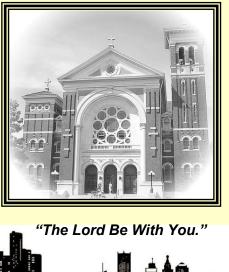


Mass Times: St. Charles: Wednesday 10:30am; Sunday 8:15am AND 11:30am

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

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# January 13, 2019 "The Baptism of the Lord"

### **Today's Readings**

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (Promise of Salvation)

Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (Creator and Redeemer)

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 (Called Through Baptism)

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 (Beloved Son)

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season. Today we take down the tree and the decorations and watch the Christmas season fade away for another year. All the hurrying and busyness of the Christmas season is over and now we settle in to the cold days of winter. It may seem depressing when all we see in our future is snow and frigid temperatures and the flu and all the wonderful things that make up these months! But we are reminded by Isaiah and Paul today that our God has not abandoned us, and the message of Christmas continues throughout the year.

We may put away the lights on the tree, but the light of Christ's love continues to burn in our hearts as we care for each other through the ups and downs of 2019. The beauty of the ornaments and the festive mood of the season may not be with us, but we are called to celebrate our lives with birthdays and family dinners and weddings and first communions and feasts of all kinds. Yes, the manger scene may be put in storage, but we will see the face of the Christ child in our children, grandchildren and maybe, if we're lucky, our great grandchildren. We will see the Christ child in their awe and wonder and joy for life. Christ will be born again and again in their innocence and giggles. We may not hear the story of the flight in to Egypt, but we will hear the story of immigrants running for their lives who will need our comfort and compassion. We may not hear the story of the Magi for another year, but we will bring our gifts of gratitude and praise to Christ each week as we approach the altar.

Yes, we put away the trappings of Christmas, so they will not distract us from the deeper reality of Emmanuel (God with us). Christ will be burning brightly in our lives all year like the star of Bethlehem. He will be there to warm our hearts and comfort us when the world seems so cold. He will send us angels throughout the year to bring good news to us and remind us how much we're loved. He will send us our closest friends and family to whisper the words of the Father today, "Did you know that you are my Beloved in whom I am so well pleased?"

There is no reason for depression or nostalgia for Christmas because it continues all year. So, put away the ornaments, sweep up the pine needles and put the lights away for they are just reminders of a deeper reality we heard at our Christmas Night Mass.

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom, a light has shone....For a child is born to us, a son is given to us." May Emmanuel continue to be with us throughout this new year!

### **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

Bobby Allen Paul Andrecovich Marilyn Boomer John Bozich Shawn Burks Liana Caruana Ida Cherry Gary Davila Howard Dilworth Kyle Duker Heinrich Ericksen Jill Forton **Doris Harris** John Huddleston Addie Ingram Earline Johnson Ron Kirby Tony Lababera Vanessa Laco-Chambers Dave Laverty **Catherine Lewis** Edward Malik **Tiana Marquez** Michael Martin Marv Massaini **Dina Maynard** Leon McCoo LaRonda Morant Michael Nadeau Gary Perzyk Judy Pierce Robert Preuss Celeste Rabaut Patricia C. Randall Elaine Rosen Carol Santa Maria Ben Saxon Tom Scallen Marvin Sims John Smith Len Stoehr **Thomas Sweeting** Mark Tamer **Rachel Thompson** Enza Trah Anna Tyler Sr Jolene Van Handel Belinda Wilson Shawn Wilson Jenny White

#### 2018 Concert DVDs for Sale

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### Fortress Around Your Heart (lyrics by Sting)

Under the ruins of a walled city Crumbling towers in beams of yellow light. No flags of truce, no cries of pity; The siege guns had been pounding through the night. It took a day to build the city. We walked through its streets in the afternoon. As I returned across the fields I'd known. I recognized the walls that I once made. Had to stop in my tracks for fear of walking on the mines I'd laid. And if I've built this fortress around your heart, Encircled you in trenches and barbed wire, Then let me build a bridge, for I cannot fill the chasm, And let me set the battlements on fire. Then I went off to fight some battle that I'd invented inside my head. Away so long for years and years, You probably thought or even wished that I was dead. While the armies are all sleeping beneath the tattered flag we'd made. I had to stop in my tracks for fear of walking on the mines I'd laid. And if I've built this fortress around your heart, Encircled you in trenches and barbed wire, Then let me build a bridge, for I cannot fill the chasm, And let me set the battlements on fire. This prison has now become your home, A sentence you seem prepared to pay. It took a day to build the city. We walked through its streets in the afternoon. As I returned across the fields I'd known. I recognized the walls that I once made. Had to stop in my tracks for fear of walking on the mines I'd laid. And if I've built this fortress around your heart, Encircled you in trenches and barbed wire, Then let me build a bridge, for I cannot fill the chasm, And let me set the battlements on fire.

#### Capuchin Retreat Center Events (62460 Mt. Vernon, Washington, Michigan 48094)

**Dinner Date with Your Spouse:** *Will You Be My Valentine?* **Sunday, February 10, from 4-8:30pm** -- Reserve this date and come to the beautiful Capuchin Retreat with your spouse. This program is specifically designed to help you become more emotionally connected to your partner in a very loving and caring manner. Valentine's Day is a time when we do a lot of thinking about love. Come to this loving evening and be renewed in your relationship with each other. \$60 per couple which includes refreshments and dinner. Call now to make your reservation 248.651.4826 or register online at: *www.capretreat.org.* Fred Cavaiani LLP, LMFT Psychologist, Marriage Counselor, Spiritual Director and staff member at Capuchin Retreat will facilitate this program.

A Deeper Experience of God: A Personal Journey into Meditation and Contemplation, Wednesday, February 13, from 9am to 3pm -- Come to Capuchin Retreat and discover a deeper immersion in God and learn how to meditate and contemplate in a deeper manner. So often we stay so busy that when we are quiet with God we don't know how to use this time correctly. Fred Cavaiani, psychologist and Spiritual Director and staff member at Capuchin Retreat, has been conducting programs on meditation and contemplation for many years. Take time for this most inspiring and enlightening day on how to deepen your immersion in God. Breakfast and Lunch are included. \$45/person. Call now to make your reservation 248.651.4826 or register online at: www.capretreat.org

### <u>**Upcoming Events / Meetings</u>**</u>

We are again hosting a VALENTINE'S DANCE for residents of adult foster care homes. The organizer, Carol Caron is looking for lots of volunteer helpers. The party is on Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 12 noon to 2:30 in our social hall downstairs. They need helpers Saturday morning by 10am to set up and decorate tables, get food started (hot dogs etc.), clear any snow, and other tasks. Volunteers to set up gift table should arrive by 11am on Saturday. More volunteers are needed from 12p-2:30p to welcome, seat and serve quests, dance, talk with quests and clean up hall! No need to call anyone, just please show up to help!

Women of St. Charles! Your annual retreat at Saint Paul's Retreat Center in Detroit is on the weekend of February 8-10, 2019. This year's theme is: "Rejoice in the Lord Always!" This retreat experience is designed to help us rediscover the intimate call of God to each one of us to grow in holiness and live in JOY! Call Patty Gillis at 313.399.8320 to make a reservation, or call the Retreat Center at 313-286-2801. You may also register online at *www.stpaulretreat.org.* 

Weekly Collection 01/06/19			
Envelopes	\$2	\$2,190.00	
Loose	\$	689.10	
Maintenance	\$	349.00	
Christmas	\$	775.00	
Initial Offering	\$	90.00	
TOTAL	\$4	\$4,093.00	

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### January Mass Intentions

Sunday, Jan 13, 2019 Monica Laske Marlene Ondercin

Wed, Jan 16, 2019 Bohdan Vujic

Sunday, Jan 20, 2019 Joyce Carson

Wed, Jan 23, 2019 Kathy Haynes

Sunday, Jan 27, 2019 Michael Walton, Sr. Joseph LaBarbra Donna Lynch Janet Lawitcke Edith Peach Mary Grace Guastella

Wed, Jan 30, 2019 Michael Earl Pitts

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Tues., Jan. 15: Hebrews 2:5-12; Psalm 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mark 1:21-28

Wed., Jan. 16: Hebrews 2:14-18; Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mark 1:29-39

Thurs., Jan. 17: Hebrews 3:7-14; Psalm 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mark 1:40-45

Fri., Jan. 18: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Psalm 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mark 2:1-12

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

**Sun., Jan. 20** Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

### **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### CSA Minute: Unleash the Gospel

Unleash the Gospel is now on social media, making it easier for you to join the movement to renew our world, our region, and our Church. Remember, you have a vital role to play in the missionary transformation Church! of our @UTGDetroit on Instagram, Follow Facebook, and Twitter for stories, inspiration, and encouragement as we work to Unleash the Gospel in bold and creative ways. A new logo for Unleash the Gospel features an open door — a symbol of our call to imitate Blessed Solanus Casey and live out radical hospitality in our parishes and families.

Your CSA gifts support the innovative initiatives for Archbishop Allen Vigneron's pastoral letter, *Unleash the Gospel*. For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to *aod.org*.

### **Kerygma Nights**

"Kerygma" is the apostolic proclamation of salvation through Jesus Christ. Join us for a night of answers to some of the big questions we all have, as we share the core of what the Gospel reveals through short talks, discussion and Q&A with others who are asking the same questions as you are.

Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, Sacred Heart, Dearborn, 7:00 - 8:30 (Mon.)
Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, Shrine of the Little Flower, 7:00 - 8:30, (Tues.) Spanish
Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, Jolly Pumpkin - Royal Oak, 7:00 - 8:30 (Wed.)

#### **Mercy Nights**

Come and receive life and heal wounds through the power of scripture and the presence of Jesus as we encounter him through adoration, reconciliation and music. All are welcome to join the Franciscan Friars of the Holy Spirit for an evening of life changing mercy and encounter with Jesus.

- Jan 25, St. Mary's Monroe, 7:00p- 9:00, Monroe

- Feb 8, St. Hugo of the Hills, 7:00p- 9:00, Bloomfield Hills

- Feb 15, St. Thecla, 7:00p- 9:00, Clinton Township

- Feb 22, MBS Cathedral, 7:00-9:00, Detroit *(Spanish)* 



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