

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

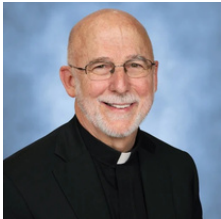
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Sunday, August 30, 2026



Between the Hearts with Fr. Craig

I would like to formally thank the Divine Child priests for taking on an extra Mass for us each week. Some of you already know them, but here is brief bio of each of them.



Fr. Bob McCabe is the pastor of the Church of the Divine Child and has been a priest for over 30 years. Before going to Divine Child in 2019, he was pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Southgate, where he led their church and school community for 11 years. Prior to entering the seminary in 1989, he was a parishioner of our parish Sacred Heart Catholic Church for nearly 13 years. Upon his ordination in 1995, Fr. Bob celebrated his first Mass of Thanksgiving at Sacred Heart! He is also an avid and talented photographer, so you might see him around the city taking pictures. He is a music lover like me, and we have had many conversations about the Beatles and other favorite bands of his.



Fr. Ryan Asher went to Divine Child as an associate pastor in July 2025. He grew up in Plymouth. Both of his parents worked for Ford for over 20 years, so he has a strong connection to Dearborn. Fr. Ryan attended grade school at Our Lady of Good Counsel and then went to U of D Jesuit for High School (Class of 2014). He then attended Hillsdale College (Class of 2018), where he majored in math. His time and experience there led him to apply to seminary. After his first 2 years at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, he was asked by the archbishop to finish his studies in Rome. After four years in Rome, he was ordained a priest on May 18th, 2024. Since I was vocation director at that time, I was honored to be at his diaconate ordination the year before at St. Peter's Basilica. After a short summer back in the US, he went back to Rome to finish his STL degree in "Patristic Theology," the early Church Fathers. An STL degree is a Pontifical Degree which is equivalent to one step below a Doctorate but higher than a Masters in the US system. The guy is smart! He also loves music and we had many debates about different bands.



Fr. Dan Whalen was just ordained on May 23rd, 2026. He is the youngest priest in the archdiocese at 26 years old. Fun fact, he almost had to get special permission to be ordained at age 25, the youngest someone can be ordained a priest. He grew up in West Bloomfield with two brothers and one sister. As a family they went to Our Lady of Refuge in Orchard Lake for Mass which was also his grade school. Then he entered Orchard Lake St. Mary's for High School and graduated in 2018. He was on the row team and is quite athletic. After High School he immediately entered Sacred Heart Major Seminary. He is an all-around great person and usually has a smile on his face. At the seminary he was cast in many of the plays that were put on and run by the seminarians.

Together let us thank these selfless men for taking on an extra Mass for us which allows us to have the many Masses we have on the weekend. I know these priests are holy and hard-working men that do so incredibly much. Again, what a blessing it is that they would agree to help us like they are doing. Please keep them in your prayers!

In Christ,
Fr. Craig



Celebrating September's Super Seniors (80 and over) Birthdays

Wishing you all the best for your special birthday
...and every day you continue to bless this parish.



Luigi Ferrante, Mary Ferrante, Celestino Girardini,
Marie Grant, Joseph Mallia, Nicholas Marciw,
Maria Rodriguez, Maria Rupp, Diane
Schnellbacher, Janette Seminitis, Peter Simon,
Barbara Yeager, and John Zurawka



Adult Catholics, are you interested in receiving
the Sacraments of Holy Communion and/or
Confirmation?

Or, are you interested in exploring the possibility of joining the
Catholic faith, whether currently Christian, Jewish, Muslim, atheist,
or whatever?

Or, are you a Catholic simply wanting to re-familiarize yourself with
the faith and growing in a personal relationship with Jesus?

Then, you have found the right place! We had our first meeting was
on Monday, August 24th but it's not too late to register. We meet on
Mondays from 7:15pm - 8:45pm, culminating with the Easter Vigil
Mass, March 27th, 2027.

If interested please call the Office at 313-336-3227. Deacon Tom



REGISTRATION IS NOW BEING TAKEN.

We invite parents from St. Kateri, St. Maria
Goretti and St. Alphonsus-St. Clement
parishes to enroll their children in the
religious education classes sponsored by
our Family of Parishes.

Classes will be on Mondays, from 5:30 PM -
7:00 PM at St. Kateri, beginning Sep. 14.
Call St. Kateri Office (313.336.3227) or
email: info@stkateridearborn.org.

Living without God's spirit is
like trying to dribble a football.

PASTOR

Rev. Craig Giera
giera.craig@aod.org

DEACON

Rev. Mr. Tom Leonard
Rev. Mr. Tim Pilon (Ret.)

ORGANIST

Kevin Jakubowicz

OFFICE STAFF

Mary Masley & Ellie Sajewski

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

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 12:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 9:00 AM
Friday: 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday and Friday 8:30 AM
Sunday 11:30 AM
Saturday,
Sep 5th, & Sep 19th at 3:00 PM
or by appointment



ST. KATERI PARISH GIFT & BOOK SHOP

Open weekends before & after Masses

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.



Prayer Requests

Alyssa Atkinson
Dan Balestrieri
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
Mary Hepler
Don Holton
Emily Hudson

Fr. Terry Kerner
Gloria Koss
Stanley Kozlowski
Hanna Kruegger
Lorraine Kwiecinski
Jon LePage
Maryann Mountain
Anne Munir

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

Anna Sanson
Barbara Schechter
Jennie Siwik
Richard Sudek
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.

A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE.

A community service.

YOUR LOVED ONE DESERVES A PLACE TO BE REMEMBERED.

For families who have chosen cremation but still have their loved one at home, we invite you to bring them to their final resting place.



NATIONAL
CREMATION
— PLACEMENT DAY —

**SAVE THE DATE**

NATIONAL CREMATION
PLACEMENT DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
10:00 AM-MAIN MAUSOLEUM

SPACE IS LIMITED.
CONTACT US FOR
MORE INFORMATION

ST. HEDWIG CEMETERY
23755 MILITARY RD.
DEARBORN HEIGHTS, MI
(313) 562-1900

www.sthedwigcemetery.com



A DAY OF
HEALING



SURROUNDED
BY OTHERS



A PLACE OF
MEMORY



A FUTURE OF
COMFORT



A LEGACY
THAT LIVES ON

Your loved one deserves a place to be remembered.

HONORING THEIR STORY. CELEBRATING THEIR LIFE. FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FRIENDS WALK

Since 2008, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's annual Friends Walk has raised more than \$27 million to help neighbors in need across the country. All funds raised locally stay in our Rouge Family of Parishes community to provide assistance with food, utilities, rent, furniture, and other basic needs.

This year's Friends Walk will be held at Belle Isle State Park on Saturday, September 19. A group of Vincentians from the St. Alphonsus-St. Clement Conference will be there, and we hope you'll join us!

To register for the walk, or make a donation, please contact the St. Alphonsus-St. Clement parish office at 313-581-5218. Thank you for your generosity and support!



Diaconate Vocation Awareness

The Permanent Diaconate Office of the Archdiocese of Detroit will be hosting an in-person **Vocation Awareness Information Night** for all men who are discerning a call to the Diaconate. Wives are highly encouraged to attend.

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Check-in: 6:30pm | Presentation: 7:00-8:30pm

Sacred Heart Major Seminary
2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit, MI 48206

To register:

https://share.hsforms.com/1Fo_SzSUI_SrKoWod8qJmrYg48776

Save
the
date

SVDP

**Clothing Drive
At. St. Kateri**

September 26 & 27

Trivia Answer: The Vigil of Easter

SVDP FOOD PANTRY @ St. Maria Goretti

Our needs for September

CANNED/PACKAGED

- Applesauce cups (6 packs)
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Campbell's Chunky Soups
- Canned Chicken
- Spaghetti Noodles

CONDIMENTS

- Ketchup
- Mustard

CEREAL

- Cinnamon Toast Crunch
- Fruit Loops

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.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration is an invitation to step away from daily noise and spend peaceful, heart-to-heart time with God. During Adoration we:

- Pray silently: Pour out your thoughts, hopes, and worries to God.
- Read: Bring a Bible, a prayer book, or spiritual readings.
- Meditate: Pray the rosary or the Divine Mercy chaplet.
- Rest: Simply sit and enjoy the quiet peace of God's presence.
- Spending time in quiet prayer before the Most Blessed Sacrament deepens our relationship with Christ and brings profound graces to our world.



Here at St. Kateri, we would like to hold Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday following 9:00 AM Mass until 12 noon. Please prayerfully consider committing to one holy hour each week or acting as a substitute. If you cannot commit to an hour come for whatever amount of time you can. For more information or to sign up for a specific hour, **contact Kristen Sassak 313-268-6840.**

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Plenty of people are drawn to Jesus. Curious about him. Inspired by him. But can they carry the cross? Today, Jesus tells us that we cannot have one without the other — it is Christ and the cross, or nothing at all. Which will we choose?

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question

Jeremiah wrestles with an inner struggle to proclaim the word of the Lord that comes to him. **Who helps you work through distress or anxiety?**

2nd Reading Question

Paul challenges believers not to conform to the present age but be transformed by the renewal of their minds. **What in our "present age" needs to be avoided?**

Gospel Question

Peter does not want to accept Jesus' destiny as the Messiah who suffers greatly and dies. **How do you process difficult news or information?**

Prayer for Vocations

*Dear God,
Give us the courage and strength to answer when You call! Give us clarity and trust to hear Your soft invitations. Give us the love to respond, and the bravery to take the steps that will bring us ever closer to You.
Amen.*

Lector Schedule



Weekend of September 5/6

Saturday, Sep 5, 4:00 PM
Therese Terns

Sunday, Sep 6, 9:00 AM
Janeen Bodary

Mass INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 1st

9:00 AM

Judith Miller (by Daughter)
Rod Rodriguez (by Family)

Friday, September 4th

9:00 AM

Mike K. (by Gloria Koss)
Mary Hepler, Health & Healing
(by Parishioner)

Saturday, September 5th

4:00 PM

Juan & Maria Benitez
(by Mary Meyer)
Joseph Bova
(by Freda Bova & Family)
Joe Gasidlo (by Family)
Irene Lazar (by Friend)
Warren & Barbara Meyer
(by Tony Meyer)
Joe Orlando (by Family)

Sunday September 6th

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

12:00 PM

Art & Pat Ayland (by Family)
Mark Brotherton (by Family)
Nancy & Ronald Caretti
(by Maria Caretti)
Mary, Feliks & Robert Turek
(by Son/Brother)
Sylvester Zell (by Zell Family)

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.

Stewardship Report

WEEK ENDING	Aug 23	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 3,111.00	\$ 36,262.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 895.85	\$ 9,964.70
ACTUAL	\$ 4,002.65	\$ 46,192.50
BUDGET	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 48,000.00
VARIANCE	\$ (1,997.35)	\$ (1,807.50)

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN



Question:

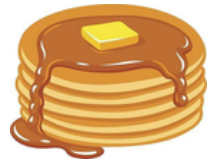
According to Catholic tradition, what is the holiest night of the year?

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Grandparents Day Pancake Breakfast



Knights of
Columbus®



Hosted by: Fr. Patrick O'Kelley, Council 3860

When: Sunday, September 13, 2026

Where: St. Anselm Café Moloney

17650 W Outer Dr Dearborn Heights, MI 48127

Cost: A Free Will Offering will be collected at the door
Times: Following the 10:00 am Mass and continuing
past the 12:00 pm Mass

Menu

All you can eat Pancakes, Sausage
& a Coffee, Juice, Milk & Tea

ALL are welcome!

* Bring a Grandchild to Mass, AND breakfast,
and they will receive a special gift!

ENTERING CANAAN

Retreat Day FOR Women After Abortion

TESTIMONY | LUNCH | ADORATION | RECONCILIATION | MASS

Saturday, September 12, 2026
9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The confidential location, details for the retreat, and payment
options for the \$25 fee will be provided after registration:

Email projectrachel@aod.org or call/text 313-237-5929;
or email ecbrightonmi@gmail.com or call/text 734-395-0677.

Come back to God, who is Love and Mercy!

AOD.ORG/ENTERING-CANAAN

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS



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



U. S. Army
Nick Calvas



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.*