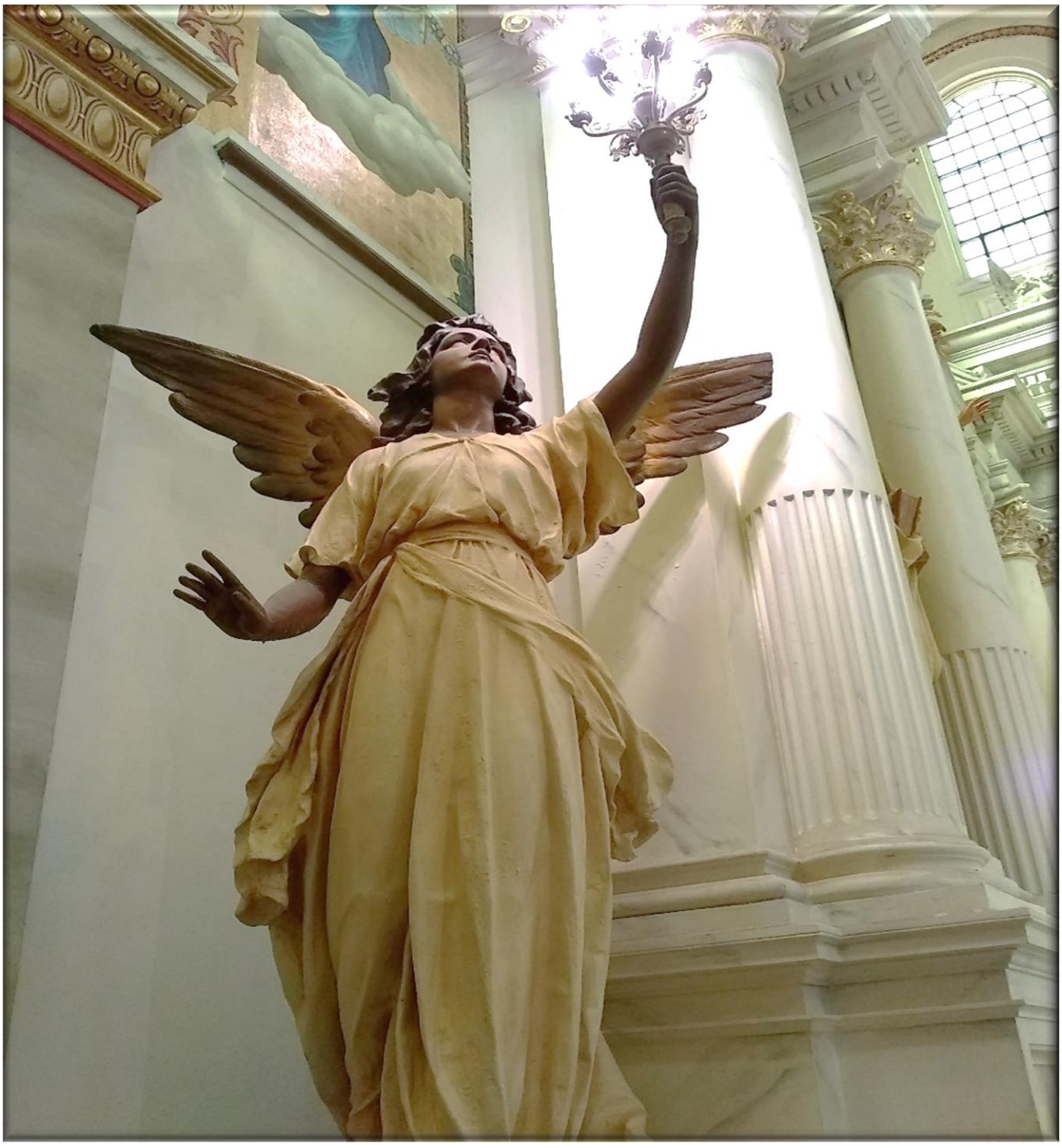
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

THE VIGIL

Sunday, October 11, 2026 (Year A)

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

You probably saw Babette's Feast, or at least have heard about it. An impoverished fine cook makes her way into a small town where the religion of the area made people hard and cold to each other, according to the movie, afraid to enjoy or even to relate to each other. Babette had only a small stash of possessions, but she was a top chef. So she prepared, over many days, a huge, delectable, exquisite feast, serving after serving, all for the uptight townspeople. As they began to taste and enjoy, they began also to communicate in kindness to each other. They even danced!

I have heard people say that the movie promoted self-indulgence, and I do not endorse such a thing. But I do notice similarities to the huge feast we hear about in the First Reading.
It is the famous invitation from the Lord of Hosts, full of unstinting promise. "A feast of rich food and choice wines," Isaiah says. A great feast, a "groaning board" in medieval England, like the banquet in Babette's Feast.

Sunday's Gospel has a sumptuous feed too. The king gets his very best livestock fattened up, seasoned, readied for cooking, with invitations sent out. If you thought the people in Babette's town were reluctant, look what happened here. Some people refused outright to come. Others simply ignored the invitation as if it had not been given, and a number "laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them." The king punished these and then invited in street people.

Food is meant to be enjoyed, not refused.

But with so many people starving in today's world, how dare we fatten ourselves up with rich food and every other kind of riches? Shouldn't we much more becomingly abstain and deny ourselves? Isn't the "First World" currently fattening itself on food far more lavish than the ancient world could ever have imagined? Advertisements in the United States tell us we should luxuriate, should pamper ourselves, should not hold back. "Who says you can't have it all," they say. How are we to respond, we who try to be faithful to God and God's promises.

But remember that Jesus both fasted and feasted. He abstained from food for forty days at the beginning of his public ministry, then later on said, mockingly, "The Son of Man came eating and drinking and they said, 'Look, he is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners' (Mt. 11:19)." How would he have gotten such a reputation except by enjoying times at meals? Which is it for us, then, fasting or feasting?

I think the answer is simple yet difficult to grow into. I think we are meant to receive humbly and to give to others as well. The mistake is to adopt a stance of only receiving (getting, grabbing) or on the other hand, only giving (giving, with nothing in return). Sunday's readings invite us to come into the kingdom, to open up, eat, enjoy what is there.
To receive as Jesus did.

He went deep, accepting all things as coming from God's hand. Then, when it was time to let go of it all—life, friends, peace and possessions—he did that with love.
Receive and give. Jesus wants us to receive his life and then give it out to the world.

John Foley, S.J.

PRAYERS, READINGS, & FINANCE

PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE

Michelle Alger
Doris Allen
Jean-Marie Allion
Alexander and Miller Family
Paul Andrecovich
Janis Ayoub
Erroll Bonadie
Carol Bonadie
Mary Canaday
Stanley Cherry
Jane Colombo
Trish Dearing
Avon Franklin
Doris Franklin
Mary Anne Ghesquiere
Greg Girdeler
Peggy Gunn
Betty Hampton
Nancy Hayes
Freddie Henry
Jim Howard
Bertha Jackson-Hyde
Jason Lane
Kim Llorens
Cathy Lynch
Michael Martin
Jacqueline Morant
Jean Nance
Wesley Nethercott
Steve Nowakowski
Gloria Parham
Ronald Parham
Vertis Park, Sr.
Earlene Park-Williams
Clare Prohm
Orlando Richardson
John Schlitt
Aaron Scott
Belvayuna Simpson-Stewart
Judy Skluzak
Colleen Sweeney
Karen Seyboldt
Amy Starr
Jonathan Taylor
Jeanine Tomasello
Tommy Traylor
Patricia Thornburg
Sr. Nancyann Turner
Anna Tyler
Guillerma Villanueva
Eldora White

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 25: 6-10a
(God as Savior)

Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
(Dwelling with the Lord)

Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20
(Sharing in Hardships)

Ephesians 1: 17-18
(Hope)

Matthew 22: 1-14
(The Wedding Banquet)

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

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Oct. 12: Galatians 4: 22-24, 26-27, 31 – 5: 1; Psalm 113: 1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7; Psalm 95: 8; Luke 11: 29-32

Tues., Oct., 13: Galatians 5: 1-6; Psalm 119: 41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48; Hebrews 4: 12; Luke 11: 37-41

Wed. Oct., 14: Galatians 5: 18-25; Psalm 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; John 10: 27; Luke 11: 42-46

Thurs., Oct., 15: Ephesians 1: 1-10; Psalm 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; John 14: 6; Luke 11: 47-54

Fri., Oct., 16: Ephesians 1: 11-14; Psalm 33: 1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Psalms 33: 22; Luke 12: 1-7

Sat., Oct. 17: Ephesians 1: 15-23; Psalm 8: 2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7; John 15: 26a, 27a; Luke 12: 8-12

Sun., Oct. 18: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6; Psalm 96: 1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; First Thessalonians 1: 1-5b; Philippians 2: 15d, 16a; Matthew 22: 15-21

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Steward Blessing

"My God will fully supply whatever you need…" - PHILIPPIANS 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

MASS INTENTIONS

October 11, 2026
Rovano and Shook Families
Evelyn Seyboldt

October 18, 2026
Lisa Little, Howard Clemmens, Jr., Jamal Walker

October 25, 2026
Toufie & Alice Ayoub
Angela McDonald

November 1, 2026
St. Charles alumni and loved ones who have died in the last year

November 8, 2026
Juanita Young
Shantia Simpkins

November 15, 2026
Kathy Hartway
Dorothy Zeigler

November 22, 2026
Joyce Carson
Deceased Members of the Bann Family

November 29, 2026
Patricia Sweeting, Gayle Koyton, Waletha McCrary

COLLECTION INFO 10/04/26

Collection	$1,206.00
Online	$1,558.50
Total	**$2,764.50**

Sunday Community Dinner: 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. **October 11, 2026: The Corner Table; October 18, 2026: The Eder Family; October 25, 2026: St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans; November 01, 2026: Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club (Alumni Sunday); November 8, 2026: Corrine Bojanic; November 15, 2026: Anthony Popso; Sunday, November 22, 2026: Pastor Ava; November 29, 2026: No Meal – Thanksgiving Holiday**

Nativity Pantry News: Your support for the pantry makes a huge difference each week. We are grateful for your continued support of the pantry. Your weekly donations make a difference. **This week we are asking for Tuna, Mac & Cheese, Spaghetti Sauce and Halloween Candy.** Once again, we thank you for all that you do to help us.

Your Voice, Your Vote: Helpful Election Information

1. Check your voter registration today and again before Election Day at **VOTE411**.
2. If you plan to vote early or absentee, review the deadlines and requirements established by your local election officials.
3. If voting absentee, check with your city or township clerk regarding available ballot return options, including mail and secure drop boxes.
4. Please share this voting information with family, friends, and neighbors.

Choir Invitation

Do you enjoy singing and sharing your God-given talents? Our parish choir is currently seeking **soprano singers** to help enrich our worship through sacred music. Whether you are an experienced singer or simply love to sing, we invite you to consider joining this important ministry.

For more information or to become a member of the choir, please see **Music Minister Tommy Nance**. We would be delighted to welcome you to our music ministry as we lift our voices in praise to God.

Prayer for Our Archdiocese – October 2026

Prayer for the Archdiocese of Detroit

Heavenly Father, as the Archdiocese of Detroit continues through this time of renewal and restructuring, guide us with Your wisdom and grace. Strengthen our Archbishop, clergy, parish leaders, and all the faithful as we seek to follow Your will. Heal our fears, deepen our unity, and help us trust in Your loving plan.

Open our hearts to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that we may embrace this season of change with faith, hope, and charity. Help us to support one another with patience and understanding, always keeping our eyes fixed on Christ and His mission. May this time of transition bear abundant fruit, renewing our parishes and strengthening our witness to the Gospel.

Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, may we grow ever stronger in faith and mission, bringing the hope of Christ to all. Through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Updated Religious Education News

OCIA: An Invitation to Deepen Your Faith: Discover the Catholic Way of Life

We are also looking for Sponsors! If you are a practicing Catholic who loves your faith and wants to help mentor, **We need you!** You don't need to be a theology professor—just a friend willing to listen, pray, and walk together.

How to Register: Contact Barbara Taylor or call the parish office.

Upcoming Religious Education Program Event

Event: All Saints Day Treat Bags
Date: November 1, 2026 (instead of Halloween treat bags)

Event: Decorating the Giving Tree
Date: November 29, 2026 after mass

Event: Reverent recreation of the birth of Jesus Christ and the events of the first Christmas
Date: December 24, 2026 during Christmas Eve Mass

ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

Archdiocesan Restructuring

Thank You!

We are deeply grateful to the lay faithful across the Archdiocese of Detroit for your generous participation during this important phase of the restructuring process. More than 40,000 parishioners attended 412 parish listening sessions, and over 17,000 individuals shared their feedback through the survey. Thank you for the time you have invested, the insights and experiences you have shared, and the spirit of faith with which you have engaged this process. Your continued prayers, participation, and commitment to the Church are helping us discern together how best to strengthen our parishes and advance the mission of Christ throughout southeast Michigan.

What Happens Next? Parish Modeling Refinement

Throughout August and September, all of the feedback and data received was reviewed, organized, and analyzed. The restructuring team, consultative bodies, and the Catholic Leadership Institute are now working together to evaluate that input and prepare for the next phase of the process: the refinement of the parish models.

Round 1: Faithful
APRIL-JULY 2026

Priests, faithful, volunteer facilitators, KPLs, PPOC, Curia, Parish Renewal & CLI

Round one draft models were developed during the Priests' Discernment Workshop in January and subsequently shared with the faithful through parish listening sessions and the restructuring website. Feedback was collected through the listening sessions, an online survey, and various consultative bodies, ensuring that the perspectives of clergy, parish leaders, and the lay faithful were incorporated into the refinement process.

Round 2: Parishes
SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2026

Priests, KPLs, deacons, Parish Renewal & CLI

Round one draft models will be refined with input from consultative bodies, priests, deacons, lay ministers, and the lay faithful. The refined Round two draft models will be released in October 2026 at **RESTRUCTURING.AOD.ORG**. Pastors and Key Parish Leaders will then be invited to give additional feedback. After further refinement, the final recommended models will be presented to the Archdiocesan Restructuring Commission and then to Archbishop Weisenburger for his discernment as he considers the future configuration of parishes across the Archdiocese.

Final Announcement
APRIL 17-18, 2027

Archbishop Weisenburger

Archbishop Weisenburger will enter a time of prayerful discernment, carefully considering the proposed parish models and the feedback received from clergy, parish leaders, and the lay faithful. After completing this discernment, he will announce the final restructuring models and priest assignments during the weekend of April 17-18, 2027.

Model Refinement FAQs

WHAT HAPPENS IN REFINEMENT?

Once all of the feedback has been read, the Modeling Team, together with a select group of priests and lay leaders from each planning area, will gather to review the feedback for their planning area and refine the models. The work done in the refinement workshops will result in a set of Round two draft models for each planning area. In some cases, one or both models may remain the same as the Round one draft models that were shared at parish listening sessions. In other cases, one or both models may be new or revised in some way.

At that time, Key Parish Leaders (KPLs) and priests at each parish will gather to review the models and share their feedback. The Round two draft models will also be published to the restructuring website at this time. We anticipate that Round two draft models will be published in October 2026.

WHO IS PARTICIPATING?

We want to be transparent about how participants were selected and the perspectives represented, while also protecting the integrity of the working sessions. For that reason, we are not publishing individual participant names.

NIGERIA & THE JOSEPHITES PRAYER SERVICE

The Josephites

Since 1871, the Josephites have been in the mission of serving the African American Community proclaiming the Gospel through sacramental, educational and pastoral ministry.

EMAGINE Theater Royal Oak, 200 N. Main St.

Preview Trailer and Tickets at: **Toltonmovie.com**

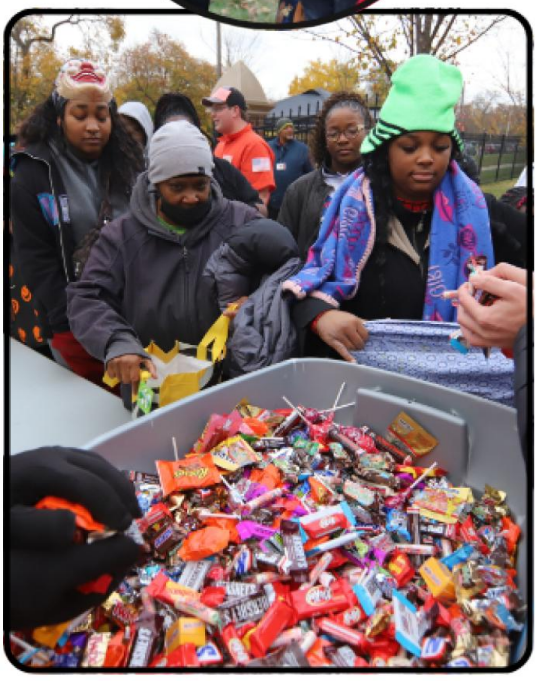
Saint Luke PRODUCTIONS

Hosted by: Saint Luke Productions
With Archdiocese of Detroit and
Local volunteers

$20 suggested donation per ticket ($10 minimum per ticket). Each ticket grants entrance for one person to view the film. All proceeds go to Saint Luke Productions to expand the outreach of the Tolton movie with a portion going towards The Shrine for Father Augustine Tolton at St. Boniface Church in Quincy, Illinois.

SACRED HEART
MAJOR SEMINARY

HALLOWEEN CANDY FUNDRAISER



Please drop off bags of candy
at the parish to help seminarians
provide a safe trick-or-treating
experience for kids!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

For more information contact Tom Pfaffenbach at pfaffenbach.tom@shms.edu

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:30 A.M. DEPARTURE AND
3:30 P.M. RETURN

WE BEGIN AND END OUR
DAY AT
3451 RIVARD STREET
DETROIT

THE CHURCHES WE WILL TOUR:

ST ALOYSIUS PARISH
1234 WASHINGTON BLVD, DETROIT, MI

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9844 WOODWARD AVE, DETROIT, MI

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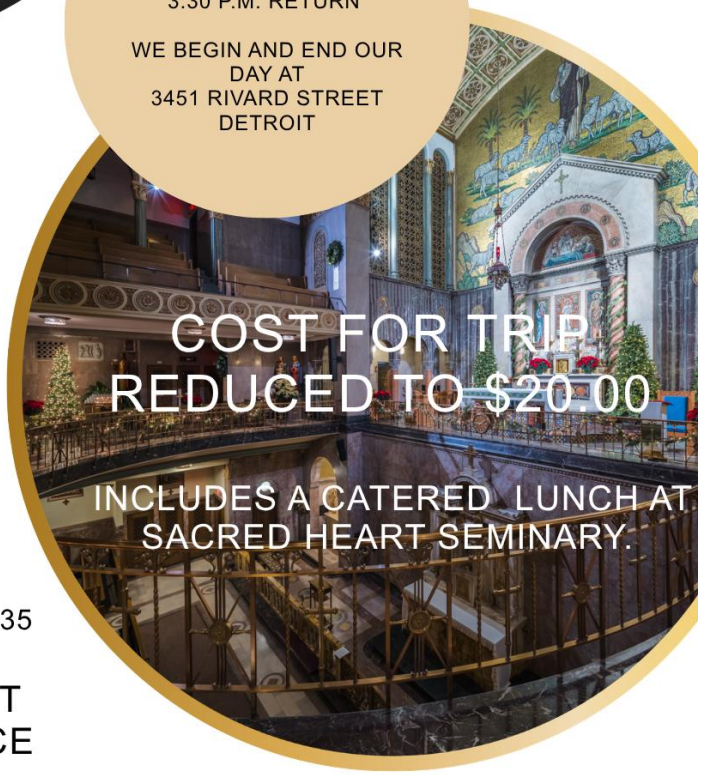

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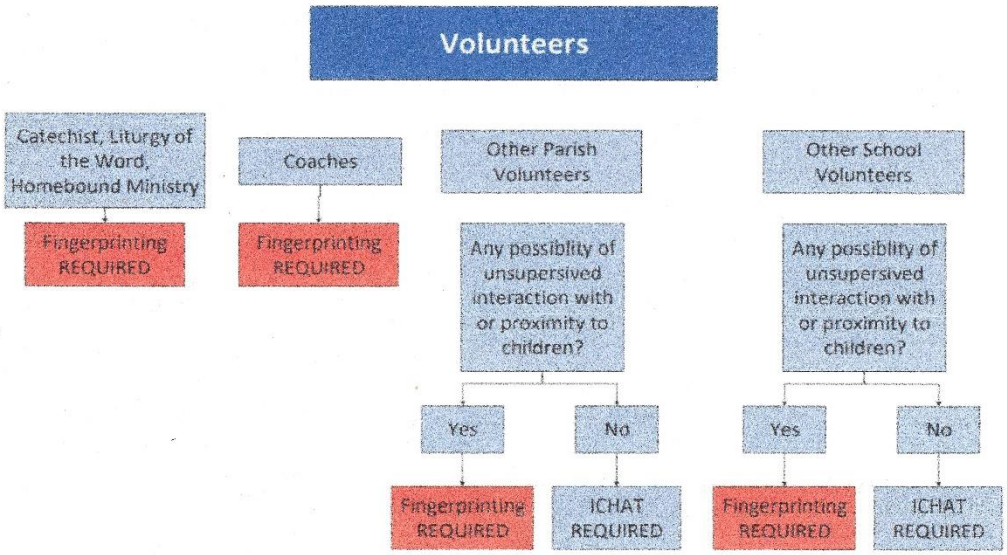
ARCHDIOCESE
of DETROIT

Subject: Fingerprinting Bulletin Announcement
Date: September 8, 2026

The Archdiocese of Detroit has updated its background check policy for clergy, employees, and volunteers. This updated screening requirement is intended to strengthen our shared commitment to providing safe environments for children, vulnerable adults, and all those entrusted to our care.

The new policy, which went into effect on August 1, requires all clergy to be fingerprinted by October 2026 and all employees by mid-2027.

To learn more about this new policy, please visit aod.org/fingerprinting.



Parish Nurse News and Notes

October: National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Dear Church Family,

October is **National Breast Cancer Awareness Month**, a time to increase awareness about breast cancer and the importance of early detection. Breast cancer can affect women and, less commonly, men. Knowing your personal risk and talking with your healthcare provider about recommended screening can help with early detection.

Women should become familiar with how their breasts normally look and feel and report any unusual changes to their healthcare provider. Changes may include a new lump, swelling, a change in breast size or shape, skin changes, or unusual nipple discharge. Regular mammograms are an important screening tool, and your healthcare provider can help you determine when screening should begin and how often it should be done based on your age, family history, and individual risk.

We can also support breast health by maintaining a healthy weight, staying physically active, eating nutritious foods, limiting alcohol, and avoiding tobacco. Most importantly, please do not be afraid to talk with your healthcare provider about your breast health or any changes that concern you.

Let us encourage one another to take care of our health and to support those in our families and church community who are affected by breast cancer. Early detection and timely medical care can make an important difference.

"She is clothed with strength and dignity." — Proverbs 31:25

Don't forget to sign up for the High Blood pressure class starting October 11th after mass in the classroom in the social hall.Class will run from 1 pm to 2:30.Class runs for 8 weeks.

Blessings,

Mary Catherine Wright, RN
Parish Nurse

Do you have high blood pressure?

Please join us for HBP control:
A hypertension self-management program.

High blood pressure (also called hypertension) puts you at risk for heart disease, stroke, kidney damage, vision loss and more. Controlling your blood pressure is important.

Learn:

- The basics of high blood pressure.
- Tips for stress management.
- The importance of nutrition.
- Incorporating physical activity.
- **And much more.**

72 million Americans have **high blood pressure.**
That's nearly **1** out of **3** **adults** who have hypertension.
Lifestyle changes can help lower high blood pressure.

FREE In-person workshop

Sundays
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Weekly sessions:
Start date: **Oct. 11**
End date: **Dec. 13**
*Skipping November 1st & 29th

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
1491 Baldwin St.
Detroit, MI 48214

Classes will be held in the Basement Social Hall

To register, **scan the QR Code**, call **313.738.1678**
or visit **corewellhealth.org/classes-events/southeast**

You do not need a Corewell Health affiliated provider to participate.

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PARISH & ARCHDIOCESAN INFORMATION

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

St. Charles Office Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am to 3pm
Friday, 9am to 1pm

Pastoral Team
Fr. Francis Asomkase, SSJ, Administrator
Reverend Charles Nwamadi, SSJ, Associate Pastor
Fr. Justus Ihemawulotu, SSJ, Associate Pastor
Fr. David Preuss, OFM, Cap, Associate Pastor
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 Kadowaki, Dennis Ballard (Vice-Chairperson), Patricia Ballard, Alex Grabowski, Marian Harvey (Secretary), Freddie Henry, Bruce McDonald, Mikhail Perkins, Richard Preuss, Linda Simpkins

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

Detroit Eastside Family of Parishes 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
Bible Study – Wednesday 6-7pm

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

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. Elizabeth
5900 McClellan (at Nativity of Our Lord)
Detroit, MI 48213
313-921-9225
www.stelizabethdetroit.org
saintelizabethchurchofdetroit@gmail.com
Sunday: 12:00pm

St Augustine & St Monica
4151 Seminole
Detroit, MI 48214
313-921-4107
www.saintamparish.org
office@saintamparish.org
Sunday: 10am
Wednesday: 9am
Bible Study – Monday 6-7pm

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
Bible Study – Friday 6-7pm

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

October 2026—St. Charles Borromeo

Sacrament Classes— First and Second Sunday in Social Hall 10:30am —11:15am

OCIA Classes— First and Second Sunday in Social Hall 12:45pm —2pm

	Bible Study St. Augustine/St.		**Bible Study St Charles 6pm-**		**Bible Stuudy St Raymond**	
Sun	**Mon**	**Tue**	**Wed**	**Thu**	**Fri**	**Sat**
				1 *Faith & Fellowship 3pm-7pm*	*2* ***11am mass In rectory***	*3 Disciples Program 10am—4pm*
4 ***27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*** *11:30am Mass*	*5 Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples Day*	*6*	*7* *Online PGC 6pm*	*8* *Faith & Fellowship 3pm-7pm*	*9* ***11am mass In rectory***	*10* *In-person PGC St. Joseph Parish—South Lyon 9am*
11 ***28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*** *11:30am Mass* *Community Meal*	*12* *Online PGC 6pm*	*13*	*14*	*15* *Faith & Fellowship 3pm-7pm*	*16* ***11am mass In rectory***	*17* *In-person PGC Our Lady of Victory Parish—Northville 9am*
18 ***29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*** *11:30am Mass* *Community Meal* **Free Press Marathon**	*19*	*20*	*21*	*22* *Faith & Fellowship 3pm-7pm* *Online PGC 6pm*	*23* ***11am mass In rectory***	*24* *Disciples Program 1pm -4pm*
25 ***30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*** *11:30am Mass* *Community Meal* **Blood Pressure Screening**	*26*	*27*	*28*	*29* *Faith & Fellowship 3pm-7pm* *Online PGC 6pm*	*30* ***11am mass In rectory***	*31*