

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, July 12, 2026



Between the Hearts with Fr. Craig

What a beautiful first week of getting to know everyone at both wonderful parishes of ours. Parish ministry offers so much and I'm starting to remember all the many things I use to do as a pastor for the five years I was at St. Ephrem. I'm excited to be in this position and look forward to the many Sacraments, celebrations, and events that will be taking place throughout the year. When I gave talks about vocations, people would ask me what I liked best about being a priest. I would always say that it was how people would open their hearts to us priests. I consider it a great privilege and responsibility to be entrusted with taking care of you as a father and to serve with the Heart of Jesus. I truly mean this and I know it is going to take time for me to prove that to you.

I would like to honor the two pastors that Sacred Heart and St. Kateri had for so many years. Fr. Ken and Fr. Terry dedicated their entire lives to serving the people of God. I'm sure that you loved them very much and I can see why, they are good priests. It is painful to say goodbye to the people we know and the familiar that comes along with their presence. There is a true feeling of loss, and it is OK to feel that way, we all go through it. Even when change is good, like a child going away to college, there is still that initial feeling of being uncomfortable with the unfamiliar. Let us honor and pray for these good men and keep them continually in our hearts.

Please know that I continually pray for you and that I am available if you need anything. Even if you just need to ask questions, feel free to call or email, I will get back with you. Again, please reach out to me. I'm different than what you are used to, I know that, but I have no agenda other than leading us to heaven. As I said in the first article, we are going to have to figure this out together, because change is already upon us. Change can be difficult, but when we unite in prayer, keep an open and honest dialog, Jesus will lead us down the right path. Let's keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, knowing that He is looking back at us with Love.

In Christ,
Fr. Craig

PASTOR

Rev. Craig Giera

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.

Lector Schedule



Weekend of July 18/19

Saturday, Jul 18, 4:00 PM
Frank DeMilde

Sunday, Jul 19, 9:00 AM
Theresa Martin (Skora)

Sunday, Jul 19, 11:00 AM
Gabriel Doran



ST. KATERI PARISH GIFT & BOOK SHOP

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

Open before and after
weekend Masses.
Come in and browse.

Proceeds go to the Parish
and Red Cloud Indian School.



LIFE
LIBERTY
and the
**PURSUIT OF
HAPPINESS**

Baby Supplies
Drive

In honor of our nation's 250th anniversary,
The Lennon Center

in Dearborn Heights is hoping to collect a
combination of 250 packages of

size 5 and 6 diapers *bottles*
unscented wipes *diaper cream*

to refill our baby supplies which help local women and
babies in need who attend our parenting classes.

Thank you!

Collected donations can be dropped off on any
Friday in July up until August 7th from 9am-2pm
at our storage room at St. Sabina's. Please reach
out to akonja@lennoncenter.org or call
Lexi at 313-277-5637 to coordinate drop-offs.

Our Patroness - St. Kateri Feast Day - July 14



A Prayer

Almighty and merciful Father, we give you thanks for the
witness of your beloved daughter, Kateri Tekakwitha. By
her life of sweet purity, perseverance in affliction, and
unwavering trust in your mercy, she has become a sign to
the world, a world in much need of hope. By following the
example of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, she was
perfected in charity and filled with zeal for your will.
Now, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and through the
authority given to your Holy Church, this Pure Lily is
counted among your Saints. May we rely on your Divine
assistance, showered upon us through her intercession.

Amen.

Prayer Requests

Alyssa Atkinson
Fran Bernard
Rusty Burrell
John Cassar
Phil Ciavaglia
Anthony Cinzori
Wanda Darcangelo
Bob De Santis

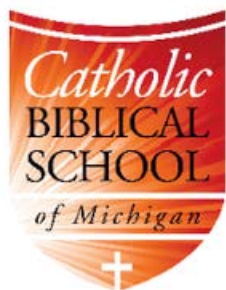
Rachel Esper
Esther Fonesca
Richard Fron
Laura Grant
Marie Grant
Delphine Gray
Don Holton
Emily Hudson

Fr. Terry Kerner
Gloria Koss
Stanley Kozlowicz
Hanna Kruemmer
Lorraine Kwiecinski
Jon LePage
Maryann Mountain

Anne Munir
Carol Natkowski
Cynthia Nepjuk
Lori O'Leary
Michael Owen
Bretton Pierce
Judy Pinckes
Charlie Powell

Albert Sanson
Anna Sanson
Barbara Schechter
Jennie Siwik
Joseph Winslow, Sr.
Judith York
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.



**COMPREHENSIVE. LIVE.
EXPERT TEACHERS.
CAST YOUR NET INTO THE DEEP
WITH THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL
SCHOOL!**

Be ready for whatever life brings you with the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan's new classes starting this September at

**St. Frances Cabrini in Allen Park (Tuesdays 7-9 pm),
Divine Child in Dearborn (Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 pm)
or Online (any day/time).**

Learn more and meet instructors at a *Virtual Info Night* on Sunday, July 26, or Sunday, August 23, from 8-9 pm online (cbsmich.org/infonights). Or, join one of our in-person Info Nights on Wed., August 26, from 7-8 pm at Divine Child, or Thurs., August 27, from 7-8 pm at St. Frances Cabrini. Through donations, CBSM is accessible to all, with 100% of requests for financial aid granted. Find out more at cbsmich.org or call/text 586-438-3085.

SVDP FOOD PANTRY

**@ St. Maria Goretti
Our needs for July**

CANNED

- Beef Stew
- Green Beans
- Tuna

CEREAL

- Capt'n Crunch
- Special K

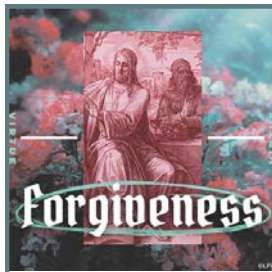
PACKAGED

- **PERSONAL**
- DollarStore Shampoo
- Ramen Noodles
- Scalloped Potatoes

- 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.



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

Forgiveness, Explained!

The virtue of forgiveness is described to us in detail by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 18, when he tells Peter that he must forgive his brother “not seven times, but seventy-seven times” before relating the parable of the unforgiving servant. Here we see that exercising forgiveness is an absolute requirement of the Christian life. What we have received from God through no merit of our own, we must likewise extend to others.

Forgiveness is love in action — and as is the case with most virtues, if we find it hard to practice, that means we’re doing it right. The Catechism says that forgiveness “bears witness that...love is stronger than sin” (CCC 2844) and points out that it “is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession.” (CCC 2843)



Are you interested in Deepening your spiritual journey?

--Exploring Jesuit/Ignatian spirituality and traditions that can assist you on this journey? --Meeting with others (in person and on-line) to pray and discuss the spiritual life? Then...you are invited to participate in “VIA”

VIA is a 10-month spiritual formation experience that includes online and live sessions, spiritual conversation, retreats and shared discernment in a supportive community environment.

For more information on this transformative experience, visit IgnatianVia.org.

An online information session will be held at 7pm on July 21st.

For more information, contact the Detroit area coordinators:
Lexi Konja, AlexisKonja@gmail.com

Fr. Gary Wright, SJ, wrightgr@udmercy.edu (Ss. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church)

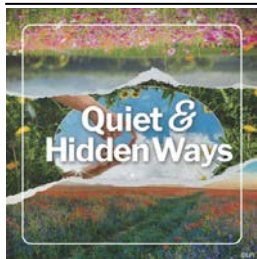
We invite you to begin the journey of discovering God's presence more deeply in your life through VIA!

Trivia Answer: In Germany

CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE AND YOUR FAITH!



As the U.S. celebrates its 250th birthday, why not celebrate your marriage and your faith at a Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! Apply today at wwme.org. July 24-26 Augustine Center - Petoskey; Aug. 7-9 St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center - Detroit; Oct. 2-4 Augustine Center - Petoskey, Oct. 16-18 Christ the King - Ann Arbor (in Parish). For more info, contact Amy & Joe at 517-667- 0433 or visit wwme.org.



GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Sometimes I feel capable of absorbing almost anything except God's Word. My mind soaks up song lyrics, sports trivia, and endless online content. But what was the reading at Mass this morning? I struggle to recall.

That realization discourages me, and it leads to an uncomfortable question. What is my heart really for? Is it shaped for constant information and distraction, or is it truly designed for God? Am I capable of deeply receiving His Word?

Jesus speaks directly to this today with a simple image. **"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it."** By comparing the Word of the Kingdom to a seed, Jesus reveals something hopeful about us. The human heart is made for that seed. Soil and seed belong together. No matter how compacted, rocky, or overgrown the ground has become, the Sower never stops sowing.

God loves our hearts. He sees them as a farmer sees his fields, full of potential. Human hearts can indeed **"understand the Word."** Understanding does not mean mastering information. It means letting the Word sink in, interacting with it, and giving it a home. It means trusting that, beneath the surface, God is at work in quiet and hidden ways.

When we allow the Holy Spirit to loosen the soil of our hearts through prayer, repentance, and simplicity, the same Word that created the universe begins to bear fruit in us, 30, 60, even a hundredfold.

Lord Jesus, Sower of life, soften the soil of my heart. Let Your Word take root in me again, and bring forth the fruit You desire. Amen.

— Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Our hearts are fertile ground for the Word of God, but we must be careful gardeners. Be conscious of what damages and depletes the soil of your heart. Pay attention to what nourishes it, so that the goodness of the Word can bloom forth into the world.

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question

Isaiah encourages us to trust in the reliability of God's word and purposes. **When do you find yourself trusting in the Lord?**

2nd Reading Question

Paul places his hope in God's promised future, when both people and creation itself will be freed from corruption and decay. **Is there something you or your family have been hoping for lately?**

Gospel Question

Jesus teaches his disciples to be open (be "rich soil") to the often mysterious meaning of the parables about the kingdom of Heaven. **Are you someone who is open to new or different ideas?**

BLESSING FOR ABUNDANT GROWTH

*Dear God,
Bless our efforts in
Your Name.
Help us to understand
Your will.
Allow us to follow the
invitation You have provided.
We want to be rich soil —
help us respond
deeply and abundantly to
every place You call.*

Amen.

Mass INTENTIONS

Tuesday, July 14th

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
6:40 PM

Walter Nasarzewski
(by Gloria Koss)

Wednesday, July 15th

*St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church*
9:00 AM

Sara Stuk (by Family)

Thursday, July 16th

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
9:00 AM

Madelyn Sholund
(by Grace Nino)
Georgette Daisey, Health &
Healing (by Jo-Ann Curtis)

Friday, July 17th

9:00 AM
Geraldyn Forster (by Family)
Leonard & Genieve Martin
(by Family)
Jim Uniewski
(by Carol Uniewski)

Saturday, July 18th

St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
4:00 PM

Juan & Maria Benitez
(by Mary Meyer)
Joe Gasidlo (by Family)
Rod Rodriguez (by Family)
Paul & Carmen Saliba
(by Paula & John Uicker)

Sunday, July 19th

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM

Steve & Louise Cichy
(by Family)
Angelo Sultana
(by Joe & Thao Attard)
Mary Ellen Zell (by Family)

11:00 AM

Pat Ayland (by Family)
Nancy & Ronald Caretti
(by Maria Caretti)
Ralph Wold (by Kathy Burns)



Stewardship Report

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WEEK ENDING	July 5	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 5,945.00	\$ 5,945.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ <u>1,735.10</u>	\$ <u>1,735.10</u>
ACTUAL	\$ 7,680.00	\$ 7,680.10
BUDGET	\$ <u>6,000.00</u>	\$ <u>6,000.00</u>
VARIANCE	\$ 1,680.10	\$ 1,680.10



Rest in Peace

ROSEMARY THOMPSON

Mother of Susan Ferrier and Carol Deckert

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



“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”

Do good anyway

IN EVERYTHING,
WHETHER IT IS A
THING SENSED OR
A THING KNOWN,
GOD HIMSELF IS
HIDDEN WITHIN.

—St. Bonaventure

Readings for the Week

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

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21

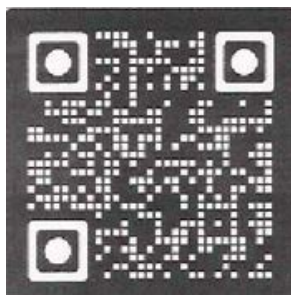
Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

ARCHDIOCESAN RESTRUCTURING SURVEY

Give Your Feedback

The post-listening session survey provides every member of the Faithful an opportunity to share feedback on the proposed models in their own words. Your feedback will provide valuable insight that informs the next phase of the restructuring process. The survey should take you no more than 20 minutes to complete and will remain open until July 31, 2026. Review your planning area videos and take the survey here:

restructuring.aod.org/planning-areas



Use your phone camera to scan the above QR code. It will automatically take you to the area to begin your survey.

TO BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

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



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY & ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

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