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

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Sunday, November 8, 2026

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS



O Jesus, our merciful and faithful high priest, you have given to your church the gift of the priesthood to continue your ministry of reconciliation in every generation and to share in the mission of proclaiming the gospel to the ends of the earth.

We praise you in your goodness, O Lord, for the priests who baptize us, who forgive our sins, who teach us, who preside at our weddings and funerals, and who serve as faithful shepherds and models of your Sacred Heart.

You have told us that "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." So, therefore Lord, we pray that you might send us an abundance of future priestly vocations within the Archdiocese of Detroit. Send us holy, zealous, and merciful men so that our local church might grow.

Amen.

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Rev. Craig Giera
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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

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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,
Nov 14th & Nov 28th at 3:00 PM
or by appointment

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 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, $50 or $100 gift make your check out to: St. Kateri Church, Memo: St. Vincent DePaul Society. Cash donations are also accepted!
- St. Joseph's Helpers: $25 gift cards for Home Depot and ACE Hardware.

The Giving Tree will be available the weekend of Nov 21st and 22nd.

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.

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR PARISH

Please take a few moments to complete the survey that was inserted last week's bulletin and return to the parish office by Monday, Nov 9th. You may submit in the collection receptacles, by mail or in person to the office during normal business hours.

St. Kateri's Annual

HARVEST DINNER

Tickets are now on sale at the Gift Shop (before and after weekend Masses) and the Parish Office (during regular office hours).





Turkey Dinner & Dessert $20.

Deadline to purchase your ticket is Monday, November 17th

YOU MUST HAVE A PREPAID TICKET.

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.

SVDP FOOD PANTRY @ St. Maria Goretti

Our needs for November

CANNED/PACKAGED

- Broth
- Canned Cranberries
- Canned Yams
- Gravy
- Small Soups

DOLLAR STORE

- Bar soap
- Razors
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste

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.



Virtues, Explained! Kindness

God is not polite — God is kind, and His kindness is abundantly evident in all of creation. It was this unfailing kindness that facilitated our own adoption as God's children, conformed to the image of His son (CCC 257). Also known as benevolence or beneficence and derived from the theological virtue of charity, kindness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22) and is a central theme in the famous parable of the Good Samaritan. In practicing kindness and seeking the good of another without prejudice or condition, the Samaritan reflects God's own plan of loving kindness for us.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

NEXT WEEK

Campaign for Human Development



Answer Pope Leo's call to offer signs of hope to the poor by supporting the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, whose annual collection equips people experiencing poverty to address the needs in their own communities and strengthens both local and national anti-poverty efforts.

Trivia Answer: the organ.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED



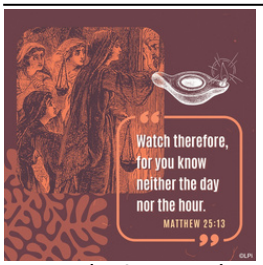
Question:
Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Answer:
Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.



GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

My first instinct upon waking is to grab my phone and start scrolling. Sometimes I do it for 20 or 30 minutes, and it makes me feel distracted and agitated. I feel guilty, too, for wasting my first moments of the day. So recently, I committed those minutes to reading a book that would focus my mind on Jesus. I enjoy the fact that I am not scattering my attention as much. I feel more peaceful and focused on God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about attention. He contrasts wise and foolish virgins, and then sums up the teaching by saying, **"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour"** (Matthew 25:13). The basic currency of the human heart is attention. The foolish bridesmaids are not immoral or malicious; they are unfocused, distracted, and unprepared. They assume that borrowed oil will suffice, that someone else's readiness can make up for their own lack. But the attention which is love cannot be outsourced. A relationship with God requires personal attentiveness cultivated over time.

This Gospel leaves us with an honest question. What am I giving my attention to each day, and am I forming a heart that is awake, watchful, and ready to meet the Lord when He comes? How can I use key moments of my day to focus my attention where I need it to be? — Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Christian life is a life of waiting, for the Bridegroom is long delayed. We can grow too comfortable in the waiting that we forget what it's all for. So let us look to our lamps and always remember — the waiting will not last forever.

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question
According to our Jewish sage, wisdom is a virtue that desires to be known by those who seek her. **How does anyone know they have found wisdom?**

2nd Reading Question
Paul offers hope in the bodily resurrection of the dead for the Thessalonians who are grieving the death of a loved one. **How does your faith in Jesus sustain you in times of grief and distress?**

Gospel Question
In the Parable of the Ten Virgins, Jesus teaches his disciples the importance of planning ahead for the unknown. **Do you consider yourself a pre-planner?**



BLESSING FOR VETERANS

O God,
Bless the men and women who have stepped forward in the service of our country.
Protect them in Your mercy, care for their needs: physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual.
Give them courage, strength, perseverance, and support.
Amen.

Mass INTENTIONS

Tuesday, November 10th
St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
9:00 AM
Joann Sajewski (by Family)
Estelle Terns (by Therese Terns)
For the Soul Nearest to Heaven (by Grace Kirwan)

Friday, November 13th
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
9:00 AM
Maria Medrano & Consuelo Petersen (by Family)
Rod Rodriguez (by Family)
Jim Uniewski (by Carol Uniewski)

Saturday, November 14th
4:00 PM
Deceased Members of the Benitez Family (by Mary Meyer)
Jeanette Franke (by Carol Uniewski)
Joe Gasidlo (by Family)
William Wieczorek (by Diane Wieczorek)
Poor Souls that have no one to pray for them (by Tony Meyer)

Sunday, November 15th
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
12:00 PM
Nancy & Ronald Caretti (by Maria Caretti)
Edward Pazdziora (by Jakubowicz Family)
100th Birthday Blessing for Erna Karr

Lector Schedule

Weekend of November 14/15

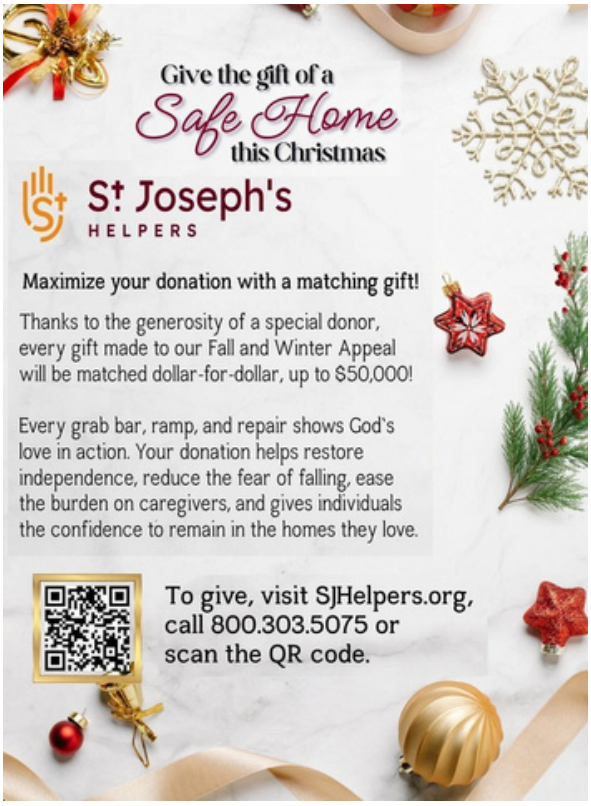
Saturday, Nov 14, 4:00 PM
Theresa Jordan

Sunday, Nov 15, 12:00 PM
Margaret Skora

You are allowed to be both a masterpiece and a work in progress at the same time.

Stewardship Report

WEEK ENDING	Nov 1	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	$ 6,580.00	$ 82,246.00
ONLINE GIVING	$ 1,452.20	$ 21,844.35
ACTUAL	$ 8,032.20	$ 104,090.35
BUDGET	$ 6,000.00	$ 108,000.00
VARIANCE	$ 2,032.20	$ (3,909.65)



EQUIP
EQUIPPING FOR THE SERVICE OF THE GOSPEL

SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY
INSTITUTE FOR LAY MINISTRY



ANGELS, DEMONS, AND THE INVISIBLE WORLD

Sunday, November 29 - Saturday, December 26

Beginning November 29, 2026, join Dr. Robert Fastiggi for an online, self-paced Advent course exploring what Scripture and the Church teach about angels and demons.

Free Online Course

This course invites us to deepen our understanding of the invisible world and its place in our spiritual lives. Learn how we can resist the temptations of the devil, seek the intercession of the angels, and grow in friendship with these heavenly companions as we journey toward eternal life.

Learn more at explore.shms.edu/angels.

THANK YOU
for your generosity

We want to once again extend our gratitude to you and to all of the generous parishioners for helping make our annual Halloween celebration another big success! We welcomed another 3,000 neighbors from the community.
Sacred Heart Seminary

Trivia

– JUST FOR FUN

Question: What musical instrument is more commonly found inside churches than not?

Answer: Page 3

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

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

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.

National Guard
Joey Enright