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.



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Sunday, November 29, 2026

Between the Hearts with Fr. Craig

As we continue to ponder on the possible changes going to take place with the restructuring of parishes, I believe it is extremely important to take a thorough look at the current state of our parishes.In the coming months I would like to start sharing a series of updates in our bulletin that will help provide a clearer picture of where we stand as parish communities, both in our strengths and in the challenges we face. This will be different for each parish, so a separate insert will be included for each parish.

These updates are to maintain transparency about the health of our parishes. We will begin with our finances, sacrament counts, and Mass attendance. Yet, we need to go deeper by looking at, not only the overall condition of our facilities, but go building by building, especially when it comes to the Sacred Heart campus as there are multiple buildings that have different needs. We will look at the church, school, hall, offices, and rectory, including their present condition, ongoing maintenance needs, necessary repairs, and larger projects that may be on the horizon. We will also examine the health and vitality of our school, its enrollment, financial stability, and future needs.My hope is to provide a comprehensive picture of our parishes and simply not just show numbers. We have a responsibility in maintaining and strengthening what has been entrusted to us. As we don't know what the future will bring, this will help prepare whatever pastorate we may find ourselves in, a clear view for moving forward when the restructuring takes place.

Ultimately, this is about being good stewards of the gifts God has given us. As we look toward the future within the archdiocese, it is important that we understand where we are today so that we can make thoughtful, responsible decisions about tomorrow. And just to reiterate, no decisions will be made about what to do with our parish complexes until the restructuring takes place and everyone has had a chance to get settled. The current pastorates are still drafts, so anything can happen. Again, this is simply about understanding our parishes.The agenda here is to gather information and share, not make any decisions.

We all have strong feelings about what the future holds for us. It may seem like there is nothing we can do. However, we have plenty to do! We continue with all of our ministries, continue to trust in God, and continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to lead us. One of the most important things to do, is to help anyone who says they will stop coming to church all together. Please, don't lose your faith because of this! It's difficult, painful, and stressful, but where else can we go?When Jesus had a hard word for his disciples, many left. "Jesus said to the twelve, "Will you also go away?"Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." Jesus, strengthen us in your love! Grant us the grace to follow you.

In Christ,
Fr. Craig

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9:00 AM-Noon & 1:00-4:00 PM
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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,
Dec 12th & Dec 26th at 3:00 PM
or by appointment

Happy Birthday to December's Super Seniors (80 and over)



Ambrosio Balino, Mary Ann Bardelli, Rose Brunetti, Phil Ciavaglia, Sandra George, Lucia Gliese, Barbara Kubicek, Carole Kulwicki, Michael Mountain, Valentina O'Brien, Cecelia Pilon, and Leonard Schabath.

Here's to another year of wonderful memories. Cheers to you and all the incredible moments yet to come!

Lector Schedule

Weekend of December 5/6
Saturday, Dec 5, 4:00 PM
Christine Leonard

Sunday, Dec 6, 12:00 PM
Robert Ciavaglia

Holy Day, Immaculate Conception
Tuesday, December 8, 9:00 AM
Michael Magnone

Tuesday, December 8, 12:00 PM
Gloria Koss

St. Kateri Parish Gift Shop Updates

Advent and the beginning of the new liturgical year begin on November 29th. The 2027 St. Joseph Sunday missals are now available in the Gift Shop.

Our Advent and Christmas items are now on display. Stop by to check out our Advent candles and wreaths, Nativity sets, ornaments, cards, sacramentals, books, spiritually themed jewelry and gift items. Keep Christ in Christmas by including a religious reminder with all your gifts!

Come in and browse.



The Giving Tree 2026

This year our recipients for The Giving Tree are Nativity of our Lord parish, the St. Vincent DePaul Society, and St. Joseph's Helpers.

- Nativity Parish: Please take a red & green gift tag ornament if you want to purchase a gift for Nativity. All gifts should be unwrapped and placed under the tree or dropped off at the parish office.
- St. Vincent DePaul Society: $25 gift make your check out to: St. Kateri Church, Memo: St. Vincent DePaul Society. Cash donations are also accepted!
- St. Joseph's Helpers: (light blue tag) $25 gift cards for Home Depot. Lowes, and ACE Hardware.



All gifts and donations need to be in by Wednesday, December 9th.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish office. God bless you and thank you so much for your continued support of our parish outreach programs.

Prayer Requests

Alyssa Atkinson
Dan Balestrieri
Fran Bernard
Rusty Burrell
John Cassar
Maria Cercone
Phil Ciavaglia
Anthony Cinzori
Suzanne Conrad
Frank DeMilde
Bob De Santis
Rachel Esper
Esther Fonesca
Richard Fron
Laura Grant
Marie Grant
Delphine Gray
Don Holton
Emily Hudson
Fr. Terry Kerner
Gloria Koss
Stanley Kozlowicz
Hanna Kruemmer
Lorraine Kwiecinski
Jon LePage
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.



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

Compassion

Compassion flows from the virtue of mercy, or "heartfelt sympathy for another's distress," writes St. Thomas Aquinas (Sum. II:II, 30, 1). Compassion could be described as the active form of mercy — we are "moved" by the suffering of another, as the heart of Christ was "moved with pity" for the crowds who followed him, seeking a shepherd (Matthew 9:37).

In this way, we reflect God's divine compassion for us: "The Lord is good to all, and compassionate to all your works. All your works give you thanks, Lord, and your faithful bless you" (Psalm 145:9-10).

NEW!

SVDP FOOD PANTRY @ St. Maria Goretti

Our needs for December

CANNED
- Canned Peaches
- Canned Pineapple
- Pork and Beans

CEREAL
- Chex Cereal
- Special K

PKG/CONDIMENT
- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup
- Salad Dressing

PAPER PRODUCTS
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper

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.

Allen Park Meijers has started a new Simply Give program for our pantry. It runs until December 26th. Each 10 dollar donation will be matched by Meijers. Double day is **December 12th**. Each 10 dollars donated, Meijers will donate 20 dollars.

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





Trivia Answer:
"And with your spirit."

What Do Each of the Candles of the Advent Wreath Represent?

Advent is the liturgical season where we as Catholics prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. In the Middle Ages, the focus of Advent was more penitential and aimed to spiritually prepare souls for the Second Coming of Christ. While that is still true today, more often the liturgical season is viewed as a time to prepare for Christmas, and the "birth" of Christ in our lives. Either way, it is one the rich traditions of our Catholic Faith.

One way people mark Advent is through an Advent Wreath. Traditionally, an Advent wreath is composed of a wreath of greenery, 4 candles (3 violet and one rose). But did you know each of the candles has a specific traditional symbolism associated with it?

The 1st Sunday of Advent - "The Prophet's Candle"
This candle symbolizes hope with the reminder that Jesus is coming and in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ.

The 2nd Sunday of Advent - "The Bethlehem Candle"
This candle symbolizes faith by reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and Christ's birth in a manger in the City of David.



The 3rd Sunday of Advent - "The Shepherd's Candle"
This candle symbolizes joy with the reminding us of the Joy of the fulfillment of the promise of God to send a saviour by the birth of Jesus. The Third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday from the Latin word meaning "to rejoice."

The 4th Sunday of Advent - "The Angel's Candle"
The 4th Sunday of Advent symbolizes Peace with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

The Advent wreath is a beautiful tradition that can help you and your family focus on Christ and God's plan for salvation amidst the hustle and bustle of the holidays. https://ucatholic.com/



GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A friend once told me, "When I was young, I was so broke, I couldn't even pay attention." It's a clever line. Even when your pockets are empty, you can still be attentive. And yet, we often find creative ways to spend our attention on anything but what matters most.

We begin the season of Advent with Jesus' words about how we maintain our attention. He says, "What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" (Mark 13:37). He describes servants waiting for their master's return. Their task is simple: stay alert. Be ready to open the door, welcome him, and serve. That is why they're there. Advent reminds us that this is the purpose of our lives, too. God is coming to us. The question is whether we are awake and ready to receive him.

How do we train our attention for God? One powerful way is the age-old Christian practice of vigils. Praying in the quiet stillness of night — free from all distraction — focuses the heart and awakens a deeper awareness of God's presence. This Advent, watch for the coming of the Lord by the practice of vigils. Not in theory, but concretely. The Lord is coming. The awake, attentive heart will recognize Him. — Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Are our eyes drooping? Are we drifting off? Jesus wants us awake. He wants our eyes open. He wants us ready. Advent is the season of staying awake, of splashing water in the face of our soul. Wake up — and watch!

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question
Our first reading for Advent begins with Isaiah in prayer, grieving over how Israel has sinned and separated from God, our Father. **Is there an ache or sorrow you could offer to God this Advent Season?**

2nd Reading Question
Paul opens his Letter to the Corinthians with a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the many blessings bestowed on the community since coming to faith in Jesus. **Can you think of any gifts you have received because of your faith?**

Gospel Question
Jesus teaches his disciples to be attentive and alert in their spiritual life. **What will you be watching for this Advent Season?**

Mass INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 1st
9:00 AM
Bruce & Adelaide Anderson (by Carol Hutcherson)
Deceased Members of the Syrian Family (by Family)

Friday, December 4th
St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
9:00 AM
William Johns (by Family)
Mary Lajza (by Family)
Joseph Pulford (by Family)

Saturday, December 5th
4:00 PM
Juan & Maria Benitez (by Mary Meyer)
Marie & Angus MacPhal (by Family)
Maria Medrano & Consuelo Petersen (by Family)
Warren Meyer (by Tony Meyer)
Rod Rodriguez (by Family)

Sunday, December 6th
2nd Sunday of Advent
12:00 PM
Carmela DiPaolo (by Family)
James Doran (by Zell Family)
Edward Pazdziora (by Jakubowicz Family)
Mary Ann Stoner (by Eileen Stoner)
Mary, Feliks & Robert Turek (by Son/Brother)

Give people a bit of your heart rather than a piece of your mind.



Stewardship Report

WEEK ENDING	Nov 8	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	$ 3,789.00	$ 90,093.00
ONLINE GIVING	$ 1,281.80	$ 24,117.95
ACTUAL	$ 5,070.80	$ 114,210.95
BUDGET	$ 6,000.00	$ 120,000.00
VARIANCE	$ (929.20)	$ (5,789.05)

Trivia – JUST FOR FUN

Question: When a priest says, "The Lord be with you" at Mass, the congregation responds with:

Answer: Page 3

There are many easy ways for you to give to support St. Kateri Church:

Online Giving

One-time gifts, recurring online giving. & of course, at Mass.

Thank you for your financial support of our parish community and its ministries. Our online giving system will allow you to safely contribute to the parish directly from your bank account or via a credit card.

Creating an account will enable you to:

- Save/manage your preferred method of giving.
- Make one-time or recurring contributions.
- Manage your recurring gifts.
- View your online giving history.

It is even easier to do now to set up an account:
https://osvhub.com/stkateridearborn/giving/funds
or use the QR code for speedier access.

Blessing for Advent Week 1

Dear Lord,
As this Advent season begins,
pour Your blessing upon us.
Bless our Advent wreaths and
readings, our retreats and
reconciliations. You are our
God and our guide; be with us
as we journey.
Amen.

THE SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE-PRAYING FOR OUR PASTOR

Dear Women of the Parish, With the process of the restructuring of the archdiocese underway, prayer is needed as the foundation to be open to the work of the Holy Spirit in the change.

As a supportive outreach to our pastor, Fr. Craig, there is a desire to form a chapter of the Seven Sisters Apostolate. This is a national group (and beyond), Of women who pray a Holy Hour for their parish priest. Each of the seven days of the week is covered by one of the seven women.

If a total of ten women responded to this call from St. Kateri and Sacred Heart that would allow for three substitutes. This commitment is for one year.

If you are interested in knowing more, or willing to commit to a weekly hour of prayer for Fr. Craig, please contact the rep from your parish.

St. Kateri Barbara Syrian - (248) 860-6657
Sacred Heart Marcia Michalik– (313) 401-4460

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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: _____