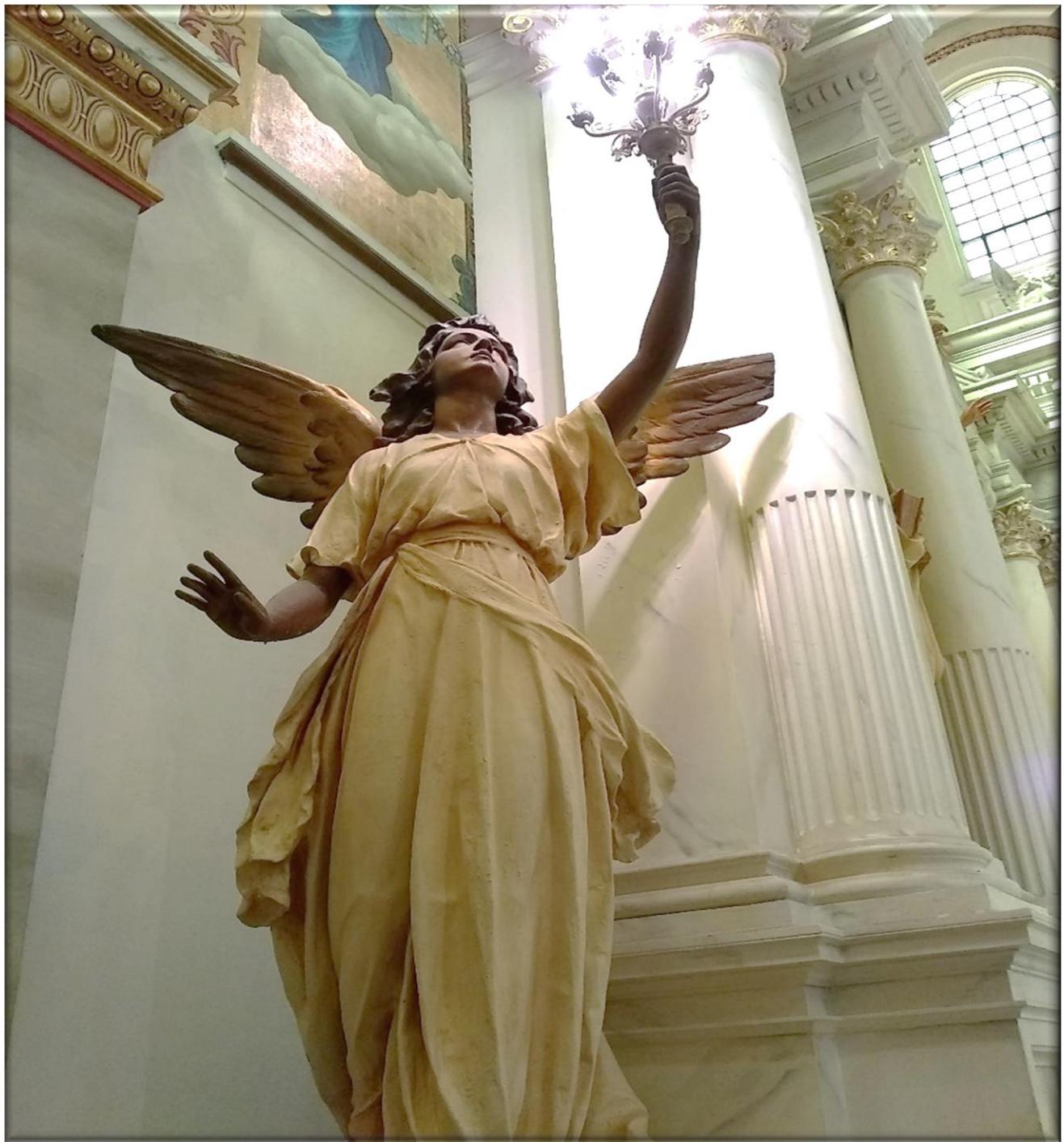

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
THE VIGIL

Sunday, January 18, 2026 (Year A)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Thoughts for Today's Readings "With a Prayer..."

Sunday Food for Your Soul

In today's Gospel the testimony of John the Baptist proclaims that Jesus, the Son of God, comes to take away the sin of the world. St. Francis de Sales remarks:

John the Baptist accepted and proclaimed Jesus as the Son of God. Others refused to acknowledge Jesus as Savior. John the Baptist had great humility. The first step into humility is not to seek to be held or esteemed for what we are not. John the Baptist rejected the honors and titles offered him. He could have led others to himself but instead he recognized Jesus as the Redeemer and pointed others to Him.

Now success can be an excellent thing: if we enjoy and rejoice in it because it gives glory to God, who is the author of our accomplishments. Yet, success and ambition are both capable of seducing the human heart. Unfortunately, our human nature is all too anxious to attract whatever is to its advantage. People seek ways to erect idols and images that are regarded as gods among them. How many of us are greatly taken with worldly elegance, prestige, superiority, and personages? In this we act quite differently from John the Baptist. His spirit was far from that of our times. Walking in humility, he accepted the greatness of Our Lord and recognized his dependence on the Son of God to guide him.

John the Baptist refused to be moved by pretense. A lover of truth, he suffered martyrdom. While we may not be called to martyrdom, we ought to have the courage to suffer and fight when small temptations present themselves. If we wish to enter the combat against evil, we must be armed with a humility that recognizes our dependence on God's greatness and goodness. If we wish to grow in divine love, let us begin by imitating John the Baptist in accepting the Master of truth and goodness into our hearts. And then, let us lead others to Our Savior: Light to all nations.

(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales, especially Sermons, L. Fiorelli, ed.)



Sunday Community Dinners... As one of our most important ministries to our members and neighbors, we have been blessed. We are in need of more. If you and your group would like to sponsor a meal, please contact Georgia Kingsley via the rectory. **Today Sunday, January 18, 2026: Parish Council; January 25, 2026: St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans; February 1, 2026: The Rosary Group; February 8, 2026: Patty Gillis and Crew; February 15, 2026: Kim & Steve Llorens; February 22, 2025: Freddie Henry & Family**

Nativity Pantry News: We are so grateful for your continued support of the pantry. With your help, we fed 6,629 people in 2025. This week we need soup, noodles and spaghetti sauce.



*There is the Lamb
of God who takes
away the sin of
the world.* Jn 1:29

Prayer for The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I'm Stuck, You Are There

God, I waited and waited,
And it felt like nothing changed.
But you were there the whole time.
You heard me even when I was quiet.
You helped me stand again.

Sometimes I try to fix everything myself.
But I forget what you really want.
You don't just want words or routines.
You want my time, my trust,
And the way I treat others.

"On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit."

John 1:33

The VIGIL**PRAYERS, READINGS, & FINANCE****PRAY FOR THE
HEALING PRESENCE**

Jean-Marie Allion
 Anderson and Miller Family
 Paul Andrecovich
 Kathy Ayoub
 Mary Canaday
 Jane Colombo
 Kyle Duker
 Jim Dutkiewicz
 Doris Franklin
 Anna Grabowski
 Nancy Hayes
 Jim Howard
 Evelyn Hughes
 Bertha Jackson-Hyde
 Michelle Koss
 Steve Lamendola
 Maureen Lange
 Michael Martin
 Jacqueline Morant
 Gloria Parham
 Ronald Parham
 Vertis Park, Sr.
 Earlene Park-Williams
 Orlando Richardson
 Aaron Scott
 Karen Seyboldt
 Cherise Sweeney
 Jonathan Taylor
 Tommy Traylor
 Anna Tyler
 Guillermo Villanueva
 Eldora White

Please call the rectory at 313-331-0253 to let us know when a name should be added to or removed from the list. Names will stay on the list for 3 months, but can be continued if we are notified of the

MASS INTENTIONS

January 18, 2026
Michael Ayoub
Renee Valenti
John Pilette
Carolyn Alexander

January 25, 2026
Fr. Dan Trapp
Joyce Carson
Carolyn Carson

February 1, 2026
Santa Toarmina
Thomas Nahas
Shawn Eric Alford

February 8, 2026
Jon Harvey
Richard Jarvis

February 15, 2026
Angela McDonald
Angela Dearing

February 22, 2026
Michael Rachal
Vicky Scott

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6
(God is My Strength)

Psalm 40: 2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
(Doing God's Will)

First Corinthians 1: 1-3
(A Holy People)

John 1: 14a, 12a
(Children of God)

John 1: 29-34
(Encountering Christ)

**The Holy Father's Intentions
for the Month of
January 2026****For prayer with the Word of God**

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Jan. 19: First Samuel 15: 16-23; Psalm 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Hebrews 4: 12; Mark 2: 18-22

Tues., Jan. 20: First Samuel 16: 1-13; Psalm 89: 20, 21-22, 27-28; Ephesians 1: 17-18; Mark 2: 23-28

Wed., Jan. 21: First Samuel 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51; Psalm 144: 1b, 2, 9-10; Matthew 4: 23; Mark 3: 1-6

Thurs., Jan. 22: First Samuel 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7; Psalm 56: 2-3, 9-10a, 10b-12, 13-14; Second Timothy 1: 10; Mark 3: 7-12

Fri., Jan. 23: First Samuel 24: 3-21; Psalm 57: 2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Second Corinthians 5: 19; Mark 3: 13-19

Sat., Jan. 24: Second Samuel 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Psalm 80: 2-3, 5-7; Acts 16: 14b; Mark 3: 20-21

Sun., Jan. 25: Isaiah 8: 23-9: 3; Psalm 27: 1, 4, 13-14; First Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17; Matthew 4: 23; Matthew 4: 12-23

STEWARSHIP MINUTE**Stewardship Servants**

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." ISAIAH 49:5

God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different **Stewardship!** So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

01/11/26

Collection \$ 1,046.00
 Online \$ 1,102.00

TOTAL \$2,148.00

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO CHURCH

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January 14, 2026

Regarding: Updated Protecting God's Children Information from the Archdiocese of Detroit

ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT RE-CERTIFICATION POLICY
(Revised January 2026)

To work or volunteer in the Archdiocese of Detroit, all clergy, staff, and volunteers:

- Must attend original 3 hr. VIRTUS® "Protecting God's Children" Adult Awareness Session,
- **Must re-certify every three years on/or before the expiration date on the face of their current certificate. See the sample dateline below. The participant has 30 days after their expiration date to complete the recertification; if not, they must be inactivated in VIRTUS and will not be able to work or volunteer until completion of training.**

"Protecting God's Children" Training	1st Recertification Year	2nd Recertification Year
2023	2026	2029
2024	2027	2030
2025	2028	2031
2026	2029	2032

Option #1 Retake VIRTUS® 3 hr. "Protecting God's Children."

Option #2: VIRTUS® 30 minute "Teaching Boundaries and Safety Online Module 2.0 "
Recertification

Participants whose current certificate has not yet expired may attend 30 minute "Teaching Boundaries and Safety Online Module 2.0" recertification. This module is an online training that provides best practices for employees, volunteers, caring adults and parents, equipping them on how to be better protectors of children, and on how to teach children to better protect themselves. This online module builds from the foundation of the Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide™, and provides easy conversation starters, bulleted tips and quick summaries of pertinent information.

Important Notice

Participants must keep their original VIRTUS® Protecting All God's Children and any additional recertification certificates as proof of compliance, which can be located when logging into the VIRTUS platform. Only a "copy" of the certificate should be given to the parish/school where you work or volunteer.

*The Office of Safe Environments will be performing a **mass deactivation on January 30th at 11am (EST)**. Anyone who has not logged into their VIRTUS account in the last four years will be inactivated. We are conducting this mass deactivation because the recertification requirement is every three years, and anyone who hasn't logged into their VIRTUS account in four+ years is out of compliance.*

Anyone who is in a volunteer role needs to have in their roles and location box indicate whether or not they volunteer 3 or more times a year OR if they volunteer three or less times a year as it is required that we track this information per the USCCB.

If you have any questions please contact me at the parish office.

Rhonda Gilbert
Pastoral Associate

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FAMILY FAITH FORMATION NEWS

We guide children in their faith journey through engaging lessons, Sacrament preparation, Scripture stories, prayer, and meaningful activities rooted in Catholic life.

Ordinary Time

We are now in the season of Ordinary Time. Known as our growing season. We are invited to walk with Jesus, deepen our faith and allow the life of Jesus to shape our everyday actions and choices.

Read: Gospel: John 1:29-34

Question of the Week for:

Adults: When have you been surprised to see goodness that you had overlooked in someone?

Children: Who has surprised you by doing something kind for you when you did not expect it?

Key Dates:

- **Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026**
YFACT SERVICE DAY for MLK day
- **Sunday, Jan. 25, 2026** 10:30am
before Mass, Family Formation
Meeting & children Sacrament
classes
 - Youth Mass at 11:30am
- **Sunday, February 1, 2026**
 - RISE Detroit 2026 Mercy High
School for teens

Contact Info

- Interested in Registering?
- Interested in Volunteering?
- If you would like to sign up or
need sacraments
please contact:
Barbara Taylor



“BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS!
DO NOT FEAR NOR BE DISMAYED,
FOR THE LORD, YOUR GOD, IS WITH YOU
WHEREVER YOU GO.”
JOSHUA 1:9

RISE

UNAFRAID

A GATHERING OF HIGH
SCHOOL YOUTH

DATE:

Sunday, February 1, 2026
8:15 a.m. – 7:15 p.m.

COST:

\$35

Merch available for \$5-10

FEATURING:

Chika Anyanwu

MASS WITH:

Archbishop Weisenburger

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL, FARMINGTON HILLS, MI
AOD.ORG/RISE

Detroit Eastside Family Parish Information and Mass Times

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stcharlesborromedetroit@yahoo.com

Sunday: 11:30am
Friday: 11am in rectory
Live Stream & YouTube

Nativity of Our Lord
5900 McClellan
Detroit, MI 48213
313-922-0033

www.nativitydetroit.org
nativityvol@sbcglobal.net

Sunday 9:30am

Thursday: Holy Hour 8am; Mass 9am
Live Stream and YouTube

St Augustine & St Monica
4151 Seminole
Detroit, MI 48214
313-921-4107

www.saintamparish.org
office@saintamparish.org

Sunday: 10am
Wednesday: 9am

St. Jude
15889 Seven Mile E ·
Detroit, MI 48205
313-527-0380
stjudedetroit.org
Sunday: 10:30am
Saturday: 4pm

Sacred Heart
1000 Eliot St.
Detroit, MI 48207
313-831-1356

www.sacredheartdetroit.com
info@sacredheart.com

Sunday: 8am and 10am
Tuesday: 5pm
Saturday: 5pm

St. Elizabeth
3138 E. Canfield St.
Detroit, MI 48207
313-921-9225

www.stelizabethdetroit.org
saintelizabethchurchofdetroit@gmail.com

Sunday: 12:00pm

St. Raymond – Our Lady of Good Council
20103 Joann
Detroit, MI 48205
313-527-0525
www.straymondolgc.org
Sunday: 10:30am
Tuesday: 8:30am
Thursday: 8:30am

Our Lady Queen of Heaven/Good Shepherd
8200 Rolyat St.
Detroit, MI 48234
313-891-4553
ourladyofgoodshepherd.org
Sunday: 9am
Tuesday: 10:30am
Thursday: 10:30am
Friday: 10:30am
Saturday: 4pm

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<p>1 New Year's Day</p> <p>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p>	2 Mass in Rectory 11am	3
4 Epiphany of the Lord <u>11:30am Mass</u> <i>Community Meal</i> Diabetes Class	5 Parish Office Reopens	6 PGC On- Line Session 6pm	7 NO Bible Study	8	9 Mass in Rectory 11am	10
11 The Baptism of the Lord <u>11:30am Mass</u> <i>Community Meal</i> <i>Christmas Decorations Come Down</i> Diabetes Class	12	13	14 NO Bible Study PGC On- Line Session 6pm Holy Hour for Archdiocesan Restructuring—Cathedral of the Most Blessed Blessed Sacrament 7pm	15	16 Mass in Rectory 11am	17
18 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time <u>11:30am Mass</u> <i>Community Meal</i> Diabetes Class	19 Annual Justice & Peace Mass—Cathedral of the Most Blessed Blessed Sacrament (MLK Day) 11am	20	21 Bible Study Resumes 6-7pm	22 PGC On- Line Session 6pm	23 Mass in Rectory 11am	24
25 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time <u>11:30am Mass</u> <i>Community Meal</i> Diabetes Class	26	27	28 Bible Study Resumes 6-7pm	29	30 Mass in Rectory 11am	31

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St. Charles Office Hours:

Monday, 10am to 3pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9am to 4pm
Friday, 9am to 3pm

Pastoral Team

Fr. Francis Asomkase, SSJ, Priest in Solidum and Moderator

Fr. Richard Baumann, Priest in Solidum

Reverend Charles Nwamadi, SSJ, Priest in Solidum

Fr. David Preuss, OFM, CAP, Priest in Solidum

Deacon Joseph Jones

Edward Cotton – Mission Support Director

Rhonda Gilbert – Pastoral Associate

Joan Jacobs & Angie Kadowaki – Boulevard Ministry Ministers

Mary Catherine Wright – Parish Nurse

Council Members: Naim Edwards (Chairperson), Angela Kadawaki, Dennis Ballard (Vice-Chairperson), Patricia Ballard, Alex Grabowski, Marian Harvey (Secretary), Freddie Henry, Mary Ellen Howard, Bruce McDonald, Mikhail Perkins, Richard Preuss, Linda Simpkins

**AOD Restructuring
St. Charles Parish
Leaders**

Doris Allen

Alex Grabowski

Joan Jacobs

Bruce McDonald

Richard Preuss

**Parish Point Person of
Contact**

Rhonda Gilbert

St. Charles Mission Statement

St. Charles Borromeo, a diverse urban parish of Detroit, is rooted in Christ's Gospel and Catholic tradition. We strive to build a community of faith through education, worship, and evangelization. We are called to carry on Christ's ministry to our brothers and sisters, especially the sick and their families, the elderly, youth, and the disabled. With Mary as our example of unconditional love, we strive to welcome everyone to share joyfully in the peace, love and salvation of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that it is the Holy Spirit who calls and empowers us, who strengthens and renews us, and who gives us the will to continue our mission, until Jesus comes.

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<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stcharlesdetroit>