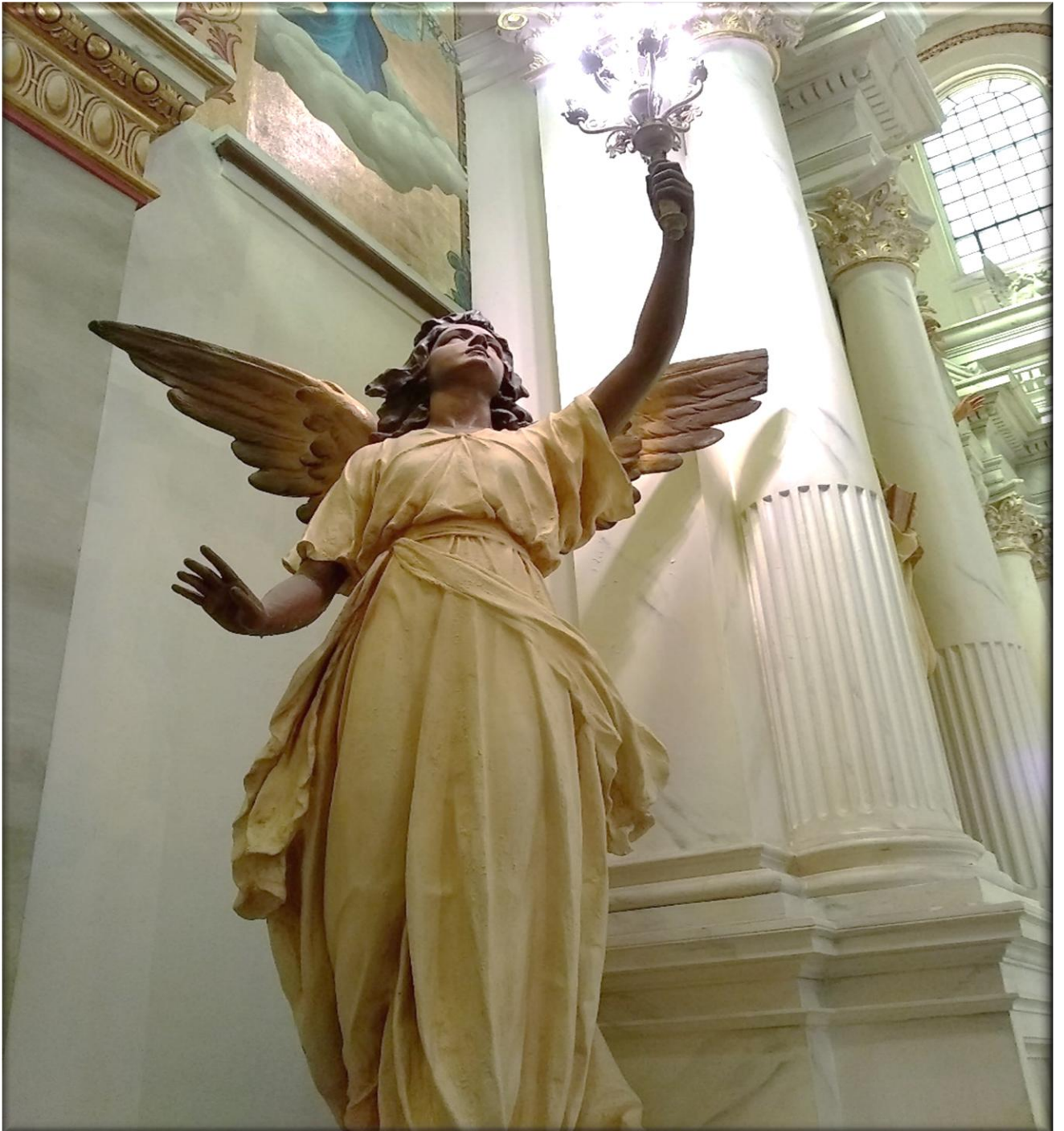

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
THE VIGIL

Sunday, December 07, 2025 (Year A)

2nd Sunday of Advent - *Peace*



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

Sunday Food for Your Soul

2nd Sunday of Advent

HAPPY NEW YEAR IN DECEMBER: THE UNIQUENESS OF CATHOLICISM

Happy New Year. I know it sounds strange to say "Happy New Year" in December. On a circular calendar, a year starts in January. However, the year of the Church, also known as the Liturgical Year, begins on the first Sunday of Advent. Each of the three liturgical years (A, B, and C) is theocentric. That is to say, it tells the story of our salvation history and the prominent role that Jesus, our Messiah played. The story of Jesus is chronologically told in each of these liturgical years, beginning with events leading to His birth and His public ministry. For the current liturgical year, we are in Year A for Sundays and in Year II for weekdays.

As earlier noted, each liturgical year begins with Advent. The word Advent comes from the Latin word "*adventus*," which translates as "arrival" or "coming." Consequently, the season of Advent allows us to reflect on the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas. It is worth noting, however, that there is a theological nuance to the Catholic understanding of the coming of Christ. Catholic theology teaches that the three comings of Jesus are somewhat inseparable from one another. The three are the First Coming, the Second Coming (also known as the final coming), and the Third Coming. The third coming is between the first and second comings of Christ. In the first coming, we reflect on the history of salvation. Our minds are drawn back to the historical Jesus who entered the world through incarnation and redeemed humanity many years ago. In the second coming, we reflect on our journey of faith and the expectation of Christ who is to come again at the end of time. We acknowledge that at Christ's second coming, He will not come as a savior or redeemer, but as a judge. That informs our decision-making regarding how we live our lives in preparation for Christ's second coming. The third coming of Jesus is the daily coming of Jesus to us. It occurs through the Scriptures, through the Sacraments, through God's ministers, in daily events of our lives, through our neighbors, through our coworkers, and through our individual deaths. All three comings of Jesus are inseparably connected. The first reminds us of our history of salvation, the second coming necessitates us to be prepared, and the third offers us the daily opportunity to prepare.

The question is, how well are we preparing for the coming of Jesus? Often, we spend plenty of time preparing for our careers, taking care of our human visitors, and managing homes, cars, businesses, and everything that matters to us in this life. Yet, we do not have time to prepare for the coming of Jesus to us. Even as we have entered this holy season of Advent, most of us may have already begun making plans for our Christmas decorations, dinner choices, Christmas parties, and the dresses we will wear. But then, are we equally well-prepared for the coming of Christ? In other words, is there any spiritual preparation from us? We can get busy doing everything right according to the world, yet heading in the wrong direction according to eternity. Advent calls us to pause, reevaluate what matters most, and realign ourselves with God's missions in our lives.

Fr. Francis Asomkase

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, December 7, 2025: Joann and George Eder; December 14, 2025: The Corner Table; December 21, 2025: Angie Kadowaki & Family; 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 **Christmas Candy, Hot Chocolate Packets, and Tuna Fish**. We are preparing for the Christmas boxes of food too. Again, we thank you for all you do to help us.



A Prayer for Justice and Peace

Jesus, our King,
help us see the people around us who need care.
Open our eyes to the poor, the lonely, and the hurt.
Teach us to listen and to act with kindness.

Give us courage to speak up when things are not fair.
Help us stand with those who are left out.
Show us how to work for peace at school, at home, and online.
Make us builders of your kingdom here and now.

Amen.

**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
Evelyn Hughes
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

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
Madalere Mannino**

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 11: 1-10
(Messiah of Peace)

Psalms 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
(Justice and Peace)

Romans 15: 4-9
(Instruction from Scripture)

Luke 3: 4, 6
(Prepare the Way)

Matthew 3: 1-12
(Prepare for the Lord)

**The Holy Father's Intentions
for the Month of
December 2025**

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Dec. 08: Genesis 3: 9-15, 20; Psalm 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12; Luke 1: 28; Luke 1: 26-38

Tues., Dec. 09: Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 96: 1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Matthew 18: 12-14

Wed., Dec. 10: Isaiah 40: 25-31; Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Matthew 11: 28-30

Thurs., Dec. 11: Isaiah 41: 13-20; Psalm 145: 1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Isaiah 45: 8; Matthew 11: 11-15

Fri., Dec. 12: Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13: 18bcde, 19; Luke 1: 26-38

Sat., Dec. 13: Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11; Psalms 80: 2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Luke 3: 4, 6; Matthew 17: 9a, 10-13

Sun., Dec. 14: Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10; Psalm 146: 6-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; James 5: 7-10; Isaiah 61: 1; Matthew 11: 2-11

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." MATTHEW 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

**COLLECTION INFO
11-30-2025**

Collection \$ 982.58
Online \$1,492.00

TOTAL \$2,474.58

Religious Education & Faith Formation

Welcome Families! We look forward to walking with your families as we grow together in understanding and living our Catholic faith.

Our classes support the spiritual growth of children through:

- Age-appropriate faith lessons
- Preparation for Sacraments
- Scripture stories, prayer, and hands-on activities
- Building a foundation rooted in Catholic tradition and community

During Advent, a time of joyful preparation as we await the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We invite families to:

- Light the Advent wreath or participate with an Advent countdown paper chain
- Read Scripture together
- Practice small acts of kindness
- Prepare joyfully for the birth of Jesus
- Spend intentional time together in prayer

Advent reminds us that Christ is at the center of our celebrations, our households, and our lives.

Key Dates:

Please make sure you meet with D'Zarea, Alexis, and Kamecia to make sure we have your child's information for the giving tree. Gifts are due by Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025.

We will be practicing for our Christmas Eve program: Dec. 7th, 14th, 21st right after Mass. Christmas Eve Mass is 8pm at St. Charles. Please see me if you want to be a part of the program.

Next Parent/Family Faith Formation meeting will be Sunday, Dec. 28, 2025, at 10:45am before Mass.

Interested in Registering?

If you would like to sign up for Religious Education classes, please contact: Barbara Taylor

Seasonal Affective Disorder: Caring for Your Winter Well-Being

As the days grow shorter and darkness arrives earlier, many people notice a shift in their mood and energy. For some, these changes go beyond the “winter blues” and develop into **Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)**—a form of depression that follows a seasonal pattern, most commonly appearing in late fall and winter.

What is SAD?

SAD is linked to reduced sunlight, which can disrupt our internal clock and affect the levels of serotonin and melatonin—chemicals that help regulate mood and sleep. Symptoms may include low energy, increased sleep, difficulty concentrating, changes in appetite (especially craving carbohydrates), and a persistent feeling of sadness.

Ways to Support Your Well-Being:

- **Seek the Light:** Spending time outdoors during daylight hours, opening blinds, and sitting near windows can help.
- **Consider Light Therapy:** A special light box that mimics natural sunlight may ease symptoms for many people.
- **Stay Active:** Gentle exercise, even a short daily walk, can boost mood and energy.
- **Connect with Others:** Social support is especially important during the darker months. Reach out to friends, family, or church community.
- **Talk to Your Healthcare Provider:** If symptoms become overwhelming, persistent, or interfere with daily life, professional guidance is important. Treatment options are available and effective.

As we move through Advent and into the Christmas season, let us remember to care not only for our spiritual health but also our emotional well-being. If you or someone you know is struggling, please reach out—no one needs to walk through the winter months alone.

God Bless

Mary Catherine Wright RN Parish
Nurse

Detroit Eastside Family of Parishes Advent Through New Year's Day Mass Schedule



DETROIT EASTSIDE FAMILY OF PARISHES

Christmas Mass through New Year's Day Schedules – 2025

****There are NO Masses in the Family on Friday, 12/26/2025****

Nativity of Our Lord

Immaculate Conception Mass (12/8/25) 6pm
Christmas Eve Mass (12/24/25) 5pm
Christmas Day Mass (12/25/25) 9:30am
New Year's Day Mass (01/01/26) 9am

5900 McClellan
Detroit, MI 48213
313-922-0033
www.nativitydetroit.org
nativityol@sbcglobal.net

Sacred Heart

Immaculate Conception Mass (12/8/25) 5pm
Christmas Eve Mass (12/24/25) 9pm
Christmas Day Mass (12/25/25) 9am
New Year's Eve Mass (12/31/25) 9pm
New Year's Day Mass (01/01/26) 9am
1000 Eliot St., Detroit, MI 48207
313-831-1356
sacredheartdetroit.com

St. Elizabeth

Immaculate Conception Mass (12/8/25) 5pm
(with Sacred Heart)
3138 E. Canfield St., Detroit, MI 48207
313-921-9225
www.stelizabethdetroit.org

St. Jude

Christmas Eve Mass (12/24/25) 4pm
Christmas Day Mass (12/25/25) 10:30am
15889 Seven Mile E., Detroit, MI 48205
313-527-0380
stjudedetroit.org

St. Augustine & St. Monica

Christmas Eve Mass (12/24/25) 12 Midnight
Christmas Day Mass (12/25/25) 10am
4151 Seminole St., Detroit, MI 48214
313-921-4107
www.saintamyparish.org

St. Charles

Immaculate Conception Mass (12/8/25) 11am
Christmas Eve Mass (12/24/25) 8pm
Christmas Day Mass (12/25/25) 11:30am
New Year's Eve Mass (12/31/25) 11pm
(party following Mass)
1491 Baldwin St., Detroit, MI 48214
313-331-0253
stcharlesdetroit.org

St. Raymond

Immaculate Conception Mass (12/8/25) 8:30am
Christmas Eve Mass (12/24/25) 4pm
Christmas Day Mass (12/25/25) 10:30am
New Year's Day Mass (01/01/2026) 10:30am
20103 Joann, Detroit, MI 48205
313-527-0525
www.straymondolg.org

Our Lady Queen of Heaven/Good Shepherd

Christmas Eve Mass (12/24/25) 4pm
Christmas Day Mass (12/25/25) 9am
New Year's Eve Mass (12/31/25) 4pm
8200 Rolyat St., Detroit, MI 48234
313-891-4553
ourladyofgoodshepherd.org

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

3138 E. Canfield St.

Detroit, MI 48207

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

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

**The Detroit Lower Eastside
Family of Parishes**

Advent Revival

Jesse Cox, Revivalist

*Vice President, Mission Integration and Catholic Social Teaching,
Madonna University*

Friday, December 12, 2025

7:00 P.M.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

1000 Eliot Street

Detroit, Michigan 48207

**The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light; Upon those
who dwelt in the land of gloom a
light has shone.**

Isaiah 9:1



Jesse Cox, Revivalist



Gift and Hope

Women's Advent Brunch
Saturday, December 13, 2025 | 10:00 a.m.
St. Paul's of the Cross Retreat Center
23333 Schoolcraft Rd., Detroit, MI 48223

Looking ahead, we invite you to a morning of reflection and fellowship as we prepare our hearts for the Advent season. Our keynote speaker, **Vickie Figueroa**, Director of Cultural Ministries and Coordinator of Black Catholic Ministry, will offer an inspiring message of faith and hope.

Brunch fee: **\$15.00**

Click [HERE](https://www.dominicancenter.org) to register or go to www.dominicancenter.org

Come share this sacred season of waiting—and bring a friend!



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2025
FOLLOWING 10AM MASS



ST. AUGUSTINE- ST. MONICA'S
CHRISTMAS
BAZAAR

CELEBRATE THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!

ACTIVITIES:

- Food! (\$5 Luncheon)
- Music
- Photos
- Raffles
- Arts & Crafts for kids

VENDORS:

- City Scents
- I Make Things
- Conversation Pieces
- The Cake Corner
- Images Through My Eyes
- Mike's Jewelry
- Flare Fabulous Pillows

Join us to celebrate the season, support local makers, and find that perfect holiday gift!

Immaculate Conception Masses

St. Raymond—8:30am
 St. Charles—11am
 Sacred Heart—5pm
 Nativity—6pm

St. Charles Borromeo

December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 PGC – In-person at ST. Augustine/St. Monica – Detroit 6pm Blvd. Home Visits 10:30am	3 Bible Study In Rectory 6pm – 7pm**	4 Bible Study In Rectory 6pm – 7pm** Faith & Fellowship 4:30-7pm PGC On- Line Session 6pm	5	6 Birthday Party in Social Hall 5pm—9pm
7 2nd Sunday of Advent <u>11:30am Mass</u> Community Meal Diabetes Class	8 Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation ***Mass Schedule at top of this calendar***	9	10 Bible Study In Rectory 6pm – 7pm	11 Faith & Fellowship 4:30-7pm	12 Christmas Concert at Old St. Mary's 7pm	13
14 3rd Sunday of Advent <u>11:30am Mass</u> Community Meal Blood Pressure Screening Diabetes Class	15 PGC On- Line Session 6pm	16	17 No Bible Study tonight	18 Blvd. Ministry Christmas Party 12:30pm Faith & Fellowship 4:30-7pm	19	20
21 4th Sunday of Advent <u>11:30am Mass</u> Community Meal Church Decorating after Mass Diabetes Class	22	23	24 Christmas Eve No Bible Study tonight See Family Mass Schedule in Vigil or on Face-Book	25 Christmas Day See Family Mass Schedule in Vigil or on FaceBook	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27
28 Holy Family Mass at 11:30am <u>NO</u> Community Meal—Holiday Diabetes Class	29	30	31 No Bible Study tonight New Year's Eve Mass—11pm, Party 12 Midnight			

St Charles Borromeo

1491 Baldwin St., Detroit, MI 48214
(313) 331-0253 (Fax 313-331-4834)

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

**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>