

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, August 9, 2026



Between the Hearts with Fr. Craig

I am almost out of boxes and moved in, sort of. In order to make things look nice, I just stuffed everything in drawers and closets. I mention this because there has been many of you who have wrote me nice notes and even gave some gifts as well. I'm so very grateful, and normally I send a thank you, but as I said, some of it is in a drawer I haven't organized yet. Please know that I am very heartened by your warmth and kindness. My prayers are always with you.

As we begin our **new Mass schedule next week**, please also remember that there will be more times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I will be in the confessional a half hour before every Mass during the week and on Sunday. On Saturdays I will be in the confessional an hour before Mass, but with one caveat. The Divine Child priests can't help out with Saturday confessions, so on Saturday, confessions will only happen where I am. The plan is to switch week from week. My first Saturday next week is at Sacred Heart, so that is where Saturday confessions will be.

The restructuring process is in full swing and hard decisions are being made. Having had time to submit our questions and concerns to the archdiocese, it is basically out of our hands. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide those who have to make these decisions and that God's will be done.

Here is where it gets hard. I don't want this to catch you off guard and I want you to be prepared. I don't believe everyone really grasps the magnitude of what is coming next year. The very look of the archdiocese and the way parishes run is going to be completely different. Almost no parish is going to have one pastor for one parish, that will be a thing of the past. This has been public knowledge for a few months now, but I think we need to remind ourselves about the reality of what is to come and name it. For Sacred Heart, two models have you with either four or five other parishes. That is going to look a lot different than what it looks like today; more change.

Two out of the three models of pastorates have St. Kateri with no Masses on the weekend. Even if St. Kateri was to stay open with the one pastorate, it would probably go down to one Mass. This will all happen in less than one year. I know this causes pain, yet it is the truth. You have done nothing wrong. You have been faithful in taking care of your parishes and doing your best. It is the sum of everything that has led up to this moment in the restructuring process that has led to this outcome. Too many parishes, too few people, too few priests, and all the rest that has been presented to us is the reason. Visit the restructuring website if you wish to see again all the different reasons in detail. I mention this to say that this is not due to any unfaithfulness, but rather a sign of the times. This may be the last year we can celebrate who we are and remember all the good that has been accomplished. Yes, we grieve our loss, but we can still put our hope in God knowing that His will be done. We have already won in Christ; all we have to do is remain faithful. Who really knows what God has in store for our future.

Sometimes when I'm down, I like to think of the blessings God has given me. It even says to do that in the Bible. If you feel like it, I would love to hear some of the blessings that you received from the parish. Or, if there is something memorable that you would like to share with me. Write me a note or send an email, it may be a wonderful reminder of God's goodness to us. Hopefully, it may put a smile on your face too. As always, please feel free to contact me. Know of my prayers!

In Christ,
Fr. Craig

**Our new weekend Mass schedule
begins next weekend.
Saturday at 4PM
Sunday at Noon**

REMINDER

Lector Schedule



Weekend of August 15/16

Saturday, Aug 15, 4:00 PM
Frank DeMilde

Sunday, Aug 16, Noon
TBD



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.



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 will be meeting on
Monday's beginning August 24th from 7:15pm - 8:45pm,
culminating with the Easter Vigil Mass, March 27th, 2027.

**If interested please call the Rectory
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 September
14. Call St. Kateri Office (313.336.3227) or
email: info@stkateridearborn.org.



**Our weekend Masses will no longer be live
streamed. However one weekend Mass
will be recorded and put on the website.**

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

BOOK & GIFT SHOP

Open weekends before & after Masses

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

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.

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
10:00AM - MAIN MAUSOLEUM

SPACE IS LIMITED.
CONTACT US FOR
MORE INFORMATION

ST. HEDWIG CEMETERY
23755 MILITARY RD.
DEARBORN HEIGHTS MI 48127
(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.

SVDP FOOD PANTRY @ St. Maria Goretti**Our needs for August****CANNED/PACKAGED****DOLLAR STORE**

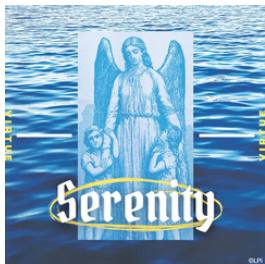
- Small Soups (no Chicken Noodle or Cream of Chicken)
- Corn
- Mixed Vegetables
- Spinach
- Diced Tomatoes
- Beef Ramen Noodles
- Razors
- Toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- **CEREAL**
- Small Boxes Cheerios and Honey Nut Cheerios

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 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**

Trivia Answer: Michelangelo

Serenity, Explained!

The word “serenity” is only found once in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: in the section describing the effects of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, quoting the Council of Trent when it declared that a good confession “is usually followed by peace and serenity of conscience.” (CCC 1468)

This may give the impression that serenity is not a foremost Catholic virtue, but the succinctness of the Catechism’s reference is actually proof of serenity’s importance.

What is serenity? It is an attitude of calm, one that can only be identified when contrasted with turmoil. It is stillness in a storm. It is Christ, walking steadily across the raging waves.

That the Catechism links it exclusively with reconciliation to God tells us all we need to know about this virtue. Where can we find calm in turmoil, stillness in storm? Where can we find serenity?

There is only one place: the merciful embrace of God in His sacraments.

Prayer Requests

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	Hanna Kruemmer	Lily O’Brien	Richard Sudek
Phil Ciavaglia	Marie Grant	Lorraine Kwiecinski	Michael Owen	Joseph Winslow, Sr.
Anthony Cinzori	Delphine Gray	Jon LePage	Bretton Pierce	Judith York
Wanda Darcangelo	Don Holton	Maryann Mountain	Judy Pinckes	Eugene Zafferani
Bob De Santis	Emily Hudson	Anne Munir	Charlie Powell	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.



GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

As a young, newly ordained priest, I admired a senior priest who was gifted, beloved, and had changed countless lives. But soon I learned that he had fallen in catastrophic and destructive ways. As a young, newly ordained priest, I admired a senior priest who was gifted, beloved, and had changed countless lives. But soon I learned that he had fallen in catastrophic and destructive ways. The painful juxtaposition of good and evil was complex to process. How could someone so seemingly good also be so broken and deceptive? It forced me to confront a sobering truth: leadership in the Church is no guarantee against weakness or sin.

Peter teaches that truth in this week's Gospel. When he sees Jesus walking on the sea, Peter does what leaders do. He goes first. **"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."** But when he sees how strong the wind is, he becomes frightened and, beginning to sink, cries out, **"Lord, save me."** Immediately, Jesus stretches out his hand and catches him.

St. Thomas Aquinas observes that Peter overcomes the greater danger of the waves but falters before the lesser threat of the wind. This is the paradox leaders often face. It is not always the great trials that undo us, but the smaller, quieter temptations, such as subtle fears and compromises, that lead us to sink.

The good news is that Jesus does not abandon Peter. He saves him before it is too late. Our frail humanity lives within a rhythm of grace, risk, failure, and mercy. Jesus helps Peter overcome both the obvious and hidden sources of fear, and he promises to do the same for us. So, let us pray for all, especially our spiritual leaders.
— Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

In the midst of life's greatest storms, Jesus comes to us, but we may not recognize him. We may test him. In doing so, he will test us — and likely, we will fail. But when we falter, his saving hand is there.

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question

Elijah finds the Lord not in the wind, earthquake or fire, but in a light, silent sound. **When or where do you hear God's voice?**

2nd Reading Question

Paul grieves over the unbelief of his fellow Jews. **How can you help family members or friends who do not believe in Jesus?**

Gospel Question

Peter musters the courage to step out onto the water when Jesus calls him. **What are some fears the Lord could help you face?**

Prayer in Faith in Trial
Dear God,
In this time of difficulty,
be with me.
When I don't feel Your
presence or hear Your
voice, sustain me.
When I don't see the
path ahead, guide me.
When I don't know the
next step, support me.
In every day and in
every moment, be my
strength.
Amen.

Mass INTENTIONS

Tuesday, August 11th

St. Clare, Virgin

6:40 PM

Dan Bazner (by Ellie Sajewski)
Maria & Angus MacPhal
(by Family)

Wednesday, August 12th

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

9:00 AM

Joe Orlando (by Family)

Thursday, August 13th

*Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus,
Priest, Martyrs*

9:00 AM

Deceased Immediate Smutek
Family Members in the most
need of God's Mercy (by Family)

Friday, August 14th

*St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and
Martyr*

9:00 AM

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

Saturday, August 15th

*The Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*

4:00 PM

Barbara Sue Bacalia (by Family)
Juan & Maria Benitez
(by Mary Meyer)
Joe Gasidlo (by Family)
David Schlaff (by Family)
Angelo Sultana
(by Jimmy & Pam Attard)

Sunday, August 16th

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

12:00 PM

Alan Konkel (by Family)
Ryan Meller
(by Terry & Donna Petlichkoff)
Mae Rose (by Denise Rose)
Lynda Schneider (by Family)
Thomas Stoner (by Eileen Stoner)

REGARDING MASS INTENTIONS AFTER AUGUST 15

**The 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Sunday,
Intentions will be honored at the
Noon Mass on Sunday.**

**Wednesday & Thursday 9:00AM
Intentions will be honored on
Friday.**

**If you would like to reschedule
just call the office at:
313-336-3227**

Stewardship Report

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WEEK ENDING	Aug 2	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 4,343.00	\$ 24,485.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ <u>1,490.05</u>	\$ <u>6,460.10</u>
ACTUAL	\$ 5,833.05	\$ 30,945.10
BUDGET	\$ <u>6,000.00</u>	\$ <u>30,000.00</u>
VARIANCE	\$ (166.95)	\$ 945.10



Rest in Peace

ALBERT SANSON

Husband of Anna Sanson
Father of Margaret Gaedke

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



CALLING ALL GOLFERS AND HACKERS

The annual Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Charity Golf Outing will be taking place on Thursday, Aug 13th, 2026, at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. In addition to the Council's charitable actions, proceeds from the outing will directly support, ARC of Dearborn, Special Olympics of Dearborn, and the Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor.

Golf and Sponsorship opportunities are available at www.EventRegisterPro.com/event/FatherPatrick.

If only we fought just
as hard to understand
as we do to disagree.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN



Question:

Which artist was commissioned to paint the ceiling and wall behind the altar in the Sistine Chapel?

Answer: Page 3

ASSUMPTION

WHAT MAKES
MARY SO
GREAT? ALL
SHE DID WAS
TO LET GOD
DO WHAT HE
WANTED TO
DO WITH HER...

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Readings for the Week

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

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: _____

EMAIL: _____