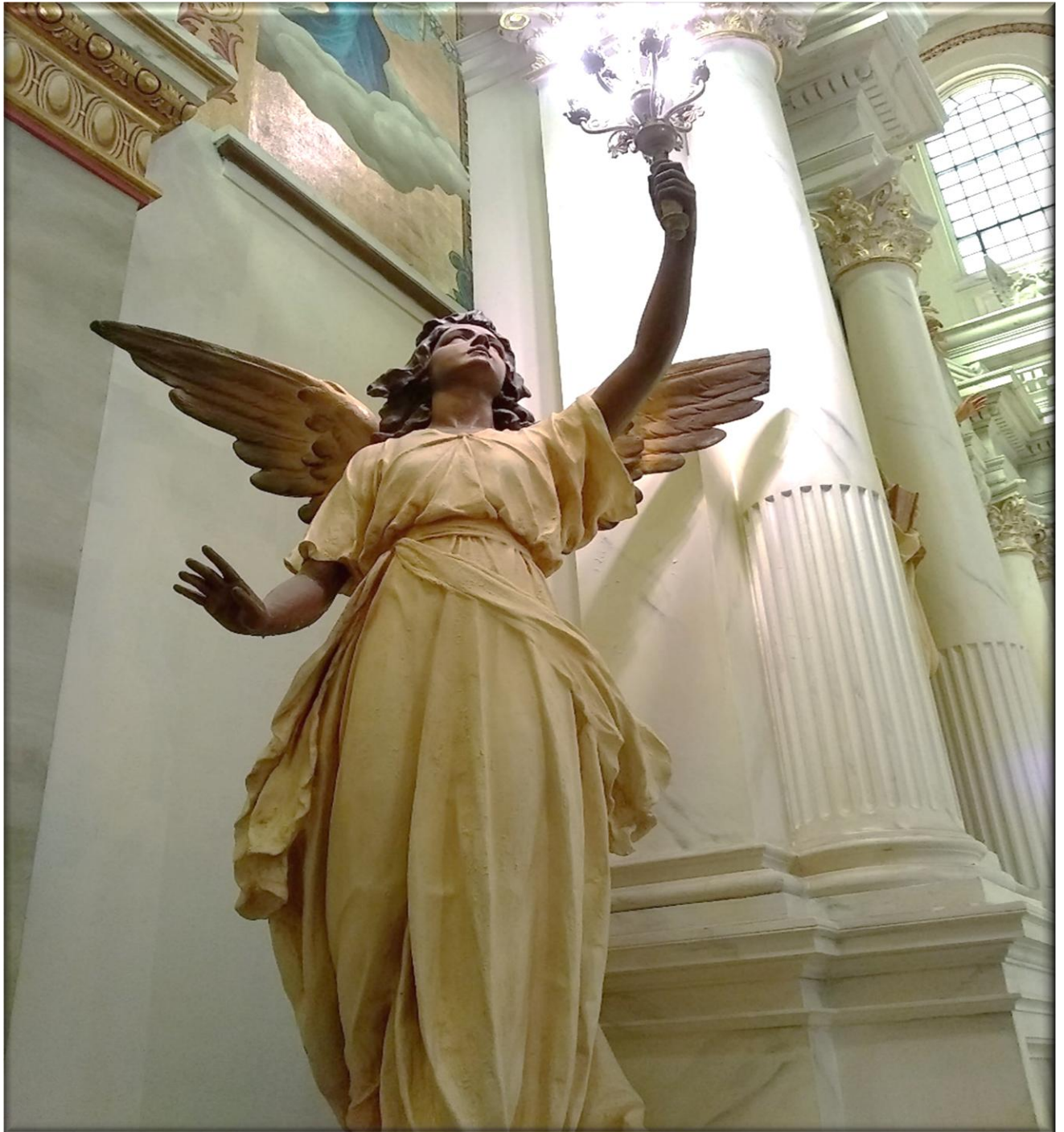

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

THE VIGIL

Sunday, November 16, 2025 (Year C)

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Sunday Food for Your Soul

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WHAT IS THE MEANING OF LIFE?

Human life is embedded with mystery from its beginning, at conception, to its very end, at death. This mysterious nature of human life makes it impossible to do away with the idea of the supernatural throughout one's life. So, as humankind journeys through life, they are constantly searching for the source and origin of their fulfillment and happiness. This search takes on different dimensions during the various stages of human development and growth. It is often believed that the peak of this search for the supernatural during human life happens at midlife, perhaps because "the predominant questions at midlife have everything to do with life's meaning; they are, at root, spiritual matters. Carl Jung, noting a pattern amongst his patients in midlife, writes, "among all my patients in the second half of life, there has not been one whose problem in the last resort was not that of finding a religious outlook on life. It is safe to say that every one of them fell ill because they had lost what the living religions of every age have given to their followers, and none of them have been really healed who did not regain this religious outlook." Religious symbols keep people in touch with the unconscious. As some scripture scholars note, Christ is seen as the symbol of the self, the incarnation is seen as a paradigm of self-realization, and the events of the passion are seen as a prototype of suffering involved in the task of individuation. Spirituality and spiritual images play a significant role during the various stages of life and should be used when accompanying people.

Accompaniment invites us to a life of presence, to being there for others, and being our brother's and sister's keeper. This entails sacrificing for the common good. We are all called to be present to various members of our religious and civil communities, especially those who are going through different stages of life. It is in serving others; in helping them come to the realization of the meaning of life, do we find life's meaning. Thus, ours is a life of service, and through it do we come to understand and fulfil life's meaning and purpose.

~ *Fr. Charles C. Nwamadi, SSJ.*

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. **Today Sunday, November 16, 2025: Villanueva, Bell, and Kaplan Families; November 23, 2025: Pastor Ava; November 30, 2025: NO MEAL (Holiday); December 7, 2025: Joann and George Eder; December 14, 2025: The Corner Table; December 21, 2025: SPONSOR NEEDED; December 28, 2025: NO MEAL (Holiday); January 4, 2026: SPONSOR NEEDED; January 11, 2026: Kim & Steve Llorens; January 18, 2026: Parish Council; January 25, 2026: St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans**

Nativity Pantry News: We are so grateful for your continued support of the pantry. This week we need **Spaghetti Sauce (Gleaners didn't have any again), Soup, and Peanut Butter**. And again, if you have anything extra in the cupboards, it would be greatly appreciated. On Thursday, November 6th, we served 111 families for 280 people. Again, we thank you for all you do to help us.



2025 St. Charles CSA Data

As of 11/11/2025 8% of our membership have contributed to the annual CSA campaign. That means that 92% of us have not contributed. No matter how small or large a donation is, we need more members to contribute as we all know that participation and support from the members is being looked at by the Archdiocese of Detroit. If you want to contribute but don't know how, please just call the office.

Protecting God's Children News

If you have registered for an account on Virtus.com (Protecting God's Children), but haven't logged into your account in the past 24 months, please know that your account may have been marked as "inactive" or "suspended". If you try to login and get a message that your account is inactive or suspended, please contact the parish office for assistance.

**PRAY FOR THE
HEALING PRESENCE**

Jean-Marie Allion
Anderson and Miller Family
Paul Andreovich
Kathy Ayoub
Mary Canaday
Jane Colombo
Kyle Duker
Jim Dutkiewicz
Doris Franklin
Anna Grabowski
Nancy Hayes
Carol Herman
Jim Howard
Joyce Hurley
Bertha Jackson-Hyde
Michelle Koss
Steve Lamendola
Michael Martin
Jacqueline Morant
Gloria Parham
Ronald Parham
Vertis Park, Sr.
Earlene Park-Williams
Orlando Richardson
Aaron Scott
Cherise Sweeney
Jonathan Taylor
Tommy Traylor
Anna Tyler
Guillerma Villanueva
Eldora White

Please call the rectory at 313-331-0253 to let us know when a name should be added to or removed from the list. Names will stay on the list for 3 months, but can be continued if we are notified of the wishes to do so.

MASS INTENTIONS

November 16, 2025
Joyce Carson
Deceased Members of the Bann Family

November 23, 2025
Patricia Sweeting
Gayle Koyton
Waletha McCrary

November 30, 2025
Keith Carson
Carolyn Carson
Angela McDonald

December 7, 2025
Kyria, Kenyanna and Frank Richardson

December 14, 2025
Kevin Scully
Fred Murphy
Patrick Cunniffe

December 21, 2025
George Zigas
Alexander Grabowski
Elfrieda Samuel

December 28, 2025
Steven and Catherine Bogotaitis
Kevin Scully

TODAY'S READINGS

Malachi 4: 1-2a
(The Sun of Justice)

Psalm 98: 5-6, 7-8, 9
(Rule With Justice)

Second Thessalonians 3: 7-12
(Models for Imitation)

Luke 21: 28
(Redemption)

Luke 21: 5-19
(Salvation in Christ)

**The Holy Father's Intentions
for the Month of
November 2025****For the prevention of suicide**

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Nov. 17: First Maccabees 1: 10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Psalm 119: 53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; John 8: 12; Luke 18: 35-43

Tues., Nov. 18: Second Maccabees 6: 18-31; Psalms 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; First John 4: 10b; Luke 19: 1-10

Wed., Nov. 19: Second Maccabees 7: 1, 20-31; Psalm 17: 1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; John 15: 16; Luke 19: 11-28

Thurs., Nov. 20: First Maccabees 2: 15-29; Psalm 50: 1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Psalms 95: 8; Luke 19: 41-44

Fri., Nov. 21: First Maccabees 4: 36-37, 52-59; First Chronicles 29: 10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; John 10: 27; Luke 19: 45-48

Sat., Nov. 22: First Maccabees 6: 1-13; Psalm 9: 2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19; Second Timothy 1: 10; Luke 20: 27-40

Sun., Nov. 23: Second Samuel 5: 1-3; Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Colossians 1: 12-20; Mark 11: 9, 10; Luke 23: 35-43

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE**Stewards Imitate**

"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us." 2 THESSALONIANS 3:9

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their words and actions, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and others desire this in their own life. Know that the **Stewardship** way you live your life may be the only interaction others may have with our Catholic faith.

**COLLECTION INFO
11-09-2025**

Collection \$7,984.00
Online \$1,547.00

TOTAL \$9,531.00

**Black Catholic History Month
November 2025**

*Come to be known as our history too.
We are most human when we see the humanity in others.
- Author Unknown*



St. Joseph's Society of the Sacred Heart

Do You Know The History of the St. Joseph's Society of the Sacred Heart?

Fr. Francis Asomkase and Fr. Charles Nwamadi have joined the Detroit Lower Eastside Family of Parishes and are members of the St. Joseph's Society of the Sacred Heart order of priests.

Since 1871, the Josephites have been in the mission of serving the African American community.

It began with a determined man named Cardinal Herbert Vaughn. In 1866, he opened a school named St. Joseph College of the Sacred Heart located in Mill Hill, England. Cardinal Vaughn's greatest desire was to send missionaries into all parts of the world. In May 1870, he petitioned the pope for a mission field. The choice was the United States.

For years the archbishop of Baltimore, Martin John Spalding, had been appealing to Rome for help in ministering to the thousands recently released from slavery. In 1871, Pius IX handed down the Negro Oath, which would shape the modern-day Josephites.

In Cardinal Vaughn's time, every missionary assigned to this duty was to sign this oath, which stated, among other things, that the priest would "vow and solemnly declare that I will make myself the father and servant of the Negroes; nor shall I ever take up any other work which might cause me to abandon, or in any way neglect the special care of the Negroes. So help me God and these His Holy Gospels."

With the oath in hand, Cardinal Vaughn and four missionary priests set off for Baltimore. Here Cardinal Vaughn consecrated the mission to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and named his missionaries the "Josephites," because St. Joseph was honored as the "first missionary." Together Cardinal Vaughn and the priests established a seminary, many parishes, schools and the beginnings of an interracial brotherhood. And so it continued. Missionaries would study at the college in Mill Hill in England and then travel to America for their foreign mission.

However, overseeing an international organization was difficult. So, in 1893, Cardinal James Gibbons of Baltimore offered to accept the Josephites as an independent organization and Cardinal Vaughn gave his consent. Father John Slattery became the first Superior General of the new American Josephites and set the direction of the newly independent society.

What began as a mission to help the newly freed slaves in America, evolved into the broader task of assisting all of the Black community. The Josephites continue in the tradition of Cardinal Vaughn and by the commission of Pope Pius IX, as a society dedicated solely to the service of the African American community.



Parish Nurse Notes and Notes

November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month

November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month, a time to raise understanding, encourage prevention, and support those affected by this disease. Lung cancer remains one of the most common cancers worldwide, but early detection and healthy lifestyle choices can make a life-saving difference.

Know the Risk Factors:

Smoking is the leading cause, but even non-smokers can be affected.

Secondhand smoke, radon exposure, and air pollution also increase risk.

Steps for Prevention:

If you smoke, consider making this the month to quit—resources and support are available.

Test your home for radon and avoid exposure to harmful fumes.

Stay active and eat a balanced diet rich in fruits and vegetables.

Early Detection Matters:

If you are a current or former smoker aged 50–80, talk with your healthcare provider about low-dose CT screening, which can detect lung cancer early—often before symptoms appear.

Let's take this month to breathe easier by caring for our lungs and supporting those in our community facing lung cancer.

A Moment for Reflection:

"The breath of the Almighty gives me life." — Job 33:4

This month, as we focus on lung health, let us remember that every breath we take is a precious gift from God. The simple act of breathing reminds us of His sustaining presence and grace in our lives. May we use each breath to bring encouragement to others, to offer prayers for those battling illness, and to give thanks for the life and healing power that God provides.

Let us pray for all who struggle to breathe easily, for caregivers, and for continued wisdom in prevention and treatment—trusting in the God who gives us life with every breath.

God Bless

Mary Catherine Wright
RN Parish Nurse

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DETROIT LOWER EAST SIDE FAMILY OF PARISHES MASS TIMES

St Charles Borromeo Detroit

Sunday: 11:30am

Friday: 11am in rectory

Live Stream & YouTube

Nativity of Our Lord

Sunday 9:30am

**Thursday: Holy Hour 8am; Mass
9am**

Live Stream and YouTube

St Augustine / St Monica

Mass Times

Sunday: 10am

Wednesday: 9am

Sacred Heart

Sunday: 8am and 10am

Tuesday: 5pm

Saturday: 5pm

St. Elizabeth

Sunday: 12:00pm

TRINITY FAMILY OF PARISHES MASS TIMES

Our Lady Queen of Heaven

Sunday: 9am

Tuesday: 10:30am

Thursday: 10:30am

Friday: 10:30am

Saturday: 4pm

St. Raymond

Sunday: 10:30am

Tuesday: 8:30am

Thursday: 8:30am

St. Jude

Sunday: 10:30am

Saturday: 4pm

Event You May Be Interested In

DLE  FAMILY OF PARISHES

WEEKLY

BIBLE STUDY

WITH FR. CHARLES
NWAMADI, SSJ

*"If you receive my words
turning your ear to
wisdom,
inclining your heart to
understanding;
the knowledge of God
you will find"
~Proverbs 2:1-5*

STARTING SEPT 22ND

MONDAYS

6 - 7 PM
St. Augustine and
St. Monica
4151 Seminole St

WEDNESDAYS

6 - 7 PM
St. Charles
Borromeo
1491 Baldwin

FRIDAYS

6 - 7 PM
St. Raymond
20103 Joann St

ALL ARE WELCOME

The same uplifting session will be shared weekly at each of the sites listed above - come grow with us and be part of the fellowship at the location that works best for you.

Come as you are to explore the Word of God, grow in faith, and enjoy uplifting fellowship!

Please bring along your Catholic Bible

31TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

MAGNIFY THE LORD

31 STEPS HIGHER

Saturday, November 22, 2025 7PM
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
1491 Baldwin Detroit, MI 48214

Featuring
Minister Kevin Sanders
Magnify Gospel Choir
Nativity/St. Charles Praise Dancers

Tickets \$15/\$20@door
(313) 880-8440



St. Charles Detroit



**NATIVITY
DETROIT**





St. Martin de Porres Parish in Toledo invites you:
Annual Black Catholic History Month revival

We Are Pilgrims of Hope

Thursday, November 20, 2025

Preamble: 6 p.m. Revival: 6:30 p.m.

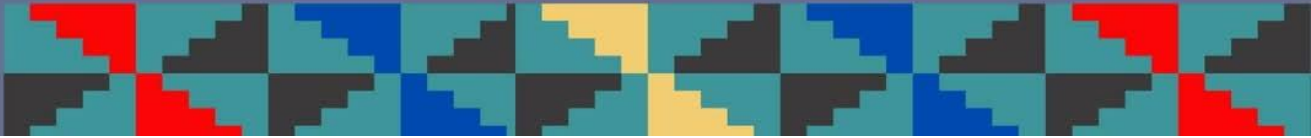
St Martin de Porres Parish, 1119 Bancroft, Toledo



Fr. Francis Asomkase SSJ - Revivalist
Detroit, Michigan

Music: Keir Ward Singers of Detroit

*Presented by: The Diocese of Toledo and
The Black and Indian Mission Office Fund*



Tolton Ambassadors of Detroit
presents....

Annual Tolton Prayer Breakfast

"THE JOURNEY OF FAITH & HOPE!"

WITH GUEST SPEAKER

FR. CHARLES NWAMADI, SSJ



Saturday, November 22, 2025

9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Sacred Heart Activities Building

3451 Rivard St. Detroit, MI 48207

PRAYER

FOOD

PRAISE

Contact ataylor41512@hotmail.com for tickets.

\$30.00
Donation

In light of the upcoming SNAP benefits being paused November 1st, I feel heavily inclined to share just a few resources for the Downriver Michigan/Metro Detroit area - ! hoping this might help any families in need near me !

♀ NW Detroit Blessing Boxes

Located: 11640 W Parkway St. Redford, MI 48239

Hours Vary, check the FB page to ensure they are open & operating

♀ Elmwood Blessing Box

Located: 27543 Joy Rd, Unit A. Westland, MI 48150

Hours Vary, check the FB page to ensure they are open & operating

♀ Cruella Doughville Delano Blessing Box

Located: 11132 Delano St. Romulus, MI 48174

Hours Vary, check the FB page to ensure they are open & operating

♀ Gleaners Community Food Bank

Monthly, Gleaners hosts drive-up food distributions, which are free and open to the public. These are at different locations. Anyone in need of food is encouraged to attend and will receive over 35 pounds of nutritious groceries, like milk, fresh fruit, vegetables, lean protein, and other shelf-stable items while supplies last.

Please check PantryNet, Facebook, or Instagram for more information/cancellations.

♀ Forgotten Harvest Food Pantry

Throughout the month, Forgotten Harvest operates mobile pantries throughout metro Detroit.

They have set locations depending on the day, so go to their website to find out where they will be & confirm their operating hours -> <https://www.forgottenharvest.org/find-food/>

♀ Fish & Loaves Pantry

Fish & Loaves hosts a "Saturday Fresh Market" with the goal of providing fresh produce to those in need throughout the community. This program is held on Saturday (except the 3rd Saturday of the month) from 9am-12pm.

Individuals or families in need, regardless of residency or income, are able to visit the drive-thru and receive 20-25 pounds of fresh produce and dairy.

Visit their website for more information: <https://www.flcfp.org/freshmarket.html>

These are just a few places I have found, simply hoping to reach the right people who may need the help ♥

Lastly, if you find yourself with the ability to donate to these places PLEASE DO 🙏

Even a small donation can make the biggest difference to supporting those in need, especially as we enter these winter & holiday months

♥ Sending all the love & prayers to those families affected ♥

We are all in this together 🌍

With Blessings to You,

Deacon Joseph

Do you need to complete a Protecting God's Children training session?

If you need to complete the Protecting God's Children program, please see the flyer and sign-up for a session within our Family of Parishes on December 2, 2025.

DLE Family of Parishes
Archdiocese of Detroit



**IN-PERSON TRAINING AT SASM TUESDAY, DEC 2ND AT 6 PM

Committed to Protect, Love and Serve in a Safe Environment

For those who work, volunteer or serve in the Church

Our parish follows Archdiocesan guidelines to protect ALL children and vulnerable persons:

- All staff and volunteers must complete the **Protecting God's Children** Workshop.
- **Background checks** are required annually for employees and every two years for volunteers.
- Everyone must sign the **Code of Conduct**, pledging to uphold safe environment policies.

Thank you for helping us build a community of trust, safety, and care. Below are some of the terms that you will frequently see as you become onboarded to work or serve at a parish.

Why?



The Charter

Established by the USCCB in June 2002 for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy.

Who?



VIRTUS

A national comprehensive training, education, and reporting platform for staffs and volunteers
[Create your account here](#)

What?



Protecting God's Children

The **mandatory** training workshop for all parishes in the USA offered through VIRTUS for all staff and volunteers



Safe Environments

Archdiocese of Detroit's response to protect and serve all children and vulnerable adults



Pastoral Code of Conduct

The pledge that is taken by all clergy and lay ministers in every parish to uphold the Charter of Protection



Empowering God's Children

A supplemental educational tool for training teachers, catechists, and youth through VIRTUS

****GETTING STARTED:
CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT AND REGISTER FOR TRAINING OR RE-CERTIFICATION
AT [VIRTUSONLINE.ORG](https://virtusonline.org)**

Call your local parish Safe Environments Coordinator for more information:

November 2025 – St. Charles Borromeo

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 All Saints' Day OLQH Mass 4pm St. Jude Mass 4pm Sacred Heart Mass 5pm
2 All Soul's Day Alumni Sunday 11:30am Mass <i>Community Meal</i> Diabetes Class Black Catholic Gospel Choir Concert – See Vigil	3	4 Choir Rehearsal 7-9pm PGC – In-person at St. Mary of the Hills Parish (Rochester Hills) 6pm	5 Bible Study In Social Hall 6pm – 7pm**	6 Faith & Fellowship 3:30pm – 6pm Minister of Service Installation 6pm	7 11am Mass in Rectory	8 PGC – In-person at St. Hubert Parish (Harrison Twp.) 9am
9 Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 11:30am Mass <i>Community Meal</i> Diabetes Class	10	11 Blvd. Ministry 10am Choir Rehearsal 7-9pm PGC On- Line Session 6pm	12 Bible Study In Social Hall 6pm – 7pm** PGC – In-person at St. Kieran Parish (Shelby Twp.) 6pm	13 Faith & Fellowship Leaders 4pm – 6pm	14 11am Mass in Rectory	15 PGC – In-person at Our Lady of Victory Parish (Northville) 9am PGC – In-person at Sacred Heart (Detroit) 9am
16 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time MOS Meeting 10:30am 11:30am Mass <i>Community Meal</i> Diabetes Class Blood Pressure Screening	17	18 Choir Rehearsal 7-9pm PGC On- Line Session 6pm	19 Bible Study In Social Hall 6pm – 7pm**	20 Faith & Fellowship 4:30pm – 7pm	21 11am Mass in Rectory Concert Dress Rehearsal	22 "31 Steps Higher" Dance and Music Concert 7pm
23 Christ the King Sunday <i>Youth Sunday</i> 11:30am Mass <i>Community Meal</i> Diabetes Class	24	25 Blvd. Ministry 10am	26 Bible Study In Social Hall 6pm – 7pm**	27 Thanksgiving Day	28 Parish Office Closed	29
30 1st Sunday of Advent 11:30am Mass <i>Community Meal</i> Diabetes Class						

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

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>