

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 27, 2026



Between the Hearts with Fr. Craig



This Sunday is Priesthood Sunday! Let's talk about vocations to the priesthood for a moment. You may have heard that we have a vocation crisis going on in our world, but that's not exactly true. God has not stopped calling men to the priesthood. However, this world is so loud and noisy, men aren't hearing God's generous offer to become a priest. Having been vocation director for the last six years, the greatest hurdle that men are going through at this time is fear of life-long commitment. With our culture telling them to do their own thing, live life to the fullest, don't settle, they sometimes choose to do nothing. Or they do everything and anything that the world tells them will make them happy. It was common to have men come to my office and tell me they have everything they ever wanted and were still incredibly empty and unhappy. Doing God's will is what creates happiness in our lives. Taking on responsibility and to live for others is what creates fulfillment and joy.

In just a few short years, here in the Archdiocese of Detroit, there is going to be a significant drop in the number of active priests. That means less Masses being said, less confessions being heard, priests not there to be able to celebrate in the joys, and to be with you there through all the struggles. I don't say this to cause despair, but rather to stir up that gift of hope that was given to us at our baptism, that theological virtue that says we have already won in Christ. God will provide the grace we need. Yet, we need to do our part.

Our first response should be prayer. Sometimes we say things like, "Well I guess all we can do is pray," as if it is some consolation prize. Prayer is powerful! Everything we do in life should begin with prayer. Without it, we are just spinning our wheels. I particularly like praying the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary for vocations to the priesthood. What would our archdiocese look like if we all prayed a rosary for men to say yes to their vocation to the priesthood? Also, we need to pray and support our current priests as well. It always saddens me when I hear about a younger priest leaving the priesthood, but it is happening. Let's make sure we do all we can do to foster holy, healthy, and happy lives for our priests.

Secondly, we need to encourage and invite our grandsons, sons, nephews— someone in our life that we think does have the characteristics to make a good, holy priest. It would be great to sit them down and make it a sacred moment, a special moment. Saying that, "I believe you would make a good priest. I'll pray with you and I'll be here for you." You would be a St. Barnabas to them, one who offers encouragement!

There are so many things in this world that need our prayers. However, maybe this week we focus on praying for our priests and for a new generation of priests to rise up. May we have priests that serve with the heart of Christ, and may His Sacred Heart pump his Precious Blood into the lives of our young men in church today to have the courage to say yes.

In Christ,
Fr. Craig



TO OCTOBER'S SUPER SENIORS (80 AND OVER)

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

Dorothy Badynee, Joseph Boros, Jo Dressler,
Alphonso Fonseca, Marie Galer, Dolores Greco,
Donald Kane, Carol Lawrence, Sandra Mesara,
Mary Ann Mountain, Elaine Parana,
Nancy Pollack, Chris Renteria, Fe Rowland,
Geraldine Wancha, and Joseph Winslow



THIS WEEKEND'S SPECIAL COLLECTION Priest Retirement

This collection directly benefits
current retired diocesan priests
and those who will retire in the
coming years.

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

OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation for
Adults is for:

- Catholic Adults who wish to complete their sacraments.
 - Anyone wishing to 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

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.

ANIMAL BLESSING

Saturday, Oct. 3 @ Noon

Please gather outside at the back
of the church. All pets should be
on a leash or in their carrier.
Please NO snakes



Knights of Columbus

Tootsie Roll Drive

next Weekend

**October 3rd and 4th
after both Masses.**



**Please support ARC of
Dearborn, Penrickton Center
for Blind Children and
Special Olympics Dearborn.**

Prayer Requests

Alyssa Atkinson
Dan Balestrieri
Fran Bernard
Rusty Burrell
John Cassar
Maria Cercone
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.

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

SVDP FOOD PANTRY @ St. Maria Goretti Our needs for October

CANNED/PACKAGED

- Bagged Mashed Potatoes
- Canned Beets
- Canned Tuna
- Mac & Cheese
- Rice a Roni
- Grape Jelly
- Vegetable Oil

DOLLAR STORE

- Bar Soap

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.

When the Meijer Simply Give program started, I said I would report on our success. We have received the Meijers food only Gift Cards from our last campaign. Through our Parishes and Parishioners, we received \$32,060.00.



LEND A HELPING HAND!

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



Lector Schedule



Weekend of October 3/4

Saturday, Oct 3, 4:00 PM
Gloria Koss

Sunday, Oct 4, 12:00 PM
Margaret Skora

THE "ROSARY FIRE" CONFERENCE

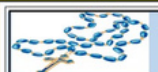
DISCOVER
THE
POWER
OF
THE
ROSARY!



LEARN
ABOUT THE
WEAPON
OF THE
HOLY
SPIRIT!

October 10, 2026
Solanus Casey Center
10:00 am – 3:30 pm

**PRESENTATIONS
DISCUSSION
RECONCILIATION
ROSARY**



Info/RSVP: (313) 952-5081;
rosaryfirewall3@gmail.com
Cost: Free Will Offering

Trivia Answer: They were a sister, a brother, and a cousin.

Today is

**Some white collar jobs
are far more difficult
than others!**

PRIESTHOOD
Sunday

O Lord, we lift up our hearts in gratitude and prayer for our devoted priests, who selflessly guide us on our spiritual journey. Grant them strength, wisdom, and courage to fulfill their sacred duties. May they be filled with the light of Your love and inspire others with their faith and commitment. Bless them with the grace to lead with compassion and understanding, as they bring Your word and Sacraments to life for all of us. Protect them from adversity and give them the endurance to continue serving Your people with joy and dedication.

Remember to thank the priests in your life for their dedication and service.



GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

This Sunday, Jesus tells a short, uncomfortable story. A father asks two sons to go work in the vineyard. One says no, but later goes. The other says yes, but never

shows up. It is a parable so simple, we almost miss how sharp it is. Jesus is clear about who it is for. This is not aimed at pagans or outsiders. It is aimed squarely at religious people, people who know the right words and sound obedient.

Jesus is not condemning unbelief so much as disobedience. The polite hypocrisy that says the right things while quietly resisting the Father's will. St. John Chrysostom put it bluntly, "Not words, but deeds, are what God requires. Nothing so exasperates Him as insincere obedience, while nothing so delights Him as repentance."

Every disciple must face that mirror. Do I publicly profess faith in Christ while privately resisting what He asks of me? It is easy to say, I believe in God in my heart. But if faith never becomes action, it slowly becomes an illusion.

Jesus does not expose hypocrisy to shame us. He reveals it to heal us. He wants our hearts and our deeds to speak the same word, to let our yes truly mean yes. Like the second son who initially refused but afterwards changed his mind and went, Jesus invites us to step into the Father's will, however late, however imperfectly.

Challenge: Where are your public faith and private obedience divided? Where do you say, I will go, but never enter the vineyard? Go, get to work, even if it is late. The Father's vineyard is still open.

— Father John Muir



I am asking you if you can help me pray a special rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. It is again time for a rosary rally, Saturday, October 10th, 2026, at noon, and people all over the country will be participants in this glorious event. We will meet in front of the church.

Barbara Hansen

Mass INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 29th

*Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,
Archangels*

9:00 AM

Jack Galante (by Family)
Henry Jakubowski (by Family)
Deceased immediate Smutek
family members most in need
of God's Mercy (by Family)

Friday, October 2nd

The Holy Guardian Angels

9:00 AM

Angie Mack (by Therese Terns)
Jim Uniewski (by Carol Uniewski)

Saturday, October 3rd

4:00 PM

Juan & Maria Benitez
(by Mary Meyer)
Pat Larson (by Family)
Leonard & Genevieve Martin
& Daughter (by Family)
Birthday Blessings for Fr. Terry
Kerner (by Gloria Koss)

Sunday October 4th

*27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday*

12:00 PM

Larry Klienmann
(by Dearborn Senior Group)
Rose & Stan Kowalski (by Family)
Edward Pazdziora
(by Jakubowicz Family)



Dear God,

As the weather changes,
the birds migrate, and
autumn's flowers, colors,
and clouds make their
entrance, we thank You for
the gift of this beautiful
season! Help us use this
season to draw closer to
each other and to You.

Amen.

Trivia - JUST FOR FUN**Question:**

What was the relationship among the three children who witnessed Mary's apparition at Fátima?

Answer: Page 3

**The Mission Collection
for Ghana raised
\$2,349.00**



THANK YOU!

Stewardship Report ©LPI

WEEK ENDING	Sep 20	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 4,040.00	\$ 55,249.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 1,206.80	\$ 14,737.00
ACTUAL	\$ 5,246.80	\$ 69,951.80
BUDGET	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 72,000.00
VARIANCE	\$ (753.20)	\$ (2,048.20)

We are collecting Halloween Candy for the Seminary. It's that time of the year again! Halloween is just around the corner, and Sacred Heart Major Seminary needs your help. Each year the seminary community opens their doors and their hearts to over 2000 children from the surrounding Detroit neighborhood so that the kids can have a fun and safe place to play games and trick-or-treat. But they need your help to make this year a success! They are asking for donations of Halloween candy that will then be passed out to the many kids. If you are willing to participate in this important ministry by donating bags of candy please bring them to the SVDP Food boxes at the entrance of the church or to the parish office during normal business hours.



ST. KATERI PARISH GIFT & BOOK SHOP

Open weekends before & after Masses

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

Come in and browse.

Proceeds go to the Parish and Red Cloud Indian School.



ARCHDIOCESE
of DETROIT

**Eucharistic
Rosary Congress**



Monday, October 5th

Following 9:00am Mass until 3:00pm

Sacred Heart Parish Dearborn, MI

Join us at Sacred Heart and participate in Eucharistic Adoration with the Rosary offered every hour for our parish, our nation, and the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Prayer gives you
a calm-plex.

TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ST. KATERI PARISH

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

NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____