
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

THE VIGIL

Sunday, May 3, 2026 (Year A)

5th Sunday of Easter



Sunday Food for Your Soul

HOLDING BACK AND BREAKING UP

One of the scriptural passages that evoke different emotions including that of anger is Genesis 22 where God commanded Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac through slaughtering. Recalling the gospel reading on "Good shepherd Sunday", we wonder whether God is the enemy, who has "come to steal to slaughter and to destroy" (John 10:10). Far from it, God at the end of Genesis 22 provided the Ram for sacrifice thus saving the boy's life.

The question I would like us to ponder is: what would have happened if Abraham held back his son? Obviously, that would have caused a "break up" in his relationship with God. This means that in our relationship with God, "holding back" leads to "breaking up", since it demonstrates lack of complete trust in God who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light (1Peter 2:9). We ought to give our "all" as Mother Teresa would say "give until it hurts".

Isaac was a gift from God to Abraham just as we have received so many gifts from God such as wealth, health, leadership positions, life, community, faith, speech, humor, voice, and sometimes even sorrows. Are we allowing these gifts to be a statement of our faith in God? Are we using these gifts in the service of God? Or have we allowed these gifts to cause a "breakup" between us and God? Are we "holding back" these gifts as our personal gods? Have we so commercialized these gifts that anything "sacrificial" is destroyed completely.

St. Augustine reminds us in *The City of God* that true sacrifice is any work that unites us in holy communion with God, and King David affirms "everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand" (1Chronicles 29:14).

Abraham has left us an example to follow, are we ready to do so? Oh, that today you would listen to his voice, harden not your hearts – Psalm 95. GOD LOVES YOU.

Deacon Justus Ihemawutotu, SSJ

The VIGIL

PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE

Jean-Marie Allion
Anderson and Miller Family
Paul Andreacovich
Kathy Ayoub
Erroll Bonadie
Carol Bonadie
Mary Canaday
Jane 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
Cathy Lynch
Michael Martin
Jacqueline Morant
Jean Nance
Gloria Parham
Ronald Parham
Vertis Park, Sr.
Earlene Park-Williams
Orlando Richardson
Aaron Scott
Cherise Sweeney
Karen Seyboldt
Jonathan Taylor
Tommy Traylor
Patricia Thornburg
Sr. Nancyann Turner
Anna Tyler
Guillerma Villanueva
Eldora White

MASS INTENTIONS

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
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**

May 31, 2026

**Olivia Sims-Brown
Daniel Jarrett
Laura Randazzo**

PRAYERS, READINGS, & FINANCE

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 6: 1-7
(Spiritual and Material Tasks)

Psalms 33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19
(Exult in the Lord)

First Peter 2: 4-9
A Royal Priesthood

John 14: 6
(Christ the Way)

John 14: 1-12
(Faith in God)

**The Holy Father's Intentions
for the Month of
May 2026**

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., May 04: Acts 14: 5-18; Psalm 115: 1-2, 3-4, 15-16; John 14: 26; John 14: 21-26

Tues., May 05: Acts 14: 19-28; Psalm 145: 10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Luke 24: 46, 26; John 14: 27-31a

Wed., May 06: Acts 15: 1-6; Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; John 15: 4a, 5b; John 15: 1-8

Thurs., May 07: Acts 15: 7-21; Psalm 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 10; John 10: 27; John 15: 9-11

Fri., May 08: Acts 15: 22-31; Psalm 57: 8-9, 10 and 12; John 15: 15b; John 15: 12-17

Sat., May 09: Acts 16: 1-10; Psalm 100: 2, 3, 5; Colossians 3: 1; John 15: 18-21

Sun., May 10: Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17; Psalm 66: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; First Peter 3: 15-18; John 14: 23; John 14: 15-21

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Stewardship Charisms

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 PETER 2:7

Every **steward** has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

COLLECTION INFO

04/26/26

Collection \$ 1,043.93

Online \$ 1,792.50

Total \$ 2,836.43

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. **May 03: The Corner Table; May 10, 2026: No Meal – Mother’s Day; May 17: The Jacob and Randazzo Families; and May 31, 2026 St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans.**

Nativity Pantry News: We are so grateful for your continued support of the pantry. **This week we need, Soup, Vegetables and Sugar** . Once again, we thank you for all that you do to help us. If you are not a shopper, but would like to help the pantry, a check made out to Gleaners Food Bank with Nativity Pantry 1116 in the memo line can be mailed to Nativity. Your donation would help with our monthly bill.

Safe Environments (Protecting God’s Children) Renewal Update: As long as the email in VIRTUS is accurate for the individual, you will receive an email notification from VIRTUS 15 days prior to their training expiration date to complete the new recertification module. Suggestion: Be sure your current email address is the one on your VIRTUS Account by logging into your account (www.virtusonline.org). To update your email address, click on “I need LOGIN HELP” and follow the prompts.

Archdiocese of Detroit Restructuring Process Updates

Learn more about the **Archdiocese of Detroit Restructuring Process:**
<https://restructuring.aod.org/>

Prayer for Archdiocesan Restructuring

*Loving and faithful God,
You are the Good Shepherd who walks with Your people through every season.
As our Archdiocese of Detroit enters this time of restructuring and discernment,
we turn to You in humility, trust, and hope.
Send forth Your Holy Spirit upon our Archbishop, priests, deacons, religious,
and all the faithful.
Grant them wisdom rooted in prayer, courage shaped by love,
and hearts attentive to Your will.
Where there is anxiety, bring peace.
Where there is grief, bring comfort.
Where there is uncertainty, bring faith and clarity.
Help us remember that the Church is not buildings alone,
but a living body formed by Your grace.
Teach us to listen with patience and charity—
to You, and to one another—
so that every step forward may reflect Your divine purpose.
May this time of change renew our commitment to the Gospel,
strengthen our unity, and deepen our mission to serve all those entrusted to our care.
We place our future in Your hands, confident that You make all things new.
May our parishes continue to be places of worship, welcome, healing, and hope,
now and for generations to come.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen*

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
nativityol@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.straymondolg.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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(313) 331-0253 (Fax 313-331-4834)

St. Charles Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am to 3pm
Friday, 9am to 1pm

Pastoral Team

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



Go to the giving site at:
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stcharlesdetroit>

Parish Nurse News and Notes

Caring for the Mind God Gave Us

May: Mental Health Awareness Month

May is recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month—a time to reflect on the importance of caring not only for our physical health, but also for our emotional and spiritual well-being. Just as we tend to our bodies with rest, nourishment, and exercise, God calls us to care for our minds and hearts.

Scripture reminds us in Philippians 4:6–7 to bring our worries to God in prayer, trusting that His peace will guard our hearts and minds. Yet caring for our mental health is not only about prayer—it also includes seeking support, practicing rest, and extending grace to ourselves and others.

Many people quietly struggle with anxiety, depression, grief, or stress. As a church family, we are called to be a source of compassion and encouragement. A kind word, a listening ear, or simply showing up for someone can make a meaningful difference.

If you are struggling, know that you are not alone—and reaching out for help is a sign of strength, not weakness. God often works through community, counselors, and caregivers to bring healing and hope.

This month, let us commit to:

- Praying for those who are hurting
- Checking in on one another
- Taking time for rest and reflection
- Trusting in God's presence in every season

“Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” — Matthew 11:28

May we be a church that nurtures both faith and well-being, reminding one another of God's love, peace, and restoration.

Reminder , our next BP screening is May 24th after Mass

Mary Catherine Wright,
Parish Nurse

May 2026

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	Bible Study St. Augustine/St. Monica		Bible Study St Charles 6pm-7pm		Bible Study St Raymond 6pm-7pm	
					1 11am mass In rectory	2
3 5th Sunday of Easter 11:30am Mass Community Meal Diabetes Class	4 In-Person PGC Sacred Heart Detroit 6pm	5 In-Person PGC St. Rene Grupil-Sterling Hgts. 6pm	6 Online PGC 6pm Office Closed	7 In-person PGC St. Gabriel Detroit 6pm In-person PGC Holy Family-Novi 6pm Faith & Fellowship 4:30-7pm	8 11am mass In rectory	9 In-person PGC PGC St. Kenneth- Plymouth 9am
10 Happy Mother's Day! 6th Sunday of Easter 11:30am Mass NO Community Meal	11	12	13 The Ascension of the Lord	14 Faith & Fellowship 4-6:30pm Online PGC 6pm	15 11am mass In rectory	16 In-person PGC PGC St. Malachy— Sterling Hgts. 9am In-person PGC PGC Knights of Columbus—Plym-
17 7th Sunday of Easter 11:30am Mass Community Meal	18	19	20 In-person PGC St. Francis Cabrini- Allen Park 9:30am	21 Faith & Fellowship 4:30-7pm	22 11am mass In rectory	23
24 Pentecost Sunday 11:30am Mass Community Meal Blood Pressure Screening	25 In-Person PGC Sacred Heart Detroit 6pm	26 Blvd Ministry Visits In-Person PGC Sacred Heart- Detroit 6pm Online PGC 6pm	27	28 Faith & Fellowship 4:30-7pm	29	30 In-person PGC St. Francis Cabrini-Allen Park 9am
31 The Most Holy Trinity 11:30am Mass Community Meal						