
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

THE VIGIL

Sunday, April 5, 2026 (Year A)

Easter Sunday



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

Sunday Food for Your Soul

Alleluia: Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled, And Do Not Be Afraid (John 14:27)

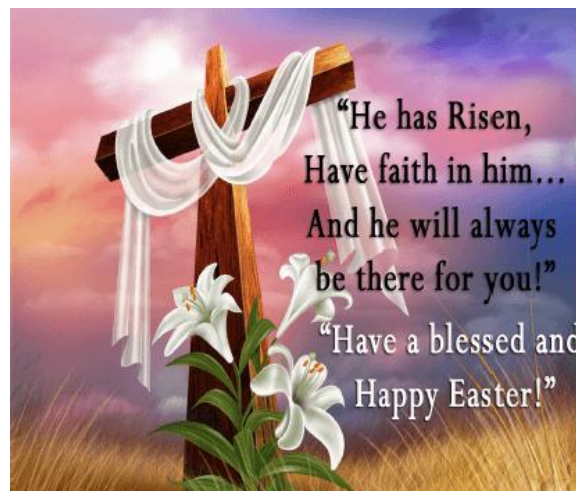
The Feast of Easter is the central pillar of our Christian Faith. Easter reassures us that the Christian God is a God whose promises are always fulfilled. Easter proves to us that God never rescinds His plans. Indeed, Easter affirms that God never leaves us in the middle of the road.

Christian Theology teaches that God created the human person in His image and likeness (Genesis 1:27). Unfortunately, even with the love and comfort accorded to the human person, humanity betrayed God by choosing fame and vain glory over God (Genesis 3:1-6). But because God cannot go against His nature, His loving attribute, He sent His only begotten son to come and redeem the world (John 3:16). God-man entered into human history to begin the work of our salvation (John 1:14). However, as we know from our experiences, starting a project and finishing the project are two different things. While Christmas is a celebration of the beginning of our salvation project, Easter is a celebration of its completion. As St. Paul rightly captures it, "by taking the very nature of a servant," Christ "humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2: 7-8). He puts it even better when he says, "And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith" (1 Corinthians 15:14). Easter, therefore, is an expression of our profound gratitude to the Triune God. It is a thanksgiving for a mission accomplished.

The message of Easter is one of triumph. It is the triumph of life over death, the triumph of good over evil, the triumph of light over darkness, the triumph of love over hatred, the triumph of peace over hostility, and the triumph of hope over despair. Easter reminds us that God is both loving and powerful. It reminds us that, out of love, God created us; out of justice, God condemned us; but out of mercy, God has redeemed us through Christ, who has conquered both sin and death.

Our hope, thus, is in the resurrection. We are no longer afraid of death because death no longer has victory over us. The words of Jesus to the women at His tomb on the first Easter morning, "Do not be afraid...for He is risen" (Matthew 28:5-6) summed up the significance of Easter. So, let us not be afraid, but remain hopeful even as we face life's challenges. May the risen Christ make us channels of peace, agents of reconciliation, beacons of hope, instruments of love, and bearers of good news. Ken Iti i Ter, man Wan, man Chian Jijingi. Amen.

Fr. Francis



The VIGIL

PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE

Jean-Marie Allion
Anderson and Miller Family
Paul Andrecovich
Kathy Ayoub
Mary Canaday
Jané Colombo
Kyle Duker
Jim Dutkiewicz
Doris Franklin
Anna Grabowski
Mary Anne Ghesquiere
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
Sr. Nancyann Turner
Anna Tyler
Guillerma Villanueva
Eldora White

MASS INTENTIONS

April 5, 2026
Our Departed Loved Ones
April 12, 2026
Cindi Palotas
Evelyn Hughes
Mary L. Leverette
April 19, 2026
Kathy Kapa
Thom Mann
April 26, 2026
George Zigas
George Taylor I
Thomas Nance II
Roy King
Tony Gilbert
Roger Sinclair
May 3, 2026
Wanda Preuss
Evelyn Hughes
Mary Leverette
May 10, 2026
All Mothers, Grandmothers,
Aunts, and Those Who Stood
in For Mothers
May 17, 2026
Robert Davison, Sr.
Deceased Members of the
Kelly Family
Dan Williams, Jr.
May 24, 2026
Sidney Davis
Patty Pulis
Deceased Members of the
Ayoub Family
May 31, 2026
Olivia Sims-Browne
Daniel Jarrett

PRAYERS, READINGS, & FINANCE

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 10: 34a, 37-43
(Salvation in Christ)

Psalms 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23
(The Day of the Lord)

Colossians 3: 1-4
(Seek Heavenly Things)

John 20: 1-9
(Renewed Faith)

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

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., April 06: Acts 2: 14, 22-33; Psalm 16: 1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Psalms 118: 24; Matthew 28: 8-15

Tues., April 07: Acts 2: 36-41; Psalm 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Psalm 118: 24; John 20: 11-18

Wed., April 08: Acts 3: 1-10; Psalm 105: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Psalms 118: 24; Luke 24: 13-35

Thurs., April 09: Acts 3: 11-26; Psalm 8: 2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Psalm 118: 24; Luke 24: 35-48

Fri., April 10: Acts 4: 1-12; Psalm 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Psalm 118: 24; John 21: 1-14

Sat., April 11: Acts 4: 13-21; Psalm 118: 1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Psalm 118: 24; Mark 16: 9-15

Sun., April 12: Acts 2: 42-47; Psalm 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24; First Peter 1: 3-9; John 20: 29; John 20: 19-31

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Stewards Grateful

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

COLOSSIANS 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you because of your stewardship. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

COLLECTION INFO

03/29/26

Collection	\$30,494.58
Online	\$ <u>1,202.50</u>
Total	\$31,697.08

After the Spiritual Preparation of Lent – Easter Sunday

The reason for our celebration today is not a surprise to any of us. As Peter says in the First Reading, “We know what has happened.” We know that Christ has risen from the dead. We celebrate this each Easter, each Sunday, each Mass – as the primary point of our faith: sin and death do not have the last word, for God himself has triumphed over these and opened for us the way to eternal life. Indeed, we know what has happened. But do we believe it? Does it matter? Does it change the way we live day in and day out?

Saint Paul tells the Corinthians that “a little yeast leavens the whole dough.” So it is with our faith. God has placed us in this world – in each of our particular circumstances of family, work, life, and opportunity – in order to sow a little bit of his goodness into our particular surroundings.

A little yeast leavens the whole dough. God doesn’t expect each of us to change things dramatically, or to be the savior of all creation – there is only One who has done that. What he does expect, though, is that our faith – our belief in the fact that, in his love for us, He became one of us, taking our human nature to himself, so that he might teach us how to live, before suffering and dying for our redemption, then, rising from the dead and opening the way to eternal life – He expects and hopes that our faith in a God who loves to the point of laying down his own life for us – will change us so that we can lay down our lives for each other and continue his work of making our experience in this world more of a foretaste of the life to come.

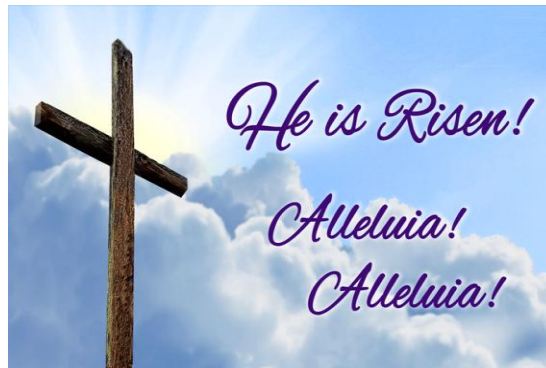
We celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord by turning away from the malice and wickedness of the world and embracing the sincerity, truth, and charity which come from God alone. The life of a Christian is not like that of every other person on this earth. By our baptism we share in both the death and resurrection of Christ, giving us the opportunity to bring the grace of redemption into every circumstance and situation. Living that reality is the way which God offers us to change the world around us. Let us do so today, tomorrow, and every day, so that we can spend eternity rejoicing with God and the angels and saints forever.

Having arrived at our celebration of Easter after the spiritual preparation of Lent, reflect on the graces received during these past weeks. How has God called you to change your life going forward?

Prayer for Living the Resurrection

Almighty God, grant that I may receive anew the grace to live as a true believer in the Resurrection, Christ’s triumph over sin and death – so that I can do my part to bring into the world around me that truth which changes everything.

Amen.



Sunday Community Dinners...As one of our most important ministries to our members and neighbors, we have been blessed, but are in need of more and continued support. If you and your group would like to sponsor a meal, please contact Georgia Kingsley via the rectory.
April 5, 2026: No Meal - Easter Sunday; April 12, 2026: Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary; Sister Mary Ellen Howard Reception;

Nativity Pantry News: We are so grateful for your continued support of the pantry. **This week, we need Vegetables, peanut butter, regular size jars, still good on bigger jars, and Cereal.** Once again, we thank you for all that you do to help us.

Archdiocese of Detroit Restructuring Process Updates

Learn more about the **Archdiocese of Detroit Restructuring Process:**

<https://restructuring.aod.org/>.

Prayer for Archdiocesan Restructuring

Come, Holy Spirit.
Make your presence known
as we restructure the parishes and ministries
of our archdiocese.

Be our light on the path we walk together.
Help us hear your voice
in the quiet of our own hearts,
in the wisdom of others,
and in the world around us.

We know you are with us
in every step of the process.
Give us clarity, understanding, and direction.
In all things, help us share the light of your love. Amen.

Ste. Anne, pray for us.
Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us.
Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO CHURCH

Parish Listening Sessions—Coming Soon!

The next step in the Archdiocesan Restructuring process is for every parish in the Archdiocese of Detroit to host two parish listening sessions. At these sessions, we will review potential models and provide feedback. Our parish listening sessions will be in the church social hall on these two dates only:

- April 14, 2026 from 6pm to 9pm
- April 16, 2026 from 6pm to 9pm

You only need to attend ONE of the sessions as the same information will be reviewed at both sessions. Registration is now open. Please plan to attend one of these sessions regarding the future of St. Charles and our entire Detroit Eastside Family of Parishes. These are the only sessions for St. Charles. They will not be livestreamed as each session is tailored for the individual parish.

(www.cognitoforms.com/ArchdioceseOfDetroit2/ParishListeningSessionRegistration) or use the QR code below.



313.331.0253 (phone) 313.331.4834 (fax) stcharlesborromeodetroit@yahoo.com
www.stcharlesdetroit.org

Parish Nurse News and Notes

April: Stress Awareness Month

April is Stress Awareness Month—a gentle reminder that caring for our minds and bodies is part of honoring the life God has given us. While a certain amount of stress is normal, ongoing stress can affect our sleep, mood, relationships, and physical health. Take a moment to check in with yourself: Are you feeling overwhelmed, fatigued, or irritable? These can be signs that your body and spirit need rest and renewal. Here are a few simple, faith-centered ways to manage stress:

- **Pause in prayer** – Even a few quiet moments with God can bring peace and perspective.
- **Breathe deeply** – Slow, steady breathing calms the body and mind.
- **Stay connected** – Reach out to friends, family, or members of our church community.
- **Care for your body** – Gentle movement, healthy meals, and restful sleep are essential.
- **Trust in God’s presence** – “Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:7)

If stress feels overwhelming, please don’t hesitate to seek support. You are not alone—our church community is here to walk alongside you.

Wishing you peace, balance, and God’s comfort this April.

Feel free to contact me , your Parish Nurse if you want to talk about ways to decrease stress. You can leave me a message at the Rectory or on my cell at 313 204 3223.

Hope your Easter Sunday is joyful and blessed. Know that Jesus is always with you. Reach out to him, he will help you .

Peace and God Bless.

Mary Catherine Wright RN, Parish Nurse

Father-Son Prayer Breakfast



IRON SHARPENS IRON:

PREPARING EACH OTHER FOR THE JOURNEY AHEAD

Rooted in Proverbs 27:17, this event brings men and youth together to sharpen one another, as protectors, mentors, builders of character, and seekers of truth. It's a call for fathers to lead with love, sons to rise with purpose, and all men to unite to sharpen one another.

Saturday, April 18
8:30 – 11 a.m.

Sacred Heart Activities Building
3451 Rivard St, Detroit, MI 48207

Adults — \$15
Youth — \$10
(18 years and under)

Call **Richard Larkins** at **313-515-2730**

Visit aod.org/prayer-breakfast



Scan the QR code



Detroit Eastside Family Parish Information and Mass Times

St Charles Borromeo Detroit
1491 Baldwin
Detroit, MI 48214
313-331-0253

www.stcharlesborromeodetroit.org
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
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
5900 McClellan (at Nativity of Our Lord)
Detroit, MI 48213
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, S.J., 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>

April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <i>Holy Thursday</i> <i>Nursing Home Visit</i> <i>Faith & Fellowship</i> 2:30-5pm	3 <i>Good Friday</i> NO 11am mass! St. Charles Mass 6pm	4 <i>Easter Vigil</i> <i>Vigil Mass at St. Austine/St. Monica</i> 8:30pm
5 <i>Easter Sunday</i> <u>11:30am Mass</u> <i>NO Community Meal</i> Diabetes Class	6 <i>Office Closed</i>	7 <i>Office Closed</i>	8 <i>Online PGC</i> 6pm <i>Office Closed</i>	9 <i>PGC St. Kieren</i> 6pm <i>Faith & Fellowship</i> 4:30-7pm	10 <i>11am mass</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	11
12 <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i> <u>11:30am Mass</u> <i>Community Meal</i>	13 <i>Office Reopens</i> <i>PGC St. Aidan</i> 6pm	14 <i>Online PGC</i> 6pm	15	16 <i>Faith & Fellowship</i> 4-6:30pm	17 <i>11am mass</i>	18
19 <u>11:30am Mass</u> <i>Community Meal</i>	20	21	22	23 <i>Faith & Fellowship</i> 4:30-7pm	24 <i>11am mass</i>	25 <i>In-Person PGC Our Lady Queen of Apostles Hamtramck</i> 9am
26 <u>11:30am Mass</u> <i>Community Meal</i>	27 <i>In-Person PGC Sacred Heart Detroit</i> 6pm	28 <i>Blvd Ministry Visits</i> <i>Online PGC</i> 6pm	29 <i>St. Charles Parish Council Meeting</i> 6pm	30 <i>Faith & Fellowship</i> 4:30-7pm		