

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 6, 2026

Between the Hearts with Fr. Craig



A Note Regarding Sacred Heart Music Ministry:

I would like to provide you with an update regarding the transition currently taking place within our music ministry. We are actively searching for a full-time music minister and have already interviewed a number of candidates. Our goal is to find the right person to serve the parish at most of our liturgies, including school Mass, funerals, and other celebrations throughout the life of our parish.

As we move forward, the overall character of our music will not significantly change. There is no major shift planned. Many of the familiar songs that you love will continue to be played and sung. In fact, I am very fond of much of the music in the dark-red Gather Hymnal as it feels like home to me. Many of those songs hold a special place in my heart. At the same time, we hope to broaden our musical repertoire by incorporating other worthy and beautiful sacred music and instruments that give praise and glory to God. As one who loves music, I love all types of music, no matter what category one may place them in.

I understand that during this time of transition there are naturally questions about what has taken place in the recent past. Out of respect for the dignity and privacy of those involved, however, I am not going into greater detail, except that my vision has not changed from what I explained above. Rumors of me only wanting organ and traditional music is simply false.

Until a new music minister is found, we will continue to rely upon substitute musicians from week to week. I recognize that this is not ideal and appreciate your patience and understanding as we work toward providing our parish with a stable and vibrant music ministry once again. Choir, bell choir, cantors, and all the rest will resume when the new director is found.

Above all, I ask that we all approach this transition in a spirit of prayer and with the Charity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. May the bond of charity always prevail and may we continue to treat one another with the respect and dignity owed to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Please keep our music ministry in your prayers, especially that the Lord will lead the right person to our parish.

To those at St. Kateri:

Kevin will continue to be our music minister at St. Kateri. He has been generous in helping us out at Sacred Heart when he is available. You may notice too that he is playing at daily Mass as well. Please continue to pray for both of our parishes that they have a spirit of unity and peace. St. Cecilia, patron saint of musicians, pray for us!

In Christ,
Fr. Craig

**The Parish Office will be closed this
Monday, September 7.**



**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 12/13

Saturday, Sep 12, 4:00 PM
Frank DeMilde

Sunday, Sep 13, 12:00 PM
Bob Ryan

FAITH FORMATION

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.



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 refamiliarize 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

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

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 Kruegger
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

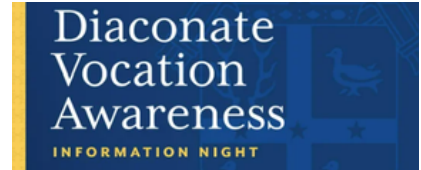
In order to keep this list current, names will be kept on the list for two months only.
Please call the office (313-336-3227) to add, remove, or keep a loved one's name on the list.

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.



9/11
Patriot Day



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

LABOR DAY BLESSING

Dear God,
We thank You for this Labor Day. Bless the men and women who serve in our workforce, and grant them strength and protection in their work. Bless, too, those who courageously seek to build fairer and more just working environments for all our brothers and sisters. Bless all of us as we gather to rest and recreate during this holiday weekend.

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!

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.

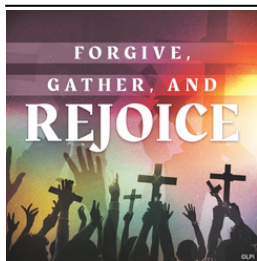
- For a cash donation, please enclose in an envelope clearly marked for the **SVDP Food Pantry**.
- For a check, make it payable to **St. Maria Goretti-SVDP** and in the memo line **FOOD PANTRY**.
- Kroger, Aldi and Dollar Tree Gift cards would be greatly appreciated.

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

Note: Empty egg cartons are no longer needed.

Trivia Answer: Universal.





GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A few summers ago, my family had a big reunion. It included my parents, my four siblings, and all their many children. One of my favorite moments was simply watching my parents' contented faces as they took in all of us together, laughing, sharing food, singing, telling stories. They loved seeing their children happily together with each other.

That is something like the heart of God we see in today's Gospel message about Christian reconciliation. These verses come right after Jesus' parable of the lost sheep. He is not giving the disciples a cold formula for dealing with conflict. He is revealing the Father's longing for children who love and reconcile with each other. His heart aches when his children are divided and isolated.

So when Jesus says, "Go and tell your brother his fault," He is not deputizing us as morality police. He is inviting us into his mission of reconciliation. When he adds, "If he listens to you, you have won over your brother," we glimpse the real goal. Not winning arguments, but reuniting a divided family. These days, we often think religion is just between God and me. But the Father's dream is about a lively family, one in which His children forgive, gather, and rejoice together.

Lord Jesus, give me the courage to seek reconciliation where it is needed. Make my heart resemble the Father's heart, longing and working for unity among His children. Amen. — Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Christ tells us that "where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Our faith compels us to be in community with one another. No one should be a Christian alone. How can you draw closer to others who love Christ?

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.**

Mass INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 8th

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM

Mary Fron (by Richard Fron)
Ken Kuzava (by Family)
Paul Sullivan (by Kathy)
Jim Uniewski (by Carol Uniewski)

Friday, September 11th

9:00 AM

George Dressler (by Wife)
For the Soul Nearest to Heaven
(by Grace Kirwan)

Saturday, September 12th

4:00 PM

Rosa Bear (by Mary Meyer)
Juan & Maria Benitez
(by Mary Meyer)
Josephine DeFilippi (by Family)
Paul & Carmen Saliba
(by Paula & John Uicker)
Luigia Zarb
(by Richard & Rose Sudek)

Sunday September 13th

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

12:00 PM

Barbara Bacalia (by Family)
Frank Brunetti (by Wife, Rose)
Nancy & Ronald Caretti
(by Maria Caretti)
Michael Kwiecinski, Health and
Healing (by Lorraine Kwiecinski)
Tom Powaser (by Family)



Blessing

Dear God,
We ask that You bless the students in our congregation, giving them inspirational teachers, studious habits, solid friendships, and Your grace in every moment of this school year. Bless the teachers and school staff in our congregation, too. Fill them with Your love and care so that, as they teach and minister to our young people, Your wisdom and light may be known, encountered, and shared.
Amen.

Stewardship Report

WEEK ENDING	Aug 30	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 4,753.00	\$ 41,015.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ <u>934.05</u>	\$ <u>10,898.75</u>
ACTUAL	\$ 5,687.05	\$ 51,879.55
BUDGET	\$ <u>6,000.00</u>	\$ <u>54,000.00</u>
VARIANCE	\$ (312.95)	\$ (2,120.45)

NATIVITY of
MARY

September 8

*Rest in Peace***HENRY JAKUBOWSKI**

Uncle of Geri Kaczorowski

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

Trivia

- JUST FOR FUN

Question:

The word "Catholic" comes from the
Greek "katholikos," meaning what?

Answer: Page 3

Readings for the Week

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

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab,
6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15,
16-17/ Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-
14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6,
12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk
6:43-49

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

**THE LENNON CENTER'S**

2026 FALL GALA

October 8th | 6-10pm | Laurel Manor, Livonia

An evening dedicated to celebrating life, strengthening
families, and investing in the next generation of pro-life
advocates with a special opportunity to support our
mission of helping women facing unplanned pregnancies
with an Annual Mission Appeal.

For more information, scan
the QR code or call our office
at 313-277-5637.

Ticket sales end 10/2/2026

The Lennon Center
24275 Ann Arbor Trail
Dearborn Heights, MI
www.lennoncenter.org



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.

At 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!