

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 20, 2026

Between the Hearts with Fr. Craig



A few weeks ago, I introduced to you the priests from Divine Child. This week I would like to welcome Deacon Tom Leonard. Many of you already know him as he has been around Sacred Heart and St. Kateri for some years. Yet, here is a simple bio for those of you who are not familiar with him. Deacon Tom Leonard describes his greatest accomplishment as marrying his wife Chirstine 52 years ago. They have five children and ten grandchildren. He was ordained to the Diaconate on October 3rd, 2015, at the age of 65. He obtained a Bachelor Degree in Political Science from Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI in 1973, a Master of Sacred Theology Degree from Sacred Heart Major Seminary in 1997, and a Master of Philosophy from Holy Apostles Seminary in 2004. Deacon Tom taught theology as a second career at the University of Detroit and Catholic Central High School for a total of twelve years. He retired from the FBI in 2004 as a Special Agent after 35 years of service. I have been blessed by the help of Deacon Tom as he has been a constant support these last few months. I deeply respect this man and hold him in high regard. Fun fact about him, he knows Jiu-Jitsu and was actually trained by the same guy who worked with Chuck Norris! We haven't talked music so I'm not sure of his favorite band. Just to clarify as well, Fr. Bob McCabe is the huge Beatles fan, I like them of course, but my favorite band is Radiohead. They are not as big when it comes to pop culture, but they have a catalog of music that stands the test of time. For me, they will always remind me of art school as everyone was blasting their albums in the art studio. I can almost smell the paint and turpentine every time I listen to them.

I'm reading a fascinating book called "Christ in Dachau." It is the story of Fr. John Lenz and his time he spent in the concentration camps. This actually is not my first read of priests in this situation. These books made me realize that Catholics, especially priests, were targeted by the Nazis. In fact, priests usually went to the hardest labor camps and did the worst work to make their lives miserable. However, the heroic faith of these priests is something to admire. How they could bring hope to others even in these extreme situations and not lose faith themselves. The most famous priest we know from the concentration camps in St. Maximilian Kolby. He volunteered to go to the starvation chamber in place of a young man with a family. It is people like this that inspire me to be a better disciple of Christ, to bring hope to where there is none, to be what Christ was to people who had nowhere else to turn. We sometimes think this happened only in the past, but in reality, there are many Catholics persecuted today. I have a friend that had to wake up in the middle of the night in the dead of winter to have Mass in a field so he and his family wouldn't go to jail. Christians are still persecuted throughout the world. Let's pray for our brothers and sisters as we have the gift of being able to practice our faith without threat of jail or even death. Jesus says, "Fear not, for I have overcome the world." Christ is victorious, we are victorious in Him!

In Christ,
Fr. Craig



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 26/27

Saturday, Sep 26, 4:00 PM
Theresa Jordan

Sunday, Sep 27, 12:00 PM
Barb Hartman

OCIA

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

Prayer for an OCIA Class

Dear God,

You never cease calling each of us to You.
Be with our OCIA class as we journey to
know You better.

Inspire our conversations, guide our
lessons, and direct our hearts as each of
us seeks Your will.

Amen.

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,
Oct 3rd, Oct 17th, & Oct 31st at 3:00 PM
or by appointment

Faith doesn't always take you
out of the problem, Faith takes
you through the problem, Faith
doesn't always take away the
pain, Faith gives you the
ability to handle the pain,
Faith doesn't always take you
out of the storm, Faith calms
you in the midst of the storm,

Amen

FAITH FORMATION

Classes have just begun.
It is not too late to register.
We meet on Mondays
at 5:30 PM here at St. Kateri.

To Register:

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

Prayer Requests

Alyssa Atkinson
Dan Balestrieri
Fran Bernard
Rusty Burrell
John Cassar
Phil Ciavaglia
Anthony Cinzori
Wanda Darcangelo
Frank DeMilde

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.

REMINDER

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.

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.



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Sunday, October 11th, 1-5pm

at

St. Kateri Parish Hall
16101 Rotunda Drive

\$15-Adults

\$10 6-12

Under 6 free

Family price \$40



To benefit St. Vincent de Paul
Sacred Heart/Divine Child Conference

Dinner prep thanks to
Fr. O'Kelley Knights of Columbus, Council 3860

Trivia Answer: The Peace Corps

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Every December, the priests of my diocese gather for a Christmas dinner with our bishop. Nearly 200 of us in one room: newly ordained and long retired, pastors of large parishes and quiet confessors, men full of energy

and others moving more slowly. Some carry visible success; others bear hidden wounds. It is a tapestry of vocations and lives. When the bishop thanks us, I am always moved. For a moment, none of our differences matter. What matters is that we belong to one another.

I usually leave that evening with a deep sense of peace, but also with a sober realization. Nothing drains joy from the vineyard of the Lord faster than comparison. The quiet habit of measuring, ranking, and resenting can creep in even among those who sincerely serve God.

That is what Jesus exposes in today's parable of the workers in the vineyard. The early laborers are not upset because they were treated unjustly; they are angry because others were treated generously. Their resentment blinds them to the gift already in their hands. When the landowner asks, "Are you envious because I am generous?" he names the real wound.

This tension echoes throughout salvation history: the elder brother resenting the prodigal, the faithful servant scorning the latecomer. Jesus does not deny the labor of those who have borne the heat of the day, but he refuses to let God's mercy become a zero-sum game.

In the end, the vineyard's reward is not about fairness but belonging. The joy offered is communion with a generous Father, who delights in gathering early and late, strong and weak, into one household of grace.

— Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The master rewards the latecomers with the same wage as those who labored all day, upsetting the construct of who deserves what — and why. May we never seek to be the judge of what others deserve. May we labor in our vineyard with joy and gratitude.

Mass INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 22nd

9:00 AM

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

Friday, September 25th

9:00 AM

Alan Konkel (by Family)
Judy Smith (by Family)

Saturday, September 26th

Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

4:00 PM

Antonetta DiVito
(by D'Alessandro Family)
William Johns (by Family)
Mary Lajza (by Family)
Joseph Pulford (by Family)
Albert Sanson
(by Matt & Mary Masley)
David Munir, Health & Healing
(by Anne Munir)

Sunday September 27th

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

12:00 PM

Fron Family (by Richard Fron)
Larry & Joyce Kliemann
(by Family)
Katie Lucas (by Sandy George)
Deceased Members of the Stoner
Family (by Eileen Stoner)
Jacob Watts (by Irene Watts)



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.

Stewardship Report

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WEEK ENDING	Sep 6	Sep 6	YEARTO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 5,983.00	\$ 4,211.00	\$ 51,209.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 1,704.65	\$ 926.80	\$ 13,530.20
ACTUAL	\$ 7,687.65	\$ 5,137.80	\$ 64,705.00
BUDGET	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 66,000.00
VARIANCE	\$ 1,687.65	\$ (862.20)	\$ (1,295.00)

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question

Isaiah teaches that while God's thoughts and ways are far beyond our understanding, the Lord is nonetheless near to us.

When do you feel closest to God?

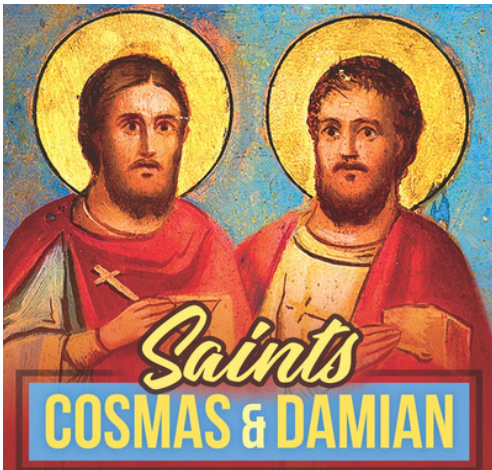
2nd Reading Question

As Paul writes to the Philippians from prison, he speaks of his spiritual dilemma of feeling caught between life and death.

Who do you turn to for spiritual guidance?

Gospel Question

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches that in the kingdom of Heaven, God's generosity is not always easily understood. **Where do you see God's generosity at work among your family or friends?**



Trivia

— JUST FOR FUN

Question:

John F. Kennedy, the first Catholic American president and member of the Knights of Columbus, established which distinguished volunteer organization?

Answer: Page 3

Readings for the Week

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

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



VOLUNTEER DAY

Fall YARD CLEANUP

WHAT WE DO

St. Joseph's Helpers is a faith-based nonprofit powered by volunteers who share their time and talents to help seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, and others in need live safely and comfortably in their own homes.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Twice a year, we provide essential yard clean-up services for homeowners who are physically or financially unable to manage it themselves. We need more teams of volunteers, so we don't have to turn away those who continued to call us for help last year, long after all available slots were filled.

MAKE A MEANINGFUL IMPACT AND STRENGTHEN YOUR TEAM THROUGH SHARED SERVICE

Volunteer opportunities are available every Saturday beginning the 1st week of October or a date of your choosing. With your help, we can ensure more homeowners receive the support they need! Thank you for considering joining us in this work!

FOR MORE INFO & TO VOLUNTEER:

800-303-5075

www.sjhelpers.org

outreach@sjhelpers.org



SOMEONE CLOSE TO HOME NEEDS YOU

YARD WORK THAT'S BECOME TOO MUCH TO HANDLE ALONE

- Rake debris
- Pull Weeds
- Clean flower beds
- Pick up sticks
- Trim small bushes
- Other task



SCAN TO SEE US IN ACTION!