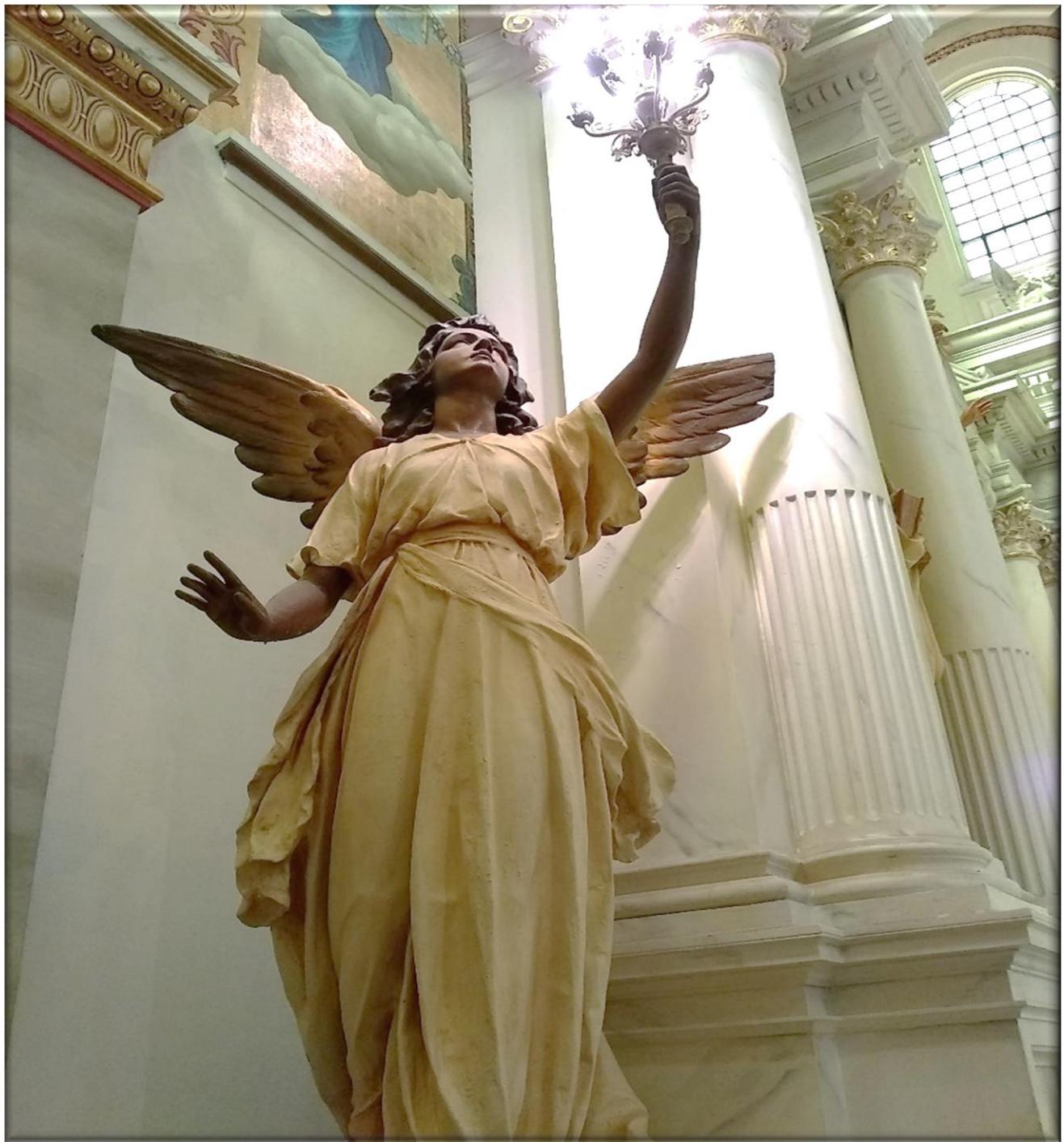

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
THE VIGIL

Sunday, February 15, 2026 (Year A)

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Sunday Food for Your Soul

Karl Rahner, one of the greatest Catholic theologians of the 20th century, taught that we become fully human through love of neighbor. To understand this, observe a mother teaching her child to talk: The little one is learning vocabulary and also a way of life, a culture and what it means to be part of a family. At the same time, the mother becomes more of a mother with each loving interaction with her child. As humans, we have the opportunity to grow until we take our last breath, and each relationship enlarges our being.

Sirach, a wise man who wrote around 175 BCE, says something similar. His message today reflects what Moses said more than 1,000 years earlier: "I put before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life!" ([Deuteronomy 30:19](#)) Sirach uses the images of fire and water to say the same thing. Both want their people to realize that following God's will leads a person to become more profoundly who s/he is and at the same time become more deeply related to all others. Nobody can do it alone. We become who we are together.

When we think about Jesus in his context, we too often denigrate Pharisees and other religious groups of his time as being mired in the law. In truth, they debated the same theme Jesus preached about: how to live as God hopes we will. Jesus told his listeners, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it." Jesus interpreted the deep purpose of the law, demonstrating that the letter was nothing more than an entryway into its richness.

Jesus offered the disciples concrete examples of what it looks like to fulfill the intention of the law. For them as for us, his teaching can sound excessively demanding. But Jesus wasn't talking about ordinary life in society; he was explaining the ethics of the Reign of God.

For Jesus, murder was more than a question of knives, rope or stones. He considered any dehumanizing action as a mini-murder. For him, anything that undercut the dignity of another person functioned as a form of killing. It's one thing to get angry, even Jesus did that. It's another thing to nurse the kind of anger or wrath that classifies another as an enemy, an obstacle or an impediment. That erases their humanity in our minds. Calling someone raqa, or fool, denigrates an image of God, brazenly treating one of God's beloved as less than worthy. Considering others as despicable prepares people for war and accepts capital punishment. What the despisers don't realize is that choosing to view another as inconsequential desecrates them as much as their victim.

As Jesus elaborated on the theme, he began with his typical hyperbole, suggesting that one should pluck out an unruly eye or cut off a wandering hand. Of course, Jesus knew well that Jewish law prohibited any form of self-harm or mutilation. He wanted to wake them up. Jesus followed his outrageous proposal with something more serious. He reminded people that eyes can be responsible for terrible damage to others. Some perceive others as objects for their satisfaction or tools they can use to their own benefit. Refusing to see or recognize the humanity of a person is a form of assassination.

Jesus continued with other examples that some would find difficult, if not outrageous. Jesus insisted that marriage is a relationship between equals, therefore a man cannot simply be rid of his woman. Couples who nurture mutual love and respect will naturally shun adultery and do everything necessary to avoid the tragedy of divorce. In Jesus' eyes, marriage is a sacrament of divine faithfulness. Loving couples become models for every other relationship of love that humans choose to grow in.

Jesus then talked about the mouth, our primary organ for communication and the one that keeps us alive by ingesting food and drink. Jesus admitted no reason for swearing oaths because genuine relationships build on honesty and integrity. Anything less results in superficial dealings in which people seem like skiers who never experience anything below the cold, slippery surface of others' personalities.

In sum, Jesus taught that we work out our ethics and participation in the Reign of God through healthy, loving relationships. He showed that deep love of others is necessary for anyone who wants to grow as a human being. Although he didn't know anything about quantum theory, Jesus lived as if everything he said and did had infinite consequences — because it does. Jesus taught his disciples to live like he did because loving and cherishing each person is the only way to happiness and to grow our humanity and thus in union with our Trinitarian God.

Just like the Trinity, we're all in it together.

Mary M. McGlone
National Catholic Reporter

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. **February 15, 2026: Albert and Zelda; February 22, 2025: Freddie Henry & Family; March 1, 2026: Kim and Steve Llorens; March 8, 2026: Souper Sunday Soup Potluck; March 15, 2026: Detroit Black Catholic Ministries**

Nativity Pantry News: We are so grateful for your continued support of the pantry. This week we need Soup, Noodles, and Individual snacks (crackers with peanut butter, cookies, bars(cereal, granola, etc..) Again, we thank you for all you do to help us.

“Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” - Matthew 5:16



Lord Jesus, you came not to abolish the law but to fulfill it with love. Soften our hearts to move beyond mere compliance and embrace true righteousness. Help us to replace anger with peace, deceit with truth, and to reflect your love in our daily actions.

Amen.

The VIGIL

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
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
Cherise Sweeney
Karen Seyboldt
Jonathan Taylor
Tommy Traylor
Anna Tyler
Guillermo Villanueva
Eldora White

MASS INTENTIONS

February 15, 2026
Angela McDonald
 Angela Dearing
February 22, 2026
Michael Rachal
 Vicky Rachal
Fr. Nixon Mullert, SSJ
 Vicky Scott

March 1, 2026
Smith Carson, Jr.
 Marcus Sinclair
Dr. Donald Burkhart

March 8, 2026
Victor & Suzanne Fileccia
 Sam Stratos
 Fr. Edward Prus

March 15, 2026
Mary Cunningham
 Greg McCaffrey
 Kevin Scully
 Michael Ayoub

March 22, 2026
 Lisa Little
 Gerald Miller
Noah Bradley Woodard
Evelyn Marie Verschaeve

PRAYERS, READINGS, & FINANCE

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 58: 7-10
(*Charity*)

Psalm 112: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
(*The Just Man*)

First Corinthians 2: 1-5
(*Power of the Spirit*)

John 8: 12
(*Light of Life*)

Matthew 5: 13-16
(*Light of the World*)

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of February 2026

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Feb. 16: James 1: 1-11; Psalm 119: 67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; John 14: 6; Mark 8: 11-13

Tues., Feb. 17: James 1: 12-18; Psalm 94: 12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; John 14: 23; Mark 8: 14-21

Wed., Feb. 18: Joel 2: 12-18; Psalm 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; Second Corinthians 5: 20 – 6:2; Psalms 95: 8; Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

Thurs., Feb. 19: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20; Psalm 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Matthew 4: 17; Luke 9: 22-25

Fri., Feb. 20: Isaiah 58: 1-9a; Psalm 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Amos 5: 14; Matthew 9: 14-15

Sat., Feb. 21: Isaiah 58: 9b-14; Psalm 86: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Ezekiel 33: 11; Luke 5: 27-32

Sun., Feb. 22: Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7; Psalm 51: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Romans 5: 12-19 or 5: 12, 17-19; Matthew 4: 4b; Matthew 4:1-11

STEWARSHIP MINUTE

Righteous *Stewards*

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” MATTHEW 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, not *Stewardship*. They used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern-day Pharisee.

COLLECTION INFO 02/08/26

Collection \$ 1,592.58
Online \$ 1,387.50

TOTAL \$ 2,980.08

DETROIT EASTSIDE FAMILY OF PARISHES

FRIDAY NIGHTS DURING LENT

6:00 PM

**ST. AUGUSTINE & ST.
MONICA**
4151 Seminole, 48214
313-923-4107

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO
1491 Baldwin, 48214
313-331-0253

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
5900 McClellan, 48213
313-922-0033

ST. ELIZABETH
5900 McClellan, 48213
313-921-9225

SACRED HEART
1000 Eliot, 48207
313-831-1356

ST. RAYMOND
20103 Joann, 48205
313-527-0525



AND



FEBRUARY 20, 2026
St. Charles Borromeo

FEBRUARY 27, 2026
Nativity of Our Lord

MARCH 6, 2026
St. Raymond

MARCH 13, 2026
Sacred Heart

MARCH 20, 2026:
St. Augustine/St. Monica

MARCH 27, 2026:
St. Elizabeth@
Nativity of Our Lord

Be Environmentally Friendly and bring a bowl and spoon.

We always send home leftovers-so bring a to-go container just in case.



WE NEED YOUR HOMEMADE SOUP!

Please sign up to bring a crockpot of your favorite soup
for the Parish Meal – Sunday, March 8th

Sign Up sheet at the back of church
For questions, see Janis Ayoub

Parish Nurse News

❤ February is American Heart Month: Caring for God's Gift of Health ❤

February is recognized nationwide as **American Heart Month**, a time to focus on cardiovascular health and the prevention of heart disease—the leading cause of death in the United States for both men and women.

As we care for one another in our church family, let's also remember to care for the *heart* God has given us. Small, faithful steps in daily living can make a big difference in reducing the risk of heart disease and improving overall well-being.

Heart-Healthy Habits to Practice This Month:

⭐ **Move Your Body** — Aim for regular physical activity. Even gentle walking, dancing, or gardening is beneficial. The goal recommended by health experts is about 150 minutes of moderate activity per week.

🍎 **Eat with Love** — Choose heart-friendly foods like fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and healthy fats. Cutting back on added sugars, sodium, and saturated fats supports healthy blood pressure and cholesterol.

⌚ **Know Your Numbers** — Regular checkups help you monitor blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar—key markers of heart health. Next BP screening at St Charles is 2/22/26

⌚ **Avoid Harmful Habits** — Smoking, excessive alcohol, and high stress contribute to heart strain. Seeking support and healthier alternatives honors both body and spirit.

💤 **Rest & Reflect** — Adequate sleep and stress-reducing practices such as prayer, meditation, or quiet time support both emotional peace and physical health.

This month also includes **National Wear Red Day**—a special day to raise awareness about heart disease, especially among women.

Let's use American Heart Month as a reminder that caring for our hearts matters—not just for us, but for our families and community. May we honor God's gift of life with habits that strengthen our bodies and spirits.

Blessings for a healthy heart this February! ❤ Mary Catherine Wright RN

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CHURCH

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Detroit, MI 48214

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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www.stcharlesdetroit.org

If you have any questions about Protecting God's Children, including your account, requirements, restarting your registration, or requirements you must meet to work or volunteer at St. Charles, please see Marian Harvey.

Detroit Eastside Family Parish Information and Mass Times

St Charles Borromeo Detroit
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stcharlesborromeodetroit@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
nativityol@sbeglobal.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

St Charles Borromeo

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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.

St Charles Website: www.stcharlesdetroit.org

Email: stcharlesborromeodetroit@yahoo.com

Facebook: St. Charles Borromeo Parish - Detroit MI

YouTube: www.youtube.com/@st.charlesborromeodetroit



Online Giving

Go to the giving site at:

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

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <u>11:30am Mass</u> <i>Community Meal</i> Diabetes Class	2	3	4 <i>Bible Study 6pm</i>	5 Faith & Fellowship 4:30pm-7pm Online PGC 6pm	6 <i>11am Mass in Rectory</i>	7 In-Person PGC Holy Name Parish Birmingham 9am
8 <u>11:30am Mass</u> <i>Community Meal</i> Diabetes Class	9	10 <i>Bld. Ministry Visits 10am</i>	11 <i>Bible Study 6pm</i>	12 Faith & Fellowship 4:30pm-7pm	13 <i>11am Mass in Rectory</i>	14
15 <u>11:30am Mass</u> <i>Community Meal</i> Diabetes Class	16	17 <i>Bld. Ministry Visits 10am</i> Online PGC 6pm PGC—Sacred Heart Detroit 6pm	18 <i>Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Charles 6pm</i>	19 Faith & Fellowship 4:30pm-7pm	20 <i>11am Mass in Rectory</i>	21
22 <u>1st Sunday of Lent</u> <u>11:30am Mass</u> <i>Community Meal</i> Diabetes Class Blood Pressure Screening	23 Online PGC 6pm	24	25 <i>Bible Study 6pm</i>	26 Faith & Fellowship 4:30pm-7pm	27 <i>11am Mass in Rectory</i>	28