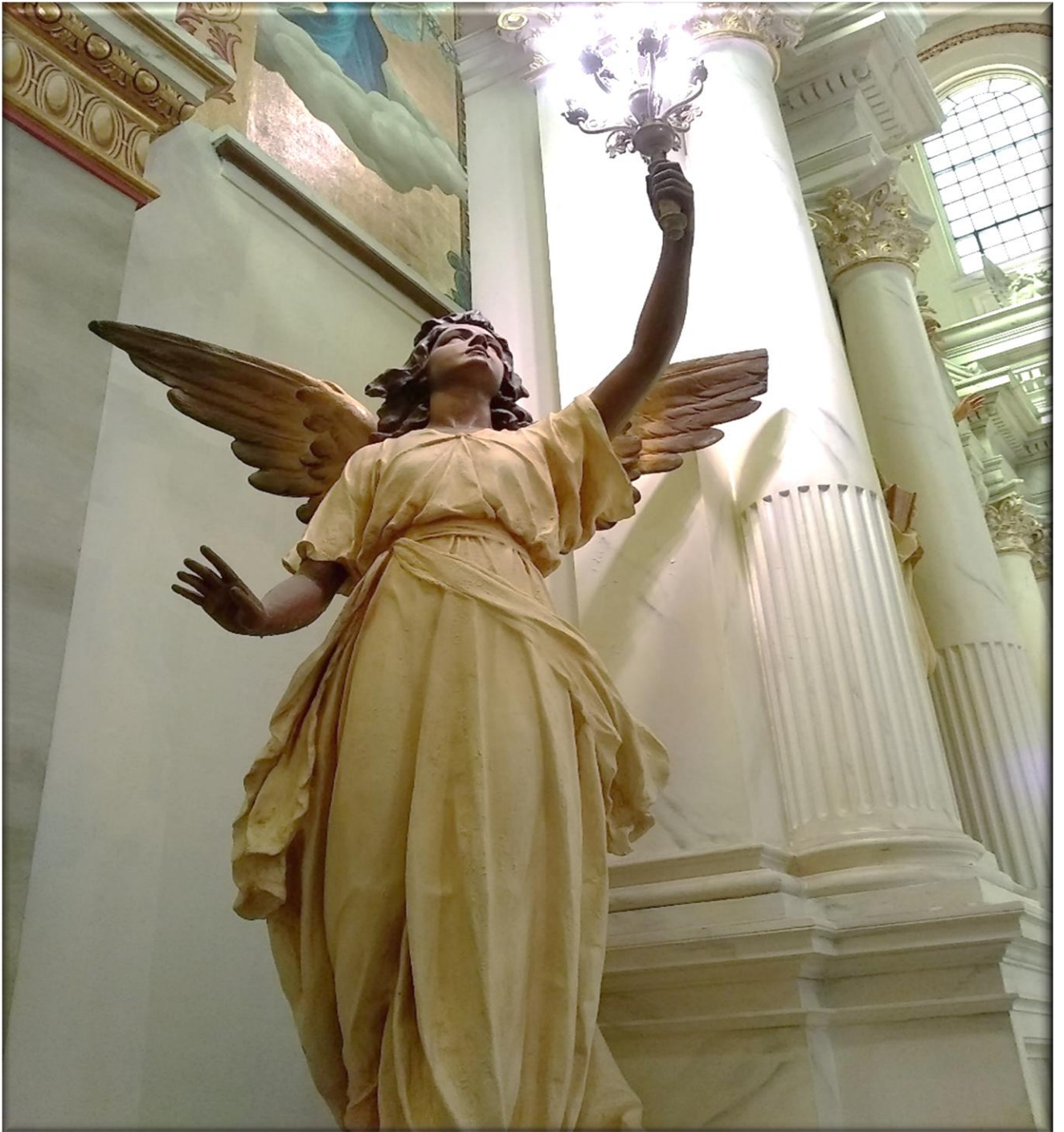

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

THE VIGIL

Thursday, December 25, 2025 (Year A)

Christmas Day



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

Christmas Food for Your Soul



Tidings of Great Joy

The first people to experience the coming of the savior were shepherds, those lowly, uneducated ones who lived among the animals. They were not the only ones, of course, but they were the first to welcome the savior.

It was no accident that such lowly people would be called in first to pay homage to the savior. It is to the lowly, after all, that Christ came first as Lord and Redeemer. The circumstances of his birth testify to that: his mother “wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the place where travelers lodged.”

Christmas is the great annual renewal of our being a Church filled with wonder at the nearness of her God. The nearer we are to our God, the nearer we should become to those lowly ones who are God’s special ones.

We are challenged at Christmas to do what Jesus and the angels did: bring the good news of redemption to the outcast and the lowly. The “tidings of great joy [are] to be shared by the whole people,” and no one is to be left out, not even the most hopeless or despicable person.

Our holy Mother (the Church) does not neglect the care of the poor or omit to provide for their necessities; but, rather, drawing them to her with a mother’s embrace, and knowing that they bear the person of Christ Himself, who regards the smallest gift to the poor as a benefit conferred on Himself, holds them in great honor.

She does all she can to help them; she provides homes and hospitals where they may be received, nourished, and cared for all the world over, and watches over these.

*Gerald Darring
St. Louis University*

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. **Sunday, December 28, 2025: NO MEAL (Holiday); January 4, 2026: SPONSOR NEEDED; January 11, 2026: Angie Kadowaki & Family; January 18, 2026: Parish Council; January 25, 2026: St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans; February 15, 2025: Kim & Steve Llorens**

Nativity Pantry News: We are so grateful for your continued support of the pantry. **The pantry will reopen on January 8th. The one thing we are totally out of is Family Size Peanut Butter**, which will be needed when we reopen on January 8th. Again, we thank you for all you do to help us.



Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth may we begin to see the world in the light of the understanding you give us. As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart. May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving. Amen.

**PRAY FOR THE
HEALING PRESENCE**

Jean-Marie Allion
Anderson and Miller Family
Paul Andreacovich
Kathy Ayoub
Mary Canaday
Jane Colombo
Kyle Duker
Jim Dutkiewicz
Doris Franklin
Anna Grabowski
Nancy Hayes
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 28, 2025
Steven & Catherine Bogotaitis
Kevin Scully
Madalere Mannino

January 4, 2026
Dr. Robert Preuss

January 11, 2026
Patricia Sweeting
Carolyn Loring
James Callahan

January 18, 2026
Michael Ayoub
Renee Valenti

January 25, 2026
Fr. Dan Trapp
Joyce Carson
Carolyn Carson

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 52: 7-10
(Your God is King)

Psalm 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
(Sing a Song)

Hebrews 1: 1-6
(God Speaks Through Jesus)

Alleluia
(Great Joy)

John 1: 1-18
(The True Light)

**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

Fri., Dec. 26: Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59; Psalm 31: 3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Psalm 118: 26a, 27a; Matthew 10: 17-22

Sat., Dec. 27: First John 1: 1-4; Psalm 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12; John 20: 1a and 2-8

Sun., Dec. 28: Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; Colossians 3: 12-21; Colossians 3: 15a, 16a; Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." Matthew 1:24

Joseph is the ultimate example of complete trust in God. It is hard to imagine what he must have been thinking when he learned that Mary was expecting a child and then when an angel appeared to him told him to take Mary into his home. It was undoubtedly confusing and frightening. But he recognized that it was God's plan for him – despite his many questions and fears. What can you learn from Joseph about hearing and heeding God's call for you?.

**COLLECTION INFO
12-21-2025**

Collection \$ 9,228.58
Online \$ 1,617.00

TOTAL \$10,845.58

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION NEWS

We guide children in their faith journey through engaging lessons, Sacrament preparation, Scripture stories, prayer, and meaningful activities rooted in Catholic life.

Advent

Advent is a sacred time of expectation and hope, when we prepare our homes and our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. Each candle we light reminds us that God is drawing near, bringing light into the world through His Son. During this final week of Advent, we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son. This is the last week to prepare our hearts for the joy of Christmas.

Key Dates:

- **Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025:**
 - practice right after Mass for Christmas Play
 - Giving Tree gifts are due Sunday
- **Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2025**
8pm Christmas Eve Mass
- **Sunday, Dec. 28, 2025**
10:45am before Mass, Family Formation Meeting with Parents & children

Contact Info

- Interested in Registering?
- If you would like to sign up for Religious Education classes, please contact:
Barbara Taylor

Parish Nurse News and Notes December

December Health Focus: Preventing Impaired Driving

December is a season of celebration, gatherings, and gratitude—but it is also one of the most dangerous months for impaired driving. Alcohol, drugs (including some prescription medications), fatigue, and distractions can all impair judgment and reaction time, putting drivers, passengers, and pedestrians at risk.

Impaired driving is preventable. Planning ahead is one of the most effective ways to stay safe. If you plan to drink or take medications that cause drowsiness, arrange a designated driver, use public transportation, or call a ride service. Hosts can help by offering non-alcoholic beverages and encouraging guests to stay overnight or get a safe ride home.

Medication safety is especially important during the winter months. Some cold, flu, pain, and anxiety medications can impair driving ability. Read labels carefully, avoid mixing medications with alcohol, and ask a healthcare provider or pharmacist if it is safe to drive.

As parish nurses, we encourage our faith communities to look out for one another. A simple conversation, a caring reminder, or offering a ride can save a life. This December, let us commit to protecting ourselves and our neighbors by choosing safe, sober, and alert driving—an act of love and stewardship for the lives God has entrusted to us.

God bless

Merry Christmas

Mary Catherine Wright RN, Parish Nurse

Detroit Eastside Family Parish Information and Mass Times

St Charles Borromeo Detroit

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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.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

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> New Year's Day Soleminity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Parish Office Closed	<i>2</i> Mass in Rectory 11am	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i> Epiphany of the Lord 11:30am Mass <i>Community Meal</i> Diabetes Class	<i>5</i> Parish Office Reopens	<i>6</i> PGC On- Line Session 6pm	<i>7</i> NO Bible Study	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> Mass in Rectory 11am	<i>10</i>
<i>11</i> The Baptism of the Lord 11:30am Mass <i>Community Meal</i> Diabetes Class	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> NO Bible Study PGC On- Line Session 6pm Holy Hour for Archdiocesan Restructuring—Cathedral of the Most Blessed Blessed Cathedral 7pm	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> Mass in Rectory 11am	<i>17</i>
<i>18</i> 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:30am Mass <i>Community Meal</i> Diabetes Class	<i>19</i> Annual Justice & Peace Mass—Cathedral of the Most Blessed Blessed Cathedral 11am	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> <i>Bible Study Resumes 6-7pm</i>	<i>22</i> PGC On- Line Session 6pm	<i>23</i> Mass in Rectory 11am	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i> 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:30am Mass <i>Community Meal</i> Diabetes Class	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> Mass in Rectory 11am	<i>31</i>

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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

**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.

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Online Giving

Go to the giving site at:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stcharlesdetroit>