

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, September 13, 2026



MOVED
WITH COMPASSION.

MATTHEW 18:27

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The history behind feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death.



September 14

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 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.



Lector Schedule



Weekend of September 19/20

Saturday, Sep 19, 4:00 PM
 Christine Leonard

Sunday, Sep 20, 12:00 PM
 Nancy Coyne

FAITH FORMATION

Classes will begin this Monday, Sep. 14,
 at 5:30 PM at St. Kateri.

To Register:

Call St. Kateri Office (313.336.3227) or
 email: info@stkateridearborn.org.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults
 is for:

- Catholic Adults who wish to complete their sacraments.
- Anyone wishing explore the possibility of joining the Catholic faith.
- Any Catholic simply wanting to refamiliarize yourself with the faith.

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



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

Friendliness, Explained!



The modern world we all must share seems, in some ways, to be shrinking. For good or ill, thanks to the internet, the widespread use of social media, and the omnipresence of smartphones, we are finding ourselves interacting frequently with people who live, act, and think differently than we do. It may well be that the virtue of friendliness, known officially as affability, is more important than ever.

In fact, being attached as it is to the virtue of justice, friendliness is a debt we owe our fellow human beings, writes St. Thomas Aquinas (Sum., II:II, 114, Art. 2). The fact is, we cannot evangelize without kindness. We can see this in the instructions Christ

gives his disciples in the Gospel of Matthew: "As you enter a house, wish it peace. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; if not, let your peace return to you." (Matthew 10:13)

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 Kozlowicz
 Hanna Kruemmer
 Lorraine Kwiecinski
 Jon LePage

Carol Natkowski
 Maryann Mountain
 Anne Munir
 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.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**Communion****Question:**

Why can't everyone who wants to receive Communion, receive Communion at Mass?

Answer:

Outside of the Church, many organizations have all sorts of requirements for membership: dues, achievements, professional standings, etc. The requirements bring the group together in common purposes and goals. Within the Church, there are also basic "requirements" for receiving the sacraments. As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the true "Bread of Life." It is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. When we receive the Eucharist, we are receiving Jesus. Out of reverence for Christ, only those in union with this teaching and in a state of grace should receive communion. As Catholics, we should abstain from communion if we are in mortal sin.

While we share many articles of faith with our Protestant brothers and sisters, their understanding of this teaching is fundamentally different. For most non-Catholic churches, they do not believe that Christ becomes truly present in the Eucharist. As such, they should not receive communion in a Catholic Church. These differences are greater for people of non-Christian faiths, and even more apparent for those who do not believe in God. Receiving communion is not a right, but a gift to be accepted in humble, trusting faith.

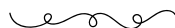


**"AN UMBRELLA CANNOT
STOP THE RAIN, BUT IT
ALLOWS US TO STAND IN
THE RAIN.
FAITH IN GOD MAY NOT
REMOVE OUR TRIALS, BUT
IT GIVES US STRENGTH TO
OVERCOME THEM.**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE
At St. Kateri on September 26 & 27**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will sponsor a clothing drive at St. Kateri Church to help stock its area Thrift Stores. Donations may be brought to the St. Vincent de Paul truck in the church parking lot, located at 16101 Rotunda, Dearborn, on **Saturday, September 26 from 2pm to 4pm and on Sunday, September 27 from 10am to 12pm.** In addition to clothing, we welcome shoes, books, and small household items. Collected items will be sold in area St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores or distributed to those in need.

Trivia Answer: False. It begins when they accept the election results.


**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

**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.

Note: Empty egg cartons are no longer needed.

**what grade would
your kids give
your marriage?**

ATTEND A
WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
EXPERIENCE THIS FALL AND GET AN A+!!
MAKE THIS SCHOOL YEAR YOUR BEST ONE YET!

OCT. 2-4 AUGUSTINE CENTER-PETOSKEY
OCT. 16-18 CHRIST THE KING-ANN ARBOR
APPLY AT WWW.ME.ORG OR CALL AMY & JOE
KOPACZ AT 517-667-0433 FOR MORE INFO


**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!





GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

In my parish, there was once a new employee who frequently told me she was sorry for various imperfections in her work. It could be a little tiring. I finally told her, "You know, you don't have to say 'sorry' so often." She looked me right in the eyes and said, "Father, you're right. I'm sorry." Her ear-to-ear grin betrayed that she enjoyed the irony — and that she would keep asking for forgiveness as often as she needed it.

The Gospel reading this week proclaims to us that God, in Jesus, delights in numerous requests for, and the granting of, forgiveness. To Peter's question, "**Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?**" Jesus responds, "**I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.**" In other words, Peter, stop counting.

Christian life should be marked by a commitment to frequent forgiveness. God never tires of forgiving us. His limitless love has overcome the power of vengeance, hatred, and division. We tap into that each and every time we ask for forgiveness or extend it to another.

How beautiful our hearts become when they become accustomed to frequent forgiveness! How joyful and attractive become our marriages, families, and parish communities! How light our souls feel when unburdened by the habit of keeping score.

Challenge: Name one thing, small or large, for which you could ask forgiveness from someone in your life. Then do it.

— Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We have all been the wicked servant. We have denied others the same forgiveness and grace shown to us. This week, let us find new ways to make the love and mercy of God manifest in the lives of those we meet.

Mass INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 15th

Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00 AM

Barbara Sue Bacalia (by Family)
Sara Stuk (by Family)

Friday, September 18th

9:00 AM

Jackie Fron (by Richard Fron)
Ray Owen (by Jane Danaj)
Jacob Watts (by Jane Danaj)

Saturday, September 19th

St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

4:00 PM

Juan & Maria Benitez
(by Mary Meyer)
Daniel Patrick (by Jane Danaj)
Angelo Sultana
(by Jimmy & Pam Attard)
Deceased Members of the
Syrian Family (by Family)
Anne Uicker
(by Paula & John Uicker)

Sunday, September 20th

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

12:00 PM

Greg Boik (by Zell Family)
Vera Ciavaglia (by Family)
Arduino DeAngelis (by Family)
Daniel Skora (by Family)

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question

Sirach encourages us not to hold anger or seek revenge against a neighbor who has wronged us. **Can you think of a time when you took this good advice?**

Gospel Question

In the parable of the unforgiving servant, Jesus teaches Peter the importance of forgiving others from the heart. **How do you know your forgiveness of others is sincere?**

2nd Reading Question

Paul tells us that Jesus died and rose to life so he might be the Lord of the living and the dead. **How do you remain open to Jesus as the Lord of your life?**



National Grandparents Day is a time to celebrate the guidance, love, and wisdom grandparents share with their families, recognizing the unique connection they foster between generations. It emphasizes the stories, values, and life lessons they pass down, and honors their roles as caregivers, mentors, and community anchors.

A Blessing for Grandparents

Dear God,

Bless the grandparents in our community. Stir in them a sense of caring, thoughtfulness, and kindness toward their preceding generations.

Like St. Anne and St. Joachim, inspire them to live lives of brave faith and virtue. Give them and their families warm memories, happy times, and bright hope. Amen.

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:

True or false: A pope's pontificate begins at their coronation.

Answer: Page 3

**COSTANDI (CHRIS) HADDAD**

Husband of Andrea Haddad

*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*

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

ATTENTION LADIES OF ST. KATERI and ST. MARIA GORETTI

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS RETREAT CENTER (at 23333 Schoolcraft) is offering a weekend retreat for woman September 25th-27th, 2026.

This year's retreat theme is LOVE IS INGENIOUS- "The inventive, healing, life-giving love of God." The retreat invites us to rediscover the ingenuity of love in the struggles we face today our relationships, losses, divisions, loneliness; within ourselves, our families, church and world.

A retreat is a precious opportunity to renew faith, to experience the loving presence of God and to seek the wisdom and teachings of Jesus so necessary for good daily living.

A retreat is a time to step back from the demands and challenges of daily life- to slow down, rest, and gain perspective. Join us for a weekend of refreshment and renewal of heart, mind and spirit that comes from making a retreat. A retreat is a time for focusing on your inner life and relationship with God. There is scheduled and unscheduled time that includes both group talks and quiet time. The retreat begins with check-in at 4:30pm on Friday and concludes on Sunday by noon, with lodging in a private room with private bathroom and five meals.

For more information or to register call Linda O'Connor at 313-300-4766 or The Retreat Center at 313-535-9563

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.**

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: _____