

# The Vigil

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

**Mass Times:**  
*(revised for Coronavirus accommodations)*

**St. Charles:**  
Sunday 11:30am

**Nativity:**  
Sunday 9:30am



***"The Lord Be With You."***

**January 10, 2021**

The Baptism of the Lord

## Today's Readings

Isaiah 55:1-11  
*(Called through Baptism)*

Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10  
*(Sing for Joy)*

1 John 5:1-9  
*(Born of God)*

Mark 1:7-11  
*(Beloved Son)*

## Pastor's Pen



This has been quite a week as we have all watched the events in Washington DC. We have certainly been pulled apart as a nation, but I would hope we've all realized we have also come together this week. People of good will have come together to decry the violence and all of the chaos and all of the falsehoods that have been swirling around in these last months. At last, it seemed that most people could, at least, come together to say, "this is not who we are called to be as a people. We are better than this!" And we are better than this! It seems ironic that we would have the baptism of the Lord on the Sunday after all this took place. Isaiah invites us to come to the water and quench our thirst. We have been parched by all the events of this last year: the pandemic and all the sickness and death, the racial injustice and all the struggles of so many to find equality before the law, and now, the storming of the Capitol and all of the horror that those mobs brought to all of us. Yes, we are weary and parched and we long for a time of healing and refreshment. We long for Isaiah's feast where we can all be together, without masks or social distance, with family we haven't seen for a year and a time of peace where "the scoundrel will forsake his ways and the wicked person their thoughts." Yes, we long for that feast and a time of calm and goodness.

Our Franciscan theology does give us some hope these days. Some theologians would say we are created in sin but some of us Franciscans would say that we were created in the image of God, and therefore, created in goodness and love. Yes, the world is imperfect and sinful and evil in many ways but there is an inherent goodness in all of us. It is that goodness, that spark of the Divine, that we need at this moment in our history. We need that inherent goodness that calls us to take the higher road when others are settling for the least common denominator, to find ways of peace and reconciliation between each other rather than animosity, to see each other beyond politics, religion, culture, ethnicity, and all of those superficial factors that keep us from seeing the beauty of the other. It is that Divine spark that calls us to deep courage when others settle for weakness and cowardice. Our own baptism reinforces the truth that we are the beloved of God. God loves us in our craziness, brokenness, sinfulness, fears, and all of the character defects we see so clearly in our lives. Yes, today we celebrate the baptism of the Lord, but we also celebrate the fact that at our baptism we were given the pledge from God that we have enough goodness in our hearts and souls to change the world. We were created in the image of God and have an abundance of grace to be a shining light on the hill, to be that beacon of hope and civility in this time of chaos, to be that spirit of calm when so many are running in all directions. Let's be those people who take the higher road of peace and reconciliation. It is the "better part" of who we are!

### 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

Pray for the  
Healing Presence

Mary Canaday  
Frank Catania  
Joe Lucent  
Waletha McCrary  
Wesley Nethercott  
Elizabeth Pillete  
Roger Sinclair  
Anna Tyler

## Archbishop Vigneron's statement on Pope Francis' Global Rules for Reporting Abuse:

A new papal law requiring priests and religious to report sexual abuse and misconduct provides "clear directives for universal accountability in response to the horrors of clergy sexual abuse," Archbishop Vigneron has told Detroit Catholic. The law provides whistleblower protections for anyone making a report and requires all dioceses to have a system in place to receive the claims confidentially. And it outlines internal procedures for conducting preliminary investigations when the accused is a bishop, cardinal or religious superior. "I am deeply sorry to all those who have been injured and are enduring a lifetime of physical, emotional and spiritual suffering because of perverse actions by those in authority," the archbishop said. "No one is above civil law, and importantly, no one is above God's law." Pope Francis announced the new norms on May 9. **They go into effect June 1st.** See [detroitcatholic.com](http://detroitcatholic.com) to learn more. Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and the Michigan Attorney General's office. Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting [protect.aod.org](http://protect.aod.org).

## An update on the Mass dispensation from Archbishop Vigneron

**Summary:** Due to Covid 19, he has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation for people living in or visiting the Archdiocese of Detroit until **Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021**. Read on for details.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During these difficult months during the pandemic, I have granted a general dispensation from the grave obligation that we as Catholic Christians have to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation in the Archdiocese of Detroit, in part to help ease the conscience of those who are unable to be present for public worship due to risk of illness to themselves or their families. The most recent dispensation expires on November 22, at which point we had hoped the pandemic would have eased enough to allow all of us to return in an unrestricted way to our celebrations of the Holy Eucharist.

Unfortunately, local and state health officials report that we not only continue to experience an increase in cases in our region and elsewhere, but that the rate of increase is rising dramatically and dangerously. I have been in communication with leaders in our Catholic hospitals and they are very concerned about the immediate future and the challenges they face caring for all those in need, not just those experiencing serious complications from COVID-19.

**Dispensation:** After carefully considering these and other factors, I am extending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation for people living in or visiting the Archdiocese of Detroit **until Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021**. As we have from the beginning, we will continue to closely monitor the situation in our region, with an eye on the day – hopefully in the not-too-distant future – when all of us are able to safely reunite in our normal patterns of worship.

**Attending Mass:** This extension is given so as not to unduly bind the consciences of those who are greatly troubled by the destructive potency of the coronavirus, and to care for the most vulnerable among us, such as the elderly. At the same time, one should not take advantage of the dispensation without a true need. Catholics who have already begun to engage in non-essential activities, such as widening one's social circle or going out to eat, should return to Sunday Mass – an essential activity – as church capacity allows. Our souls greatly need the grace that comes from the re-presentation of Christ's saving death and resurrection and this is what Jesus has entrusted to us in the celebration of the Mass. Just as businesses, schools, and other locations have opened safely, so have our parishes. Our pastors, parishes, and the faithful have worked diligently and adapted well in order to ensure the health and well-being of everyone who has been able to come to church for Mass, Confession, or to pray. I want to offer my sincere gratitude for the efforts that have been undertaken to implement and maintain the first-rate precautionary measures that have kept our parishes and schools safe.

**Keeping Holy the Lord's Day:** Whether or not they are able to attend Mass, all baptized Catholics are reminded of the grave necessity they have to keep holy the Lord's Day. This a divine law that neither I nor anyone else can ever dispense. Sunday is the day of the Resurrection of our Lord, and as such Christians from the earliest days have set it apart as a day unlike others. When it is not possible to participate in person in the Sacrifice of the Mass, it is vitally important for every member of the Catholic Church to observe the Sabbath by prioritizing prayer, time for God and for family, and works of charity. To that end, many of our parishes have been broadcasting their services over the internet during these last several months. While this virtual means of watching Mass can never replace the unmediated contact with the Real Presence of Our Lord we receive by being present and participating in Mass, these livestreamed Masses have been a way to help Catholics nourish their souls when they cannot be present for Mass.

Let us trust that the Lord accompanies us through all difficulties, including this pandemic. As we approach Advent and prepare for flu season, we should remember to pray daily for health care workers, first responders, including our priests, and all who are and will offer compassionate service and healing in the months to come. Let us also continue to invoke Our Lady of Lourdes, patroness for those who suffer illness, asking her to pray with us for healing and protection for the people of southeast Michigan and beyond.

With assurances of my prayers for you, I remain, Sincerely yours in Christ,  
The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit, November 13, 2020

*"If I learned just one thing  
Then the year has not been  
wasted.*

*"If I traded one illusion  
For a revelation,*

*"If I kept just one friend  
Then the year has not been  
wasted.*

*"May we meet here in the new  
year,*

*"May we meet here in Pearl."  
- Henry Lien*

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## HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

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Diane Simpkins	Paco Williams

**Mass Intentions**

Sunday, January 10, 2021  
**Alfredo Gundrum, OFM, Cap.**

**Jon Bozich**  
**Members of the**  
**Zaborney Family**  
**Carolyn Alexander**

Sunday, January 17, 2021  
**Doris Sterrett**  
**Monica Laske**  
**Joe Vujic**  
**Douglas Sockbeson**  
**Michael Ayoub**

Sunday, January 24, 2021  
**Joyce Carson**  
**Michael Walton, Sr.**  
**Joseph LaBarbara**  
**Donna Lynch**  
**Janet Lewistech**  
**Mary Grace Guastella**  
**Jennifer Krasinski**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon., Jan. 11: Hebrews 1:1-6;  
Psalm 97:1 AND 2b, 6 AND  
7c, 9; Mark 1:14-20

Tues., Jan. 12: Hebrews 2:5-  
12; Psalm 8:2ab AND 5, 6-7,  
8-9; Mark 1:21-28

Wed., Jan. 13: Hebrews 2:14-  
18; Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-  
9; Mark 1:29-39

Thurs., Jan. 14: Hebrews 3:7-  
14; Psalm 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11;  
Mark 1:40-45

Fri., Jan. 15: Hebrews 4:1-5,  
11; Psalm 78:3 AND 4bc, 6c-7,  
8; Mark 2:1-12

Sat., Jan. 16: Hebrews 4:12-  
16; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15;  
Mark 2:13-17

Sun., Jan. 17: 1 Samuel 3:3b-  
10, 19; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9,  
10; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,  
17-20; John 1:35-42

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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- Click Enroll
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1. Go to <http://www.stcharlesdetroit.org>
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3. Click on "Donate"
4. Choose to Login or Create Account
5. Follow the directions on the screen to make your donation!

**Mass Dispensation Update from Archbishop Vigneron:**

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## Led By the Spirit On Mission

Over the next year-and-a-half, all parishes in the archdiocese will join together into groups of three to six, called “Families of Parishes.” Going forward, these Families of Parishes will work together, sharing resources and talents to further advance the shared mission of our local Church.

The Family groupings have been compiled in the last few months through consultation with the auxiliary bishops and priests, a process steeped in prayer and with attention given to the best interest of each community. **The final list is expected to be released on Wednesday, December 9.**

In the meantime, to help us all better understand why we are moving in this direction, Archbishop Vigneron has written a **new Pastoral Note on Families of Parishes**, providing some theological context for the transition and introducing a renewed structure for parish ministry to more effectively equip them for their missionary work. Like all **Pastoral Notes** released in recent years, this new text is informed by and expands upon the steady foundation of **Archbishop Vigneron’s 2017 Pastoral Letter, Unleash the Gospel**.

Looking into the not-too-distant future, Archbishop Vigneron also uses this new Pastoral Note to anticipate the development of Family Missionary Strategic Plans, which will guide each Family of Parishes as it carries out its work in the years to come.

To read the Pastoral Note, please go to: **Unleash the Gospel**.

## Family of Parishes Frequently Asked Questions

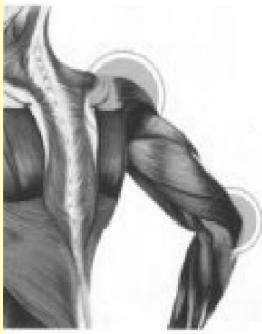
**Check here each week to learn about the new Archdiocese of Detroit initiative, Family of Parishes.**

**This week we answer the questions “Who will lead each Family of Parishes?” and How are parishes preparing for the transition to a Family of Parishes?**

**Who will lead each Family of Parishes?** Beginning at Pentecost, a group of priests and Curia leaders on the Governance Leadership Team has been advising Archbishop Vigneron on the new governance and leadership structure for all the Families of Parishes in the Archdiocese. This time of discernment has included studying models other dioceses have used, and there have been consultations with these dioceses about what has worked and what hasn’t worked. The goal was to establish a new structure that allows for multiple priests to serve the Family of Parishes with their unique talents and experiences, creating a leadership and governance structure that maximizes all our resources for mission. After carefully considering the work and recommendation of the Governance Leadership Team, Archbishop Vigneron has endorsed two models of governance for our Families of Parishes: the One-Pastor Model and the In Solidum model.

The **One-Pastor Model**, wherein one priest serves as pastor of the Family and others serve as associates, stands out as the best model for us to be on mission. It is efficient and allows us the greatest flexibility in deploying our people – clergy and laity – to meet the evolving needs of the Family. While we anticipate all Families will adopt this framework over time, they are not required to do so right away. It will be an option for those Families who wish to pursue it, but it is important to offer an alternative for Families who discern another path is the immediate best “fit” for them. That need for an alternative brought forth much discussion about the **In Solidum model**, which is not new to the universal Church but is new to most everyone in our country. With this model, parish pastors will serve as Family-Pastors to all parishes within their Family, often with the assistance of Family-Parochial Vicars and Family-Deacons. One Family-Pastor among them is appointed Moderator, a role that is defined by Church law as a servant-leader to his parishes and brother priests. In other words, the chosen Moderator will not be permitted to indiscriminately impose his will on the team; rather, he will be there “to serve and not to be served” (Mk 10:45) and to help his team form a common mind for mission. Both models work well for the missionary transformation of our parishes. They will renew us in our identity as leaders in the mission and will facilitate the fraternal cooperation among clergy that our mission requires. Importantly, both models also provide for a smooth organizational transformation, so that we can move expeditiously back to our missionary work with strategic planning. We know that roles will change for many priests. Based on conversations with other dioceses that have adopted similar models, we are confident that the structures adopted for Families of Parishes will make the best use of our priests’ talents and charisms, allowing them to spend more time focusing on the very important work for which they were ordained.

**How are parishes preparing for the transition to a Family of Parishes?** Each wave will have a six-month preparation phase and an extended implementation phase that will last several months. Because we are a very large Archdiocese, we are planning two “waves” of transitions to Families of Parishes, one in 2021 and the other in 2022. The Preparation and Implementation phases will involve training and dialogue for priests and laity focused on what is changing and how to restructure operations to support the necessary changes. During the preparation and implementation phases, each Family of Parishes will discuss the practical ways in which the clergy, staff and parishes will interact within the Family, as well as finalize the new leadership structure, including items such as leadership teams, key staff mission, and operations staff positions. Lastly, during these phases, each Family of Parishes will explore and establish any necessary changes to Mass schedules, confession schedules, etc. It will be up to each Parish Family to work together, with assistance from the Archdiocese, to make decisions in the best interest of the parishes in the Family. This process will be rooted in prayer, will be respectful of building and maintaining relationships, and will be marked by quick and honest responses to questions and concerns that are raised.



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