

The Vigil

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Mass Times:

St. Charles: Wednesday 10:30am;
Sunday 8:15am AND 11:30am

Nativity: Thursday 11am; Saturday 4pm;
Sunday 9:45am



December 03, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

(Liturgical Year B)

"God's Faithfulness"

Today's Readings

First Reading:

Isaiah 63:16–17, 19, 64:2–7
(Prayer for the return
of God's favor)

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:3–9
(Thanksgiving)

Gospel:

Mark 13:33–37
(Need for watchfulness)

Pastor's Pen



First Sunday of Advent

On this First Sunday of Advent, we begin a new church year, and in a month we will begin a new calendar year. Endings and beginnings are always good times to take stock of our lives. They give us the freedom to look at what we'd like to leave behind and what we'd like to take into the new year. It's like clearing the slate and starting anew. The Gospel today calls us to stay awake and be alert when Christ breaks into our lives. It calls us not to become complacent from the trappings of the holidays. This season can be a time of busyness and distraction. It can be a time when we shop too much and buy things we don't need. It can be a time of eating more than we should and spending our days in full motion. If this is our Advent, nothing in our lives will change and we'll be exhausted when it's all over.

Advent can also be a quieter time of reflection. It can be a season when we think of others before ourselves. It can be a moment when we find a little more patience with our children and grandchildren. It can be a special time when we realize the Divine has come to live among us and we have the ability to do great things because of this Christ who is with us. None of us will probably make monumental changes in our lives during this season but we can choose one part of ourselves that needs work and concentrate on being better...that's it....Just one small thing. Will you take time to look at your life and make one change as we await the celebration of the feast of Christmas in 2017? Maybe it's your attitude or the way you deal with other people, maybe it's your short fuse or your negativity, maybe it's a lack of compassion for people who are struggling or maybe it's just a negative view of yourself. Christ will meet us at these difficult places and allow something new to be born in us. The secret is we have to invite him in. Let's try to stay awake this Advent season and concentrate on what's important in our lives. Let's have the courage to be honest with ourselves and allow our hearts to be changed. Have a great Advent!

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 again in glory.

Community

We Pray for the Healing Presence...

Bobby Allen
Paul Andreacovich
Edmund S. Borycz
Shawn Burks
Liana Caruana
Anne Crowe
Brandon DiLucente
Howard Dilworth
Nicole Dooley
Kyle Duker
Heinrich Ericksen
Doris Harris
John Huddleston
Joyce Hurley
Addie Ingram
Ron Kirby
Tony Lababera
Vanessa Laco-Chambers
Catherine Lewis
Tiana Marquez
Michael Martin
Mary Massaini
Dina Maynard
Leon McCool
Laura McDonald
Gary Perzyk
Judy Pierce
Patricia C. Randall
Elaine Rosen
Sr. Judy Ruggirello
Carol Santa Maria
Mark Tamer
Rachel Thompson
Enza Trah
Judy Tuttle
Anna Tyler
Sr. Jolene Van Handel
Shawn Wilson
Jenny White
Frances Williams

CSA Minute: Black Catholic Ministry

"Hearing His Call," an Advent Afternoon of Prayer and Reflection featuring Deacon Hubert Sanders, will be held at the Father Solanus Casey Center next **Saturday, December 9.**

Thanks to your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal, the Black Catholic Ministry Office is able to ensure the Archdiocese of Detroit meets the needs of African American Catholics through worship, education, and community services like this. The office also focuses on evangelization and the certification of lay ministers, as well as serves as a resource for other archdiocesan offices.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to aod.org.

Catholic Corner: The Redeemer

In the reading from Isaiah, three times the author refers to God as our father; not in the sense of creator but as redeemer. The redeemed now had a life as sharers in God's love. Fast forward to our time and who is our redeemer but God Jesus, to whom (according to St. Paul), we have been called into fellowship; to be sharers in a common purpose, to love God and to love each other, to build the Kingdom here and now, and to call upon God Holy Spirit to be our guide in all things.

"I will be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20 (from The Message, The Bible in Contemporary Language)

"Those who denounce hope most are those who need hope most."

Stewardship Thoughts

Today's Scripture readings express the Advent themes of hope, vigilance, and repentance. The Prophet Isaiah desires his people to atone for their sinful ways and turn their hardened hearts back to the Lord, who has done great deeds for them. In St. Mark's Gospel, Jesus urges us to be watchful and alert, for we do not know when He will return. St. Paul reminds the Corinthian community, and us, that fellowship with our Lord strengthens us with many spiritual gifts — a timely reminder as we begin our journey into this Advent season.

May we, as faithful stewards, put our hope in the Lord, acknowledge our sins, and seek with contrite hearts, His mercy and forgiveness. Advent is an excellent time to confess our sins by participating in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Questions of the Week

(Please see Today's Readings)

Key Passage: *God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.* (1 Corinthians 1:9)

Adult: How do you know when you're following Christ and living his teachings faithfully?

Child: What good thing might God be asking you to do right now?

New Catholic Elementary School Study

Check your mail! An exciting new opportunity is being reviewed for elementary Catholic education in the city of Detroit. Ss. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church with a group of dedicated lay leaders is being assisted by a professional consulting firm. A survey will mail out the week of November 27th to families with children 12 years of age and younger.

The purpose of the survey is to determine potential interest in a new elementary school that could be located in the downtown or midtown area of the city. Your confidential response will help make important decisions in planning for the future of Catholic education. Please respond to the survey even if you would not plan to enroll your children at the new school.

When you receive the survey invitation, please go online or fill in the mail survey and **complete your response by December 18, 2017.** Thank you for your support and participation. Meitler, a Catholic school planning firm from Milwaukee, Wisconsin has been contracted to conduct the survey. <https://www.meitler.com>

Upcoming Events / Meetings

SAVE THE DATE: ST. CHARLES WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND IS MARCH 2-4, 2018. For reservations call Patty Gillis at 313-399-8320, the Retreat Center at 313-286-2801 or www.stpaulretreat.org.

Street Corner Ministry at Nativity of Our Lord... Join the parishioners of our sister parish, Nativity of Our Lord, at the corner of Gratiot and McClellan to offer up prayers for Detroit. The prayers are offered right on the corner from **9pm-10pm every Friday night**. Please support Nativity and our city!

ELDER WISDOM CIRCLE... meets in the St Charles Rectory on **December 12, 2017 and January 9, 2018 from 11am - 12:30pm**. All ages are welcome. There is no charge for joining or attending. The focus of the Elder Wisdom Circle is to embrace the 2nd half of life from a spiritual and informed perspective. Each session is a different topic and sometimes there is homework. Any questions, please contact Bernadette Durkin, 703-777-2144, bernadettedurkin09@gmail.com

FAMILY FAITH FELLOWSHIP, Nativity of Our Lord & St. Charles Borromeo, **Friday, December 15, 2017**, Guest Speaker John Thorne on "The Holy Family." (at St. Charles)

Weekly Collection 11/26/17

Envelopes	\$1,782.40
Loose	\$1,511.77
Christmas	\$ 150.00
<u>St. Vincent dePaul</u>	<u>\$ 105.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3,549.17

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

St. Charles Web Site:
www.stcharlesdetroit.org

Email: stcharlesborromeodetroit@yahoo.com

Pastoral Team

Brother Ray Stadmeyer OFM Cap., Pastor
Bro. Robert Wotypka. OFM Cap
Priscilla Steenburg – Director of Religious Ed
Gayle Koyton, Boulevard Ministry
Rhonda Gilbert - Chairperson
Alonda Walker – Vice Chairperson
Adrienne Strubank - Secretary

Council Members

Mary Ann Andreovich	Steve Llorens
Peter Benedetto	Jessica Taylor
Danielle Daguio	Alonda Walker
Gerry Danielewicz	Mark Wedgeworth
Jackie Harrison	Paco Williams

Dec Mass Intentions

Sunday, Dec 3, 2017
Anthony Gilbert
Jody Holbert

Wednesday, Dec 6, 2017
Margaret Kase

Sunday, Dec 10, 2017
Angeline Marie Kasza
Judy Holbert

Wednesday, Dec 13, 2017
Gloria Sera

Sunday, Dec 17, 2017
Ed and Rose Borycz

Wednesday, Dec 20, 2017
Amanda and Gary Rachal

Sunday, Dec 24, 2017
Leonard & Monica Laske

Wednesday, Dec 27, 2017
Sister Canice Johnson

Sunday, Dec 31, 2017
Albert T. Nolan

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Dec 4: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 8:5-11

Tues., Dec 5: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Luke 10:21-24

Wed., Dec 6: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Matthew 15:29-37

Thurs., Dec 7: Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Matthew 7:21:24-27

Fri., Dec 8: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

Sat., Dec 9: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matthew 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sun., Dec 10: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wondering what it means to be a Catholic Christian or how to go about becoming one? Call the St. Charles Parish Office at 313-331-0253 and leave a message for Priscilla. We'll set a time to meet, share some coffee and chat. Talk to you soon!

Confirmation: This is one of the 3 Sacraments of Initiation into the Faith usually celebrated after 1st Reconciliation (Confession) and 1st Communion. This sacrament is open to all students (and adults) who have been baptized and received 1st Communion. If you fit this criteria or if you are unsure if this is for you, please call the parish office at 313-331-0253. **We will be starting preparation classes after the Christmas/New Year holidays.**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (in St. Charles rectory basement) is open to all children ages 3 - 6+. We offer two sessions on Sundays: 9:30-10:30 a.m. or 11-12p.

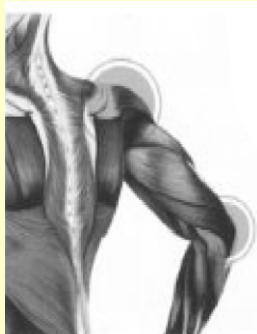
1st Reconciliation/1st Communion classes are held at Nativity of Our Lord. For info please call the office at: (313) 922-0033, or email: NativityOL@sbcglobal.net

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

On The Rise... Time to call-in your Bakery Holiday Order! On the Rise Bakery orders support our bakers who are transforming their lives after incarceration or substance abuse treatment. **Call 313.922.8510, Tuesday through Saturday, with your order.** The bakery's full selection can be viewed at: www.CSKDetroit.org/bakery

World Jazz Orchestra Christmas Concert... Michele Ramo's World Jazz Orchestra will be performing **Sunday, December 10, 3-4:30 PM** at St. Bonaventure's Monastery Chapel, 1780 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit. Multi-Instrumentalist Michele Ramo is a renowned classical composer and winner of 2016 Outstanding World Jazz Orchestra & Outstanding Classical Composer for Detroit Music Awards. Seating is limited. Please RSVP at www.SolanusCenter.org. A free-will offering is encouraged. Proceeds from the event benefit the Solanus Casey Center. Secured parking available.

Earthworks' Holiday Open House... Join us at 1264 Meldrum, Detroit **9a-5p on Wednesday thru Friday, December 13-15**. Available products include local jams made with Earthworks berries, greeting cards, t-shirts, stickers and more.



Dr. Alonda Walker D.C.
www.facebook.com/AlondaWalkerDC
 15700 E. 9 Mile Rd
 Eastpointe, MI 48021

Herfert Chiropractic Clinic
 Chiropractic Physician
alonwal@yahoo.com
 313.283.0488



Align your investments
with your principles

An investment in the Faith Focused Investing helps
to support your favorite charity

Call James Lynch | 313-499-8366
 REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE, MICHIGAN SECURITIES, INC.
james.lynych@michsecadv.com

James Lynch is a registered representative of Michigan Securities, Inc., Member FINRA, SIPC, MSRB, 21415 Oak Center Dr. Suite 200, Southfield MI 48076, 248-358-4393. Flexible Plan Investments, Ltd. is a federally registered investment adviser and is independent of, and has no affiliation with, Michigan Securities, Inc. or any of its affiliates. This is not an offer to sell, a solicitation of an offer to buy, or a recommendation for any security. Flexible Plan cannot guarantee the suitability or potential value of any particular investment. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Inherent in any investment is the potential for loss as well as the potential for gain. A list of all recommendations made within the immediately preceding twelve months is available upon written request.



Jill's Place Salon
 All phases of hair care
 Women Men Children

Donna King
 Operator, Manager

Suite 400, Dickerson Manor 722 Emerson Detroit, MI 48215
313-461-5103 auraluckyd@yahoo.com



On The Rise Bakery & Cafe
 Breakfast, Lunch, Dessert!


8900 Gratiot Ave., Detroit



HARBORTOWN MARKET

Meat - Produce - Deli - Grocery - Frozen - Dairy - Fine Wine - Imported Beer

313 - 259 - 9400 harbortownmarket@yahoo.com
313 - 259 - 9404 HarbortownMarket.com
3472 E. Jefferson Ave
 Detroit, MI 48207 [Like us on Facebook](#)



Top 1% of Realtors®
in the Nation!

Eric Goosen GRI, ABR
 Associate Broker
 Appraiser, Builder


27320 Harper Ave.
 St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

office: (586) 771-1100
 mobile: (586) 899-3659
 fax: (586) 779-3900
 email: goosenrealty@aol.com
 website: www.goosenrealty.listingbook.com

WE BELIEVE WE SERVE ALL FAMILIES BEST
WHEN WE OFFER THEM A CHOICE.
 A CHOICE OF FACILITIES...
 A CHOICE OF SERVICES... A CHOICE OF COSTS...

Chas. Verheyden
 FUNERAL HOMES, INC.
 Family Owned Since 1908 • www.Verheyden.org

GROSSE POINTE 16300 Mack Ave (Mack at Outer Dr.) (313) 881-8500
CLINTON TOWNSHIP 43300 Garfield Ave (S of Hall Rd.) (586) 286-6400
EASTPOINTE SCHULTZ CHAPEL 21705 Gratiot (S of 9 Mile Rd.) (586) 775-2200
WARREN DUROSS CHAPEL 28499 Schoenherr (S of 12 Mile Rd.) (586) 756-5530
DETROIT RISKO CHAPEL 7100 Michigan Ave (at Cecil) (313) 841-8284



Demetrius Traylor
 REALTOR®

734-239-8263 Office
 734-845-8633 Mobile
 734-239-8370 Fax
traylor@gmail.com E-mail
www.demetriustraylor.com Website

Michigan's Largest Real Estate Company

Real Estate One®

555 Briarwood Circle, Suite 200, Ann Arbor, MI 48106

ATC PAINTING LLC
 Custom Painting

Andrew Curcuru
 Owner over 20 years experience

Interior/Exterior
 Free Estimates
 Grosse Pointe Michigan
 313-590-3171
 e-mail atcpainting@comcast.net

Licensed & Insured

Pizza Plex
 Pizza ~ Coffee & Drinks ~ Gathering Space
 Lots of Love

4458 W. Vernor Highway
 Detroit, MI 48209

313-757-4992

info@pizzaplex.com
pizzaplex.com
 menu: pizzaplex.wordpress.com