
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

The VIGIL

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)





Baptismal Identity

In recent years, we have heard frequently the term “New Evangelization.” Pope John Paul II first used the term New Evangelization, which was encouraged by Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis. While Pope John Paul II first employed the expression new evangelization, the Second Vatican Council was deeply rooted in promoting the Church’s missionary activity to evangelize all nations. Yet, one of the most critical things in furthering the Church’s missionary activity to evangelize all nations is to understand that we, the baptized faithful, must constantly be re-evangelized. When John Paul II coined the phrase “new evangelization,” he was not speaking of the mission to go to the nations that have not been evangelized; John Paul II understood the new evangelization to be for those who have already heard the kerygma and have been initiated into the Mystical Body of Christ, but who need to listen to the message of the Gospel anew. The new evangelization is for us to be faithful to our baptismal identity.

In baptism, each of us was inaugurated into the life of Christ. Our baptismal identity should shape every aspect of our lives so that by our actions, the world becomes consecrated, and the very act of living our lives can be a form of evangelization. We must remember why the Father sent Christ to evangelize over 2000 years ago, to recapture our baptismal identity. In John 15:13, Christ says, “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” Christ became man to evangelize, that is, to show us that the fundamental way of living is through a sincere gift of ourselves, first to God and second to others, and he manifested this on the Cross.

In the Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Jesus proposes a parable to help us understand how to live out our fundamental vocation to give of ourselves to others. Today’s parable is the image of a grain of wheat being buried in the ground to die so it can bear much fruit. We can relate to this image even if we are not farmers because we don’t have to travel far in our diocese to see lush wheat fields. These fields of wheat did not just become lush magically. A farmer buried these seeds into the ground, resulting in new life. Our Lord uses this image first for his disciples to foreshadow his paschal mystery, and second, this parable helps us understand that Christ’s paschal mystery must be incorporated into our lives if we want communion with God.

The paschal mystery, which we prepare all of Lent to celebrate, captures the entirety of Christ’s work of evangelization in the Gospels, and it is the mystery by which we are meant to be transformed and renewed. The Gospel can renew and transform us, but it must not be done in such a way that the Gospel becomes watered down. Pope Saint Paul VI said, “Evangelization risks losing its power and disappearing altogether if one empties or adulterates its content under the pretext of translating it.” Our Human condition needs to be understood for evangelization to be successful. Yet, the message of the Gospel cannot be altered because the Gospel calls each of us to imitate Christ’s self-sacrificing love modeled for us on the Cross.

Christ laid down his life for us on the cross so that through his glory, we, too, might be glorified. When we were baptized, we were baptized into his passion, his death, his resurrection, and his ascension. In baptism, we became new creatures who are partakers of Christ’s divine nature. By becoming partakers in the divine nature of Christ, we participate in the New Covenant by fulfilling Christ’s Command, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me” (Mt 16:24). Denial of self helps us to live our fundamental vocation of self-gift. Denial of self recognizes that we cannot live a life of sin, but daily, we must strive to overcome our sinful nature.

To conquer sin in our lives, we must follow the path of the cross. The Way of the Cross teaches us self-sacrificial love and that we must die to our self-centered tendencies. When Christ says in the Gospel, “Whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life,” Christ is telling us that we must work daily to overcome our sinful tendencies. The only means of achieving victory is through the cross, as the resurrection and ascension to eternal glory are only achievable through death to self.

As we continue our journey toward the Triduum, let us live out our baptismal identity daily; let us remember that Christ suffered, died, and rose again so that we might have communion with him and one day experience his eternal glory in heaven.

Fr. Gabriel Greer
Catholic Diocese of Wichita, Kansas

If you are looking to attend Mass when there isn't one planned for the Family of Parishes or there is a limited schedule, the chapel at St. Bonaventure Capuchin Monastery on Mt. Elliott happily welcomes everyone for their 7:30am daily mass.

Strangers No Longer, 3rd Annual Banquet, Sunday, April 14, 2024, 1:00pm-3:30pm. Please join us at the Ukrainian Cultural Center (26601 Ryan Road, Warren, MI 48091). Donation: \$30.00 per person. For tickets contact: Linda Cunningham (313) 819-2867 or Mike Clyne (313) 570-1471 jmclyne@comcast.net. Share in a celebration of SNL's achievements and growth with friends, food, entertainment, and fundraising baskets and auction!

Mass Live Streaming News! You now have options for watching our Sunday Mass – even if you “don't do FaceBook” or look at the parish website. Now you can watch on YouTube by going to <https://www.youtube.com/@St.CharlesBorromeoDetroit>; you can watch the live stream on Facebook without having an account by doing a google search for **st charles borromeo parish detroit Facebook**, the page will appear, scroll down and look on the right side for "watch live" and click. You can also continue to watch on our Facebook page *St. Charles Borromeo Parish - Detroit MI*

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 to sponsor an upcoming Sunday meal: **Today, March 17, 2024: Torya and Eduardo; March 24, 2024: Knights on Bikes; March 31, 2024: Easter Sunday – No Meal; April 7, 2024: Maryanne Flores Bible Study Group; April 14, 2024: Sponsor Needed; April 21, 2024: Colleen & BK; April 28, 2024: St. Lucy Parish; May 5, 2024: Sponsor Needed; May 12, 2024: Mother's Day – No Meal; May 19, 2024: Sponsor Needed.**

Nativity Pantry News: EASTER BAG GIVEAWAY

It's that time of year again and we are collecting items for the Easter Bags/Baskets for the children of pantry families and those at Mass. We are hoping to fill 60 bags. We are still in need of Chocolate Bunnies and Stuffed Animals. **Food Pantry:** We are grateful for your continued support of the pantry. Your weekly donations make a difference. This week we need **Soup, Tuna, and snacks**. Although thank you never seems to be enough, we still say THANK YOU!.

Prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

*My loving Lord,
it's so hard to love the world sometimes
and to love it the way Jesus did seems impossible.
Help me to be inspired by his love and
guided by his example.
Most of all, I want to accept that I can't do it alone,
and that trying is an arrogance of self-centeredness.
I need you, dear God, to give me support in this journey.
Show me how to unlock my heart
so that I am less selfish.
Let me be less fearful of the pain and darkness
that will be transformed by you into Easter joy.
Amen.*



PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE

- Patricia Alexander
- Marianne Burns
- June Buersmeyer
- Mary Canaday
- Aaron Cole
- Chinyere Crutcher
- Joy Harris
- Joan Jackson
- Michael Martin
- Bruce McDonald Sr.
- John Nahas
- Richard Nahas
- Gloria Parham
- Ronald Parham
- Earlene Park-Williams
- Elizabeth Pilette
- Cynthia Richardson
- Gregory Richardson
- Linda Simpkins
- Alicia Smith
- Anna Tyler
- Theresa Williamson
- Pam Young

Please call the rectory at 313-331-0253 to let us know when a name should be removed from the list. Praise God for His Healing mercies!

MASS INTENTIONS

March 17, 2024

- Mary Cunningham
- Greg McCaffrey
- Michael Ayoub

March 24, 2024

- Lisa Little
- Gerald Miller

March 31, 2024

- Monsignor Daniel J. Trapp

TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 31: 31-34
(A New Covenant)

Psalms 51: 3-4, 12-13, 14-15
(A Clean Heart)

Hebrews 5: 7-9
(Christ's Obedience)

John 12: 26
(Follow Me)

John 12: 20-33
(Christ Draws All)

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of March 2024

For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Mar. 18: Daniel 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Ezekiel 33: 11; John 8: 1-11

Tues., Mar. 19: Second Samuel 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Psalm 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Romans 4: 13, 16-18, 22; Psalm 84: 5; Matthew 1: 16, 18-21, 24

Wed., Mar. 20: Daniel 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; Psalm: Daniel 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Luke 8: 15; John 8: 31-42

Thurs., Mar. 21: Genesis 17: 3-9; Psalm 105: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Psalm 95: 8; John 8: 51-59

Fri., Mar. 22: Jeremiah 20: 10-13; Psalm 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; John 6: 63c, 68c; John 10: 31-42

Sat., Mar. 23: Ezekiel 37: 21-28; Psalm: Jeremiah 31: 10, 11-12, 13; Ezekiel 18: 31; John 11: 45-56

Sun., Mar. 24: Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 51: 3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Hebrews 5: 7-9; John 12: 26; John 12: 20-33

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE: Stewards Give

*"I will be their God and they shall be my people."
- JEREMIAH 31:33*

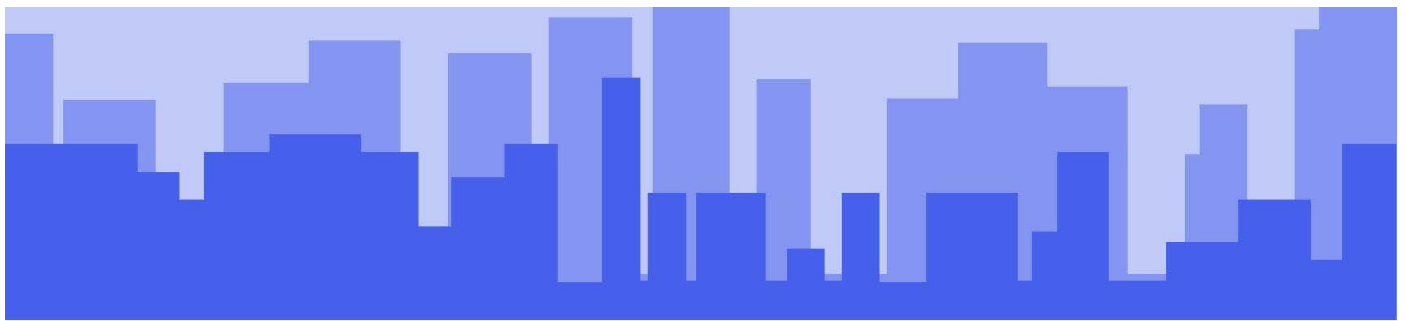
What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "Stewards" of the gifts God have given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

COLLECTION INFO

March 10, 2024

Collections	\$1,804.58
Online	\$1,889.00

TOTAL \$3,693.58



+DETROIT LOWER EASTSIDE FAMILY

Lent and Easter Triduum/Mass Schedules - 2024

ST. AGUSTINE/ST. MONICA

Ash Wednesday 9 AM
 Fridays 6 PM Stations
 Holy Thursday 6 PM Mass
 Good Friday 12 PM Stations/Rosary
 Easter Vigil 8:30 PM Mass
 Easter Sunday 10 AM Mass
 Fr. David Buersmeyer, Administrator
 4151 Seminole St., Detroit, MI. 48214
 313.921.4107
www.saintamparish.org

SACRED HEART

Ash Wednesday 12 NOON & 5 PM
 Fridays 12 NOON Stations
 Holy Thursday 5 PM Mass
 Good Friday 12 NOON
 Easter Vigil 9 PM Mass
 Easter Sunday 8 AM Mass & 10 AM Mass
 Fr. David Buersmeyer, Administrator
 1000 Eliot St., Detroit, MI. 48207
 313.831.1356
www.sacredheartdetroit.com

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

Ash Wednesday with Sacred Heart
 Fridays with Sacred Heart
 Holy Thursday with Sacred Heart
 Good Friday 12 NOON in Church
 Easter Vigil with Sacred Heart

Easter Sunday 12 NOON Mass
 Fr. David Buersmeyer, Administrator
 3138 E. Canfield St., Detroit, MI. 48207
 313.921.9225
www.stelizabethdetroit.com

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Ash Wednesday 12 NOON
 Fridays 6 PM/Stations
 rotate every week w/St. Charles
 Holy Thursday with St. Charles
 Good Friday 12:30 PM/Stations 1st
 Easter Vigil 8:30 PM Mass
 Easter Sunday 9:30 AM Mass
 Fr. David Buersmeyer, Administrator
 5900 McClellan Ave., Detroit, MI. 48213
 313.922.0033
www.nativitydetroit.org

ST. CHARLES BORROME0

Ash Wednesday 6 PM
 Fridays 6 PM/Stations rotate
 every week w/Nativity
 Holy Thursday 6 PM Mass
 Good Friday 6:30 PM Mass
 Easter Vigil with Nativity
 Easter Sunday 11:30 AM Mass
 Fr. David Buersmeyer, Administrator
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Rectory Hours:

Monday & Tuesday, 10a to 3p
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 10a to 4p

Pastoral Team

Fr. David Buersmeyer, Administrator
Fr. David Preuss, OFM, CAP, Priest in Solidum
Joni Scott, Director of Religious Education
Gayle Koyton, Boulevard Ministry

Council Members

Steven Dearing, Niam Edwards, Marian Harvey,
Sr. Mary Ellen Howard, Dan Hurley, Donna King,
Leslie Kirby, Richard Preuss, Nicholas Rennpage

**OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES
MASS TIMES**

**St Charles Borromeo Detroit
Mass Times**

Friday: Mass 11am
Sunday 11:30am

**Nativity of Our Lord
Mass Times**

Thursday: Holy Hour 8am; Mass 9am
Sunday 9:30am

**St Augustine / St Monica
Mass Times**

Wednesday, 9am
Sunday 10am

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.

Family of Parishes Prayer Groups

Tuesday Men's Prayer Group
6pm, St. Augustine / St. Monica

Tuesday Zoom Prime Time Bible Study
St. Elizabeth / Sacred Heart, 7pm.

For Zoom link go to www.sacredheartdetroit.com/primetime

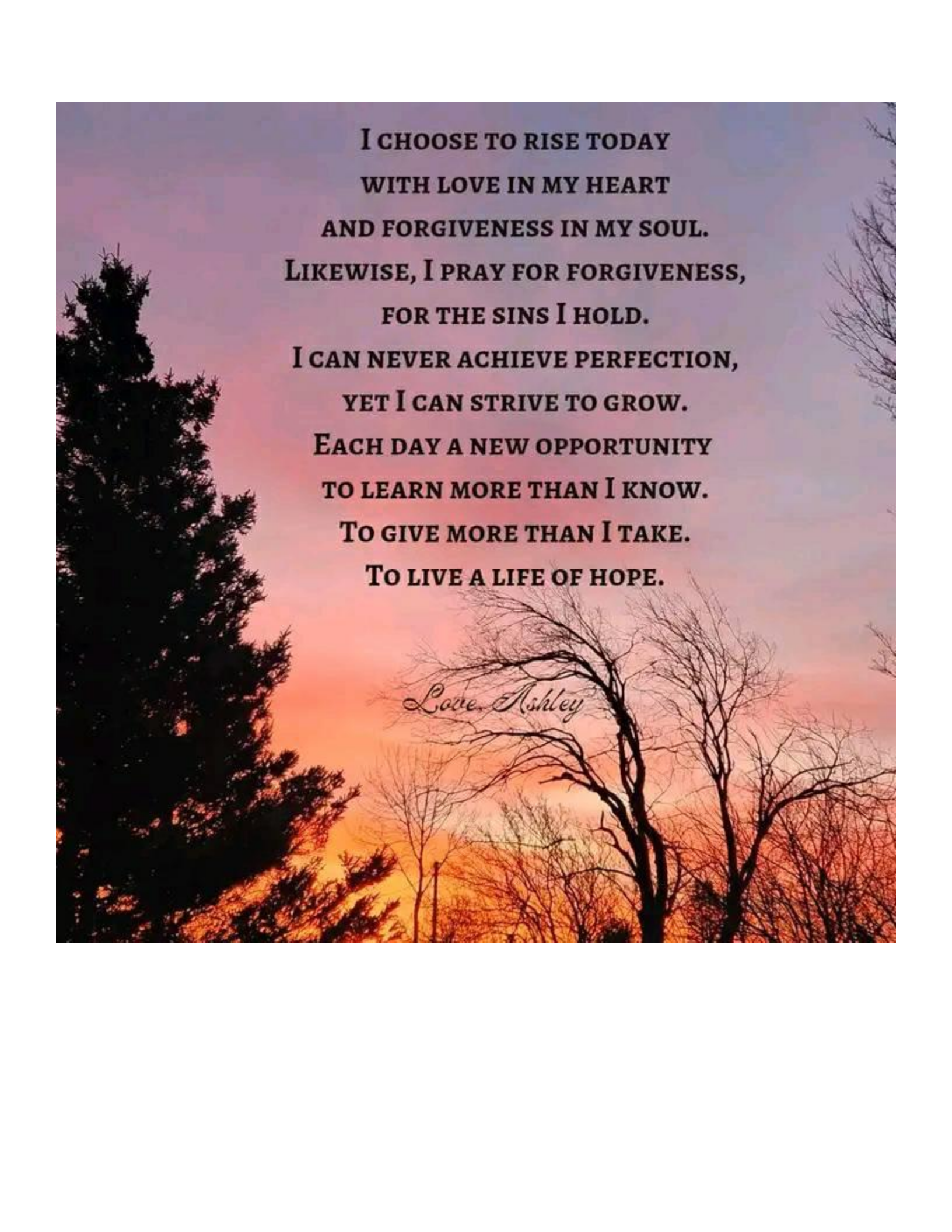
Archbishop Vigneron's statement on Pope Francis' Global Rules for Reporting Abuse

A new papal law requiring priests and religious to report sexual abuse and misconduct provides "clear directives for universal accountability in response to the horrors of clergy sexual abuse," Archbishop Vigneron has told Detroit Catholic. The law provides whistleblower protections for anyone making a report and requires all dioceses to have a system in place to receive the claims confidentially. And it outlines internal procedures for conducting preliminary investigations when the accused is a bishop, cardinal or religious superior. "I am deeply sorry to all those who have been injured and are enduring a lifetime of physical, emotional and spiritual suffering because of perverse actions by those in authority," the archbishop said. "No one is above civil law, and importantly, no one is above God's law." Pope Francis announced the new norms. The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others directly to law enforcement – no matter when the abuse occurred. The Michigan Attorney General's Office has established a toll-free reporting hotline at (844- 324-3374, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5pm. aginvestigations@michigan.gov). Individuals also may contact their local police department. For complaints involving priests, deacons, religious, or laity, individuals are welcomed to contact the Archdiocese of Detroit's Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or vac@aod.org.

St. Charles Borromeo Calendar

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1 11am Mass in Rectory</i> <i>Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper at Nativity 6pm</i>	2
3 <i>11:30am Mass</i> <i>Community Meal</i>	4	5	6	7	8 <i>11am Mass in Rectory</i> <i>Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper at St. Charles 6pm</i>	9
10 <i>11:30am Mass</i> <i>Community Meal</i>	11	12	13	14	15 <i>11am Mass in Rectory</i> <i>Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper at Nativity 6pm</i>	16
17 <i>11:30am Mass</i> <i>Community Meal</i>	18	19	20	21	22 <i>11am Mass in Rectory</i> <i>Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper at St. Charles 6pm</i>	23
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>11:30am Mass</i> <i>Community Meal</i>	25	26	27	28 <i>Holy Thursday</i> <i>Mass at St. Charles 6:30pm</i>	29 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>11am Mass in Rectory</i> <i>Good Friday Mass at St. Charles 6pm</i>	30 <i>Easter Vigil</i> <i>Mass at Nativity 8:30pm</i>
31 <i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>11:30am Mass</i> <u><i>NO Community Meal</i></u>						

The background of the image is a photograph of a sunset or sunrise. The sky is a gradient of colors, from a pale blue at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. Silhouettes of various trees are visible against the sky. On the left side, there is a large, dark evergreen tree. In the center and right, there are several bare, deciduous trees with intricate branch structures. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

**I CHOOSE TO RISE TODAY
WITH LOVE IN MY HEART
AND FORGIVENESS IN MY SOUL.
LIKewise, I PRAY FOR FORGIVENESS,
FOR THE SINS I HOLD.
I CAN NEVER ACHIEVE PERFECTION,
YET I CAN STRIVE TO GROW.
EACH DAY A NEW OPPORTUNITY
TO LEARN MORE THAN I KNOW.
TO GIVE MORE THAN I TAKE.
TO LIVE A LIFE OF HOPE.**

Love, Ashley