

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, October 4, 2026



Between the Hearts with Fr. Craig



The Stations of the Cross has always been powerful for me. So, I walked with Jesus on his perilous journey as he carried the instrument of his torture, yet also the instrument of our salvation. Along the way there was a woman who spoke so plainly in the simple action she performed. In the sixth station of the cross Veronica wipes the face of Jesus. It was her way in which to adore, her way to contemplate the face of Jesus, her way to be rewarded since Jesus left her the beautiful imprint of his face to venerate. This is the call St. John Paul II writes so vividly about in his Apostolic Letter "At the Beginning of the New Millennium" (Novo Millennio Ineunte.) He states, "And is it not the Church's task to reflect the light of Christ in every historical period, to make his face shine also before the generations of the new millennium? Our witness, however, would be hopelessly inadequate if we ourselves had not first contemplated his face." We cannot bring Jesus to others without first really knowing him ourselves.

As one stares into the gaze of his beloved, so must every Christian muse on the face of Christ in order to grow in love and awareness. It is similar to an exchange of affection between lovers. As we spend time with Jesus the light of his glory radiates upon us. His light becomes our light. Yet, we are compelled to move on. To come back to the humble woman Veronica and the path that Jesus trod, one cannot simply sit on the road and never act. The image left behind is a sign that points to the Savior who continues down the path set forth by the Father. As we contemplate the face of Jesus we must follow him. We stand, we pick up our cross and do anything and everything to be near him. While we run in his direction the light of him whom we reflect is brought out into the darkened world. All our actions will then speak volumes since they are done in the pursuit of Jesus. Everyone is called to this type of holiness.

Holiness is found through various methods. St. John Paul II states, "[O]ur Christian communities must become genuine "schools" of prayer, where the meeting with Christ is expressed not just in imploring help, but also in thanksgiving, praise, adoration, contemplation, listening, and ardent devotion until the heart truly "falls in love." Primary importance is given to the Sunday Eucharist, along with the sacrament of Reconciliation, grace working through our lives, listening to the Word, and the proclamation of that Word from our mouths and by our actions. Having "The Love," Jesus Christ, we are impelled to radiate that to the world. "Those who have come into genuine contact with Christ cannot keep him for themselves: they must proclaim him."

Seeing the face of Christ in all our brothers and sisters, even those we might not like, enables us to grow in communion and live a spirituality of communion. Jesus says in Mark 9:37, after bringing a child into the disciple's midst, "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me. "Our actions to our community reflects our inner communion with Jesus as we are moved by love to serve our brothers and sisters, especially how we treat people in our daily lives, those we see every day. Our actions must be done out of love, or they will be empty and produce no fruit. Mission cannot be done without holiness. We are not a charity organization; we are the Church! Love must reign in our hearts.

Veronica's simple act of wiping the face of Christ makes way for us to see clearly ourselves the countenance of our beloved Savior. As we become bathed in that light, we recognize that this light is for all. Jesus left us in the world to be his hands, his heart, his love, his reflection. Let us follow the example of Veronica by first adoring his sacred head, then move out toward others to bring relief to his suffering body by serving one another.

In Christ, Fr. Craig

FR. CRAIG VISITS THE SVDP FOOD PANTRY



On September 16, Fr. Craig visited the SVdP Food Pantry at St. Maria Goretti Parish. He was impressed by its operations, organization, and the range of choices available to the neighbors in need.



The Pantry's work is made possible by the continued commitment of our parishioners like you through:

- Food donations
- Monetary contributions
- The Meijer Simply Give Program

Father Craig provided a blessing for the contributors, volunteers, and neighbors served by the Pantry.

*"Let all things be done in charity."
St. Vincent de Paul*

Fatima Rosary Rally

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Let's worship together!

Sacred Heart church has Adoration on Mondays after 9am Mass until 12 noon.

At present we do not have enough volunteers for Adoration at St. Kateri, so invite everyone interested to attend Sacred Heart on Monday's. (If there is a funeral mass Adoration will be canceled until the following week.)

Divine Child Church has a Perpetual Adoration chapel for those who wish to spend time with our Lord on other days.

Lector Schedule



Weekend of October 10/11

Saturday, Oct 10, 4:00 PM
Frank Bonfiglio

Sunday, Oct 11, 12:00 PM
Teri Siaczke

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

Prayer Requests

Alyssa Atkinson
Dan Balestrieri
Fran Bernard
Rusty Burrell
John Cassar
Maria Cercone
Phil Ciavaglia
Anthony Cinzori
Suzanne Conrad

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

Maryann Mountain
Anne Munir
Carol Natkowski
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

**TICKETS
PURCHASED
AT THE DOOR**

\$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



OCTOBER 4TH IS

**RESPECT
LIFE
SUNDAY**

PRAYER FOR LIFE FROM POPE JOHN PAUL II

Father and maker of all,
you adorn all creation
with splendor and beauty,
and fashion human lives
in your image and likeness.
Awaken in every heart
reverence for the work of your
hands,
and renew among your people
a readiness to nurture and sustain
your precious gift of life.
Grant this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever.
Amen.

Trivia Answer: The Body of
Christ/The Blood of Christ

SCAN TO SEE
US IN ACTION!



GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Have you ever felt like your attempts at prayer are a waste of time? I have. Early in my priesthood, I noticed that my prayer life was weakening. Awe and eager expectancy of contact with God had given way to routine. I gradually spent less and less time praying. Nothing dramatic had happened, but my attitude toward God had changed, and I was losing the desire to pray.

Jesus' parable of the insane vineyard tenants speaks into this kind of experience. He says the landowner **"leased it to tenants and went on a journey"** (Matthew 21:33). The key to this message is that the vineyard does not belong to those who work it — they are entrusted with it. But little by little, they view it as their possession, and ungrateful entitlement follows. The servants sent by the owner are treated as intrusions. Even the owner's son becomes a means to their delusional self-will. The central tragedy is not violence but the forgetfulness that spawns it. They need reminding how lucky they are to be given so much.

Eventually, God sent friends to remind me that my relationship with Him and my prayer time are not my possessions, but rather God's tremendous gifts to me. Perhaps you are feeling discouraged for some reason or other these days in your walk with God. Ponder this parable and let it be a gentle reminder that you and I are fortunate stewards, and God is the generous giver. This allows us to rediscover the beauty of the vineyards in our lives and to remain energetic in cultivating his gifts. — Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Some build their lives on a foundation of wealth, some on a foundation of power. What do we choose for our cornerstone? What supports the weight of our souls? For the Christian life, there is only one foundation strong enough to hold. Choose wisely.

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question

Isaiah speaks of God's frustration over the people of Judah (the Lord's "cherished plant") who have not yielded a good crop. **How do you encourage family or friends to live up to their potential?**

2nd Reading Question

Paul teaches the Philippians that prayer and positive thoughts are key to avoiding anxiety and experiencing the peace of God.

What are some positive thoughts you focus on when you are stressed or anxious?

Gospel Question

Jesus harshly criticizes the chief priests and Pharisees in the Parable of the Tenants. **How do you deliver legitimate criticism to someone you care about?**

ST. KATERI PARISH GIFT AND 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
& Red Cloud Indian School.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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)



Stewardship Report

CLPI

WEEK ENDING	Sep 27	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 3,527.00	\$ 58,776.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ <u>1,024.65</u>	\$ <u>15,761.65</u>
ACTUAL	\$ 4,551.65	\$ 74,503.45
BUDGET	\$ <u>6,000.00</u>	\$ <u>78,000.00</u>
VARIANCE	\$ (1,448.35)	\$ (3,496.55)

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.



Trivia

- JUST FOR FUN

Question: What words does a Eucharistic minister say before giving the Eucharist to a communicant?

Answer: Page 3

Readings for the Week

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

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

The Sign of Peace

The sign of peace is a part of the Mass that takes place immediately after we offer the Lord's Prayer. Inspired by the Jesus' words to his first followers, we stand together in a spirit of communion to pray as Jesus taught us: "Our Father who art in heaven..." In this prayer, we call for the coming of God's kingdom in all its fullness and ask that God provides for our needs – "Give us, this day, our daily bread" – to forgive our sins and to bring us to the joy of heaven.

It is almost natural, then, that the rite of peace would follow. As the celebrant prays that Christ's peace will fill our hearts, our communities, the Church, and the whole world, we extend to those around us a sign of peace (usually a hug or a handshake) as a symbol of the communion that we experience now and will experience forever in the fullness of the reign of God.

We are also reminded of Jesus' teachings that if we are at prayer and remember that a brother or sister is holding something against us, then we are to go and seek reconciliation with them before we continue our prayer (see Matthew 5:23). And so, the sign of peace also reminds us of the need to truly be in communion – united in love and peace – with God and one another before we approach the altar to receive the Eucharist.

So, the next time you're at Mass and the time comes for the sign of peace, remember that this is a moment to celebrate the gift of Christ's peace that each of us has received from God and to pass that peace along to those around us. We need this moment to practice, because this is also the same peace of Christ that we are instructed to carry out into the world at the end of Mass when the priest or deacon says to us, "Go, in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."

"Let those who think that the Church pays too much attention to Mary give heed to the fact that Our Blessed Lord Himself gave ten times as much of His life to her as He gave to His Apostles."

Blessed Fulton J. Sheen

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.