names of the three theological virtues of the Catholic Church?

Answer on Page 3

### Readings for the Week

**Sunday:** Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

**Next Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

### Thank You

FROM NATIVITY PARISH

Dear St. Kateri Parishioners,

We, at Nativity of Our Lord, thank you for your continued support of our Christmas Assistance Program. Your generosity was overwhelming. We are grateful that with all those seeking assistance, you still support our parish with clothes, toys and household goods for those in need. As always, Therese made sure everything ran smoothly.

Over the week of December 15<sup>th</sup>, 45 families came to "shop," which means that they took a shopping cart around our church basement which was set up as a Christmas store and were able to select their children's clothes and toys. We also had an additional 77 families pick up their gifts and food that were packed by volunteers at our church. Their food boxes contained fresh produce, canned goods, ham and fresh bread. The families are so appreciative that they don't have to worry about Christmas for their children.

Our 48213-zip code is one of the biggest and poorest in the city of Detroit and there are very few resources to help those in need. Being one of the few places offering assistance means our Christmas Program is vital to the neighborhood. Without help from groups like yours, we would struggle to keep up with the need.

We thank you for your assistance and ask God to bless you for your generosity.

Peace and Love in Christ,

Anne Crowe, Outreach Coordinator, Nativity of Our Lord



### 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