
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

The VIGIL

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)





Reflection on today's readings:

The first reading 1 Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19; provides a beautifully written reminder on the importance of finding a time during the day or night to be intentionally with God. Samuel says it so well “Speak, for your servant is listening”. Eli assisted Samuel in recognizing God’s call, then “Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him”. The Gospel reading John 1:35-42 reminds me of the many mentors in life who often show us the way. Especially how to spend more time with God and to follow God.

Spending time in prayer with God has made a significant difference in my life. The times I have carved away for prayer, to be quiet and listen have provided an opportunity to deepen my relationship with God. My choices, my friends, where I have worked, who I married, where I sent my children to school, what I do for entertainment, how I worship; basically all that I do has been impacted because of my prayer time with God. The more time in prayer the more time I yearn. I have found these practices so valuable in my ability to hear/recognize God’s voice and feel God’s presence.

While I was raising my children I found many different ways to spend time with God. Often ‘multi-tasking’ i.e. getting ready for work in the morning and taking a few moments to pray; getting up an hour earlier in the morning and quietly praying until it was time to get the kids to school; on my way to work the radio was intentionally off and prayer conversations with God would occur. I chose to attend perpetual adoration at 12 midnight on Saturday nights. I was often exhausted but found the quiet time in the chapel a welcome end to the chaotic week. It was challenging and I did miss a few times but the 1 hour a week of quiet time was wonderful. A women’s prayer group once a month was lovely. Overall, I found the more time I spent quietly praying the more I wanted to...I devoted a special place in my home for prayer. My prayer space continues to be a place of refuge.

In this short narrative I have tried to describe over 40 years of time in which prayer time, place and space were different based on what I was facing in life. Most of these practices were role modeled by women and men who I call mentors in my prayer journey. I have found all of these practices so valuable in my ability to hear God’s voice and feel God’s presence. As I begin 2024 I am finding new ways for my daily prayer practices and am confident these practices will continue to deepen my relationship with God.

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If you are looking to attend Mass when there isn't one planned for the Family of Parishes or there is a limited schedule, the chapel at St. Bonaventure Capuchin Monastery on Mt. Elliott happily welcomes everyone for their 7:30am daily mass.

New clarification from Pope Francis in Rome. This past week, Pope Francis approved a notice from one of the Vatican Offices saying that blessings by priests and deacons can be given to couples who are not married and to gay couples. What does this mean? It means that just as the Church's Book of Blessings has blessings for people in many situations in life, there are now these new blessings. The notice also clarifies that these new blessings are not a kind of marriage, or a kind of sacrament of Matrimony; they are blessings. Commentators from one side of the fence are confident that this approval is the beginning of other welcome changes. Commentators from the other side of the church fence are worried that this change will lead to changes in interpreting what the New Testament teaches. People can interpret what they want, but what the Holy Father has said and written is that he wants everyone to know that God loves them and calls each and every one to sacrificial holiness.

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Capuchin Retreat Center

LEARNING TO SAY "YES" TO GOD

JAN 16, 2024, 9 AM - NOON

A Morning of Reflection Presented by

Br. Peter Chinnappan OFM Cap.

For Registration, Call 248-651-4826





PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE

- Patricia Alexander
- Marianne Burns
- Mary Canaday
- Chinyere Crutcher
- Joy Harris
- Joan Jackson
- Michael Martin
- Bruce McDonald Sr.
- John Nahas
- Richard Nahas
- Gloria Parham
- Ronald Parham
- Elizabeth Pilette
- Cynthia Richardson
- Gregory Richardson
- Alicia Smith
- Anna Tyler
- Theresa Williamson
- Pam Young

Please call the rectory at 313-331-0253 to let us know when a name should be removed from the list. Praise God for His Healing mercies!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
(Answering God's Call)

Psalms 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10
(Doing God's Will)

First Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
(The Spirit of Us)

John 1:41, 17b
(The Messiah)

John 1:35-42
(Encountering Christ)

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of January 2024

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

"Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Jan. 15: First Samuel 15: 6-23; Psalms 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Hebrews 4:12; Mark 2:18-22

Tues., Jan. 16: First Samuel 16: 1-13; Psalm 89: 20, 21-22, 27-28; Ephesians 1: 17-18; Mark 2: 23-28

Wed., Jan. 17: First Samuel 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51; Psalm 144: 1b, 2, 9-10; Matthew 4: 23; Mark 3: 1-6-28

Thurs., Jan. 18: First Samuel 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7; Psalm 56: 2-3, 9-10a, 10b-12, 13-14; Second Timothy 1: 10; Mark 3: 7-12

Fri., Jan. 19: First Samuel 24: 3-21; Psalm 57: 2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Second Corinthians 5: 19; Mark 3: 13-19

Sat., Jan. 20: Second Samuel 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Psalm 80: 2-3, 5-7; Acts 16: 14b; Mark 3: 20-21

Sun., Jan. 21: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10; Psalm 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; First Corinthians 7: 29-31; Mark 1: 15; Mark 1: 14-20

MASS INTENTIONS

January 14, 2024
Del Loring

January 21, 2023
Joyce Carson
Carolyn Carson
Michael Ayoub

January 28, 2024
Joe Vujic
Jon Bozich

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE: Stewards Search

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'"
- JOHN 1:38

When we recognize ourselves as Christian **Stewards**, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

COLLECTION INFO

January 7, 2023

Collections	\$ 1,670.08
Christmas	\$ 955.00
Online Contributions	\$ <u>1,567.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 4,192.08

ST. CHARLES WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND IS FEB 16-18, 2024 (see flyer on next page)!

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 to sponsor an upcoming Sunday meal: **Today, January 14, 2024: Sharon, Julia, and Skylar Maier; January 21, 2024: JoAnn Eder and Family; January 28, 2024: Sponsor Needed; February 4, 2024: Patty Gillis; February 11, 2024: Joan Jacobs and Friends; February 18, 2024: Sponsor Needed; February 25, 2024: Miriam DeLamielleure and Jackie Parisi; March 3, 2024: Sponsor Needed; March 10, 2024: Sponsor Needed; March 17, 2024: Torya and Eduardo.**

Nativity Pantry News: Food Pantry Items Needed This Week: Tuna, Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles. Many thanks for your generosity!

DETROIT BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

H O L Y M A S S

FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

IN GRATITUDE FOR THE LIFE, WORK, AND EXAMPLE OF REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

As a champion of civil rights, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dreams were much aligned with many of our Catholic teachings: the life and dignity of all people; care for the poor and vulnerable; solidarity of our one human family, regardless of race, ethnicity, religious, or economic differences; fair wages and treatment in civic matters; peace, equality, and justice among all; and discipleship of Christ. Please join us in praying for continued progress on the work begun by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to bring peace to our country and the world.

Presider and Homilist:
Bishop Gerard Battersby

Deacons:
Deacon Michael Heard (*Our Lady of Sorrows*) and **Deacon John Wright** (*St Elizabeth*), with music by **William Harrison**

Date / Time / Location
Monday, January 15, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.
Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament (Detroit, MI)

ST. CHARLES WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND IS FEB 16-18, 2024.

Our annual women's retreat is at Saint Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center on the weekend of February 16-18, 2024. The retreat begins with dinner on Friday evening and ends on Sunday morning after breakfast and Mass. The retreat center is on the westside of Detroit, and transportation is available to get you there and back home---call Patty or Jessica for details--- phone numbers below.

The retreat is a special time to rest in God, laugh (and maybe cry), eat delicious food, share great conversations, and come home more hopeful and peaceful. Each woman has her own room and bathroom—all linens provided.

Our theme this year is "Dancing with God". God invites us to the dance floor of prayer, trust, and life. As we hear anew God's invitation, we may notice some hesitancy, fear or concern of doing it wrong or not feeling comfortable... and then we remember it is in God that we live and breathe and have our being... and the dance begins.

"I will dance Lord, if you lead me..." -Mechtild of Magdeburg, 13th Century mystic

The suggested donation is \$225.00, and retreatants are asked to give whatever they can afford to cover the costs---please do not let finances keep you away. To save your place, please call Patty Gillis at 313.399.8320 or Jessica Edwards at 313.917.0129, or call Christine at the Retreat Center at 313-535-9563. You may also register online at www.stpaulretreat.org.



St Charles Borromeo

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Rectory Hours:

Monday & Tuesday, 10a to 3p
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 10a to 4p

Pastoral Team

Fr. Dan Trapp, Pastor
Fr. David Preuss, OFM, CAP, Priest in Solidum
Joni Scott, Director of Religious Education
Gayle Koyton, Boulevard Ministry

Council Members

Steven Dearing, Niam Edwards, Marian Harvey,
Sr. Mary Ellen Howard, Dan Hurley, Donna King,
Leslie Kirby, Richard Preuss, Nicholas Rennpage



**ST.
CHARLES**

**OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES
MASS TIMES**

**St Charles Borromeo Detroit
Mass Times**

Friday: Mass 11am
Sunday 11:30am

**Nativity of Our Lord
Mass Times**

Thursday: Holy Hour 8am; Mass 9am
Sunday 9:30am

**St Augustine / St Monica
Mass Times**

Wednesday, 9am
Sunday 10am

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.

Family of Parishes Prayer Groups

Tuesday Men's Prayer Group
6pm, St. Augustine / St. Monica

Tuesday Zoom Prime Time Bible Study
St. Elizabeth / Sacred Heart, 7pm.

For Zoom link go to www.sacredheartdetroit.com/primetime

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. The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others directly to law enforcement – no matter when the abuse occurred. The Michigan Attorney General's Office has established a toll-free reporting hotline at (844- 324-3374, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5pm. aginvestigations@michigan.gov). Individuals also may contact their local police department. For complaints involving priests, deacons, religious, or laity, individuals are welcomed to contact the Archdiocese of Detroit's Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or vac@aod.org.

St. Charles Borromeo Calendar

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Mary Holy Mother of God</i> <i>Happy New Year's Day</i>	2 <i>Parish office reopens</i>	3	4	5 11am Mass in Rectory	6
7 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> 11:30am Mass Community Meal Christmas Decorations Removed from Church	8	9	10	11	12 11am Mass in Rectory	13
14 11:30am Mass Community Meal	15 <i>MLK Holiday Mass 11am at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral</i> <i>Parish Office Closed</i>	16	17	18	19 11am Mass in Rectory	20
21 11:30am Mass Community Meal	22	23	24 <i>Finance Council Meeting 6pm in rectory</i>	25	26 11am Mass in Rectory	27
28 11:30am Mass Community Meal	29	30	31			