

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.

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Sunday, July 5, 2026



Between the Hearts with Fr. Craig



Dear parishioners of Sacred Heart and St. Kateri,

I'm so happy to finally get started on this new journey with you now that my assignment has officially begun. You have been, and will continue to be, in my daily prayers. I believe a pastor's prayers for his people are the foundation for everything that takes place in the parish and help guide him in serving the people entrusted to his care. Please know that you are always welcomed to ask me for specific prayers as I will never be too busy to make time to pray.

I have named my bulletin article "Between the Hearts" due to my love and devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our hearts should be between those most loving Hearts as they protect, guide, and bring mercy to us. Being at a parish named Sacred Heart lends itself well to this, but also in a real way, we can look at the heart of St. Kateri as a model of the Immaculate Heart. St. Kateri is known for her purity and love just like Our Lady. So, the play on words works well with our situation of being two parishes with one pastor. I pray that our parishes can be two hearts that beat as one in all that we do together. It is my intention to serve you both with a hundred percent of my attention and care. Each parish has its distinct needs, but there are certainly similarities as well. I'm going to be present as much as possible, and together we will figure out what that entails and how it will look. I will be writing only one bulletin article for both parishes so that the same message will be communicated each week.

I'm happy to share more about myself and I look forward to getting to know all of you. For now, I'll give you a brief overview of myself. I was born on Dec. 22nd, 1977, which makes me 48 years old. I don't feel like I'm pushing 50, but it seems to be coming my way anyway. I grew up on the east side in Sterling Heights. Both in high school and college, I studied art. I did a few semesters at the College of Creative Studies in graphic design, but switched majors to fine art and attended Wayne State University. Go Tartars! (There was no such thing as a Wayne State Warrior back then.) Before graduating, I started to work at a fine art gallery and remained there a few years afterward. I applied to graduate school for a Master of Fine Art but was not accepted to any of the places that I applied to. From there, I quit my job at the gallery and got serious doing full time art in a flat in Hamtramck. However, while I spent many quiet hours making a new body of art to apply to different schools, I was also spending a lot of time praying and reading good books. That's when I felt God was calling me to enter seminary. I actually learned I was accepted to Sacred Heart Major Seminary at my first solo art exhibition! I received my Master of Divinity

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and STB (a degree given by Rome in Sacred Theology) and was ordained on May 22nd, 2010. That is the feast of St. Rita, the patron saint of hopeless causes, which felt very fitting. My first assignment was as an associate pastor at Guardian Angels in Clawson, then as an associate pastor at St. Fabian in Farmington Hills. From there, I became the pastor at St. Ephrem in Sterling Heights, only four miles from where I grew up. When my dad retired, he would help a lot around the parish, so much so that we nicknamed him “part-time.” There were a lot of blessings during that time, especially being so close to my parents, and continuing my education as well. While there, I earned a Doctorate in Ministry from Duke University. So, when anyone asks if I’m a Michigan or Michigan State fan, the answer is, “Go Duke!” My last assignment was Director of Priestly Vocations. Basically, I was the recruiter for guys discerning priesthood. I’m not new to the Dearborn area as I was a priest in residence at Divine Child Parish. At the time, it simply seemed like a good place to live, but now I can see God’s hand in that decision, as it has allowed me to become familiar with the area and the people I am now called to serve.

As I said at the beginning, I’m very happy and excited to be with you on this journey. We know change is upon us, and it will continue to change with the restructuring, but I truly believe God has a plan. Let’s together listen to the Wisdom of the Holy Spirit as we place ourselves, “Between the Hearts.”

**In Christ,
Fr. Craig**

Welcome

Father Craig Giera as the newest member of our church community and our new Pastor. He will lead us with wisdom and grace into this exciting new chapter here at St. Kateri.

**Happy Birthday to July’s
Super Seniors (80 and over)**

July's Birthdays: Mary Bell, Virginia Blow, Eric Brumo, Suzanne Conrad, Mary Crumley, Elvira Ferrera, Marilyn Galante, Willis Long, Barbara Miscavage, Arthur Murray, Joseph Randinitis, Richard Sudek, Delfina Tamburro, and Eugene Zafferani

Here's to another year of wonderful memories. Cheers to you and all the incredible moments yet to come!

Lector Schedule

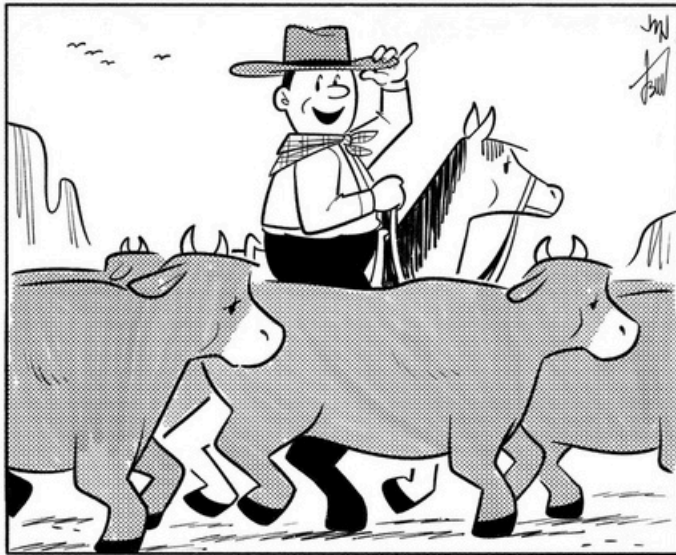


Weekend of July 11/12
 Saturday, July 11, 4:00 PM
 Frank Bonfiglio
 Sunday, July 12, 9:00 AM
 Stefan Ciavaglia
 Sunday, July 12, 11:00 AM
 Teri Siaczka

Prayer Requests

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| Alyssa Atkinson | Rachel Esper | Fr. Terry Kerner | Carol Natkowski | Anna Sanson |
| Fran Bernard | Esther Fonesca | Gloria Koss | Cynthia Nepjuk | Barbara Schechter |
| Rusty Burrell | Richard Fron | Stanley Kozlowicz | Lori O’Leary | Jennie Siwik |
| John Cassar | Laura Grant | Lorraine Kwiecinski | Michael Owen | Rosemary Thompson |
| Phil Ciavaglia | Marie Grant | Jon LePage | Bretton Pierce | Joseph Winslow, Sr. |
| Anthony Cinzori | Delphine Gray | Maryann Mountain | Judy Pinckes | Judith York |
| Wanda Darcangelo | Don Holton | Anne Munir | Charlie Powell | Eugene Zafferani |
| Bob De Santis | Emily Hudson | | Albert Sanson | 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.



"I'm a ROAMIN' Catholic."



The term "Roman Catholic" distinguishes one rite of Catholicism from other rites, like the Maronite Church or the Coptic Church. Roman or Latin Rite Catholics make up the largest group of Catholics.

SVDP FOOD PANTRY

@ St. Maria Goretti
Our needs for July

CANNED

- Beef Stew
- Green Beans
- Tuna

CEREAL

- Capt'n Crunch
- Special K

PACKAGED

- Dollar Store Shampoo
- Ramen Noodles
- Scalloped Potatoes

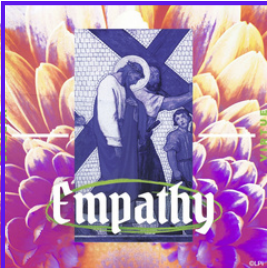
PERSONAL

- 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.

We need **empty egg cartons**. A parishioner with a **small farm donates eggs** to our pantry.

We appreciate all the support we receive for our Neighbors in Need.

Trivia Answer: A Holy Hour



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

Empathy, Explained!

The virtue of empathy describes our ability to connect emotionally with the suffering of others. It's our interior capacity to appreciate and experience other people's feelings – to the extent, even, that we allow those feelings to impact our own decisions and our own actions.

Christ had empathy for us and for our state of imprisonment in original sin. He had empathy for the suffering we endure because of our self-imposed exile from friendship with God. This empathy meant that he sacrificed himself willingly for our salvation – he wanted to do it, because he had allowed our feelings to intermingle with his own.

Since empathy flows directly from charity, the theological virtue that enables us to love God and to love others, we can use charity as a way to increase the empathy we feel. If we find ourselves struggling to muster empathy in a particular situation, engaging in charity will liberate us from our state of self-centeredness.

PASTOR

Rev. Craig Giera

SENIOR PRIEST

Rev. Terrence 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**

This weekend, our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Unlike most nations, the United States was not founded primarily on a shared ethnicity, language, or culture.

Instead, our founders built a political community out of diverse peoples united by a shared vision of liberty. That vision echoes something deep in the Christian mystery revealed in today’s Gospel.

Jesus returns to his hometown. The people see only what is familiar: the carpenter, the son of Mary, one of their own. As Mark tells us, “They took offense at him. Jesus said, ‘A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.’” Their narrow vision blinds them. Jesus has come to inaugurate a new communion that transcends geography, bloodlines, and culture. He has come to unite all people in himself.

At its best, America’s national unity reflects this possibility, which fully subsists only in the Catholic Church. Our unity is not based on ancestry or tribe, but on a shared commitment to higher ideals. For this reason, we can love our country with gratitude while situating patriotism within the broader horizon of faith.

Rooted in Christ, we are less vulnerable to the unholy tribalism that threatens civic life and faith. This weekend, let us thank God for our nation and pray that we also live as citizens of Heaven in Jesus Christ.

– Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

These days, everyone’s an expert. We have a world of information at our fingertips. But some answers can’t be found in newspapers or even history books. What God hides from the wise, He reveals to the little ones. Are you looking in the right place?

**REFLECT AND RESPOND
TO SCRIPTURE**

1st Reading Question

Zechariah speaks of a just and humble king who will lead all people to a future of peace and joy.

What are some things that make you genuinely happy?

2nd Reading Question

Paul teaches that the Spirit of God dwells in those who believe in Jesus. **Where do you see the Holy Spirit active in your life?**

Gospel Question

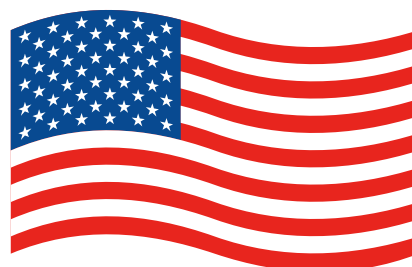
Jesus speaks of himself as meek and humble of heart, and invites us to find “rest” in him. **What are some burdens Jesus could relieve for you?**

**BLESSING FOR
OUR COUNTRY**

Dear God,
Bless this land that we love, a land
You created, in love.

We are at our best when we’re close
to You.

Please inspire, guide, and govern
our leaders and our vision, that our
greatness may be founded in and
defined in You. Amen.



Mass
INTENTIONS

Tuesday, July 7th

6:40 PM

Duncan & Carolyn Doran
(by Family)

Wednesday, July 8th

9:00 AM

Alan Konkel (by Family)

Thursday, July 9th

*St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and
Companions, Martyrs*

9:00 AM

Maria Medrano & Consuelo
Petersen (by Family)
Rod Rodriguez (by Family)

Friday, July 10th

9:00 AM

Michael Galante (by Family)

Saturday, July 11th

St. Benedict, Abbot

4:00 PM

Juan & Maria Benitez
(by Mary Meyer)
George Dressler (by Wife)
Emily Meyer (by Tony Meyer)
Angelo Sultana
(by Jimmy & Pam Attard)
John J. Uicker, Jr.
(by Paula & John Uicker)

Sunday, July 12th

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM

Christopher Curtis (by Mother)
Duncan & Carolyn Doran
(by Zell Family)
For the Soul Nearest to Heaven
(by Grace Kirwan)

11:00 AM

Vera Ciavaglia (by Family)
Arduino DeAngelis (by Family)
Mary, Feliks & Robert Turek
(by Son/Brother)



Stewardship Report

Due to the holiday and early submission required from the bulletin printer, there is no report for this bulletin.

TRIVIA JUST FOR FUN!

Question: What is the term for an uninterrupted hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament?

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ADORATION

every Tuesday
4:00 pm - 6:15 pm

Followed by
Devotion to our
Mother of Perpetual Help
and Mass

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

We have met our goal!

It's not too late to give to this year's CSA.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Anything over our target will now remain in our parish.

Thank you for your support!

THIS PRAYER COULD CHANGE YOUR ENTIRE DAY

Dear God, You have blessed me in so many ways, and I am truly grateful.

I know Your plans are greater than my understanding, so I ask You to guide me and strengthen my faith.

Lord, I place my faith, my family, my work, my dreams, and my future into Your hands. I trust You completely.

May You lead my life.

I love You, and I will honor You by sharing this prayer.

If you love **God** and are not ashamed of Him, pass this prayer to someone you care about and to see what He will do in your life.

Don't forget **Amen.**



OUTDOOR ROSARY MAY THRU OCTOBER

Monday evenings at 6 PM

Come join us at the Blessed Mother's Shrine. (Behind the church) to say the rosary.

You may wish to bring a lawn chair if you need to be seated.



PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS



U. S. Air Force
Kathleen Lyons
Teresa Lyons
Timothy Lyons
Connor Plate



U. S. Army
Nick Calvas
Mary Beth Myers
Rocky Myers



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