

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 17, 2021
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings

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

Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
(Doing God's Will)

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

John 1:35-42
(Encountering Christ)

Pastor's Pen



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we come to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, his words ring out with even more meaning today as we find ourselves in the midst of white supremacy, racial inequality and violence of all kinds. Here are a few of Dr. King's quotes to contemplate this year:

Injustice anywhere is a threat to Justice everywhere.

We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence.

In spite of temporary victories, violence never brings permanent peace.

We adopt the means of nonviolence because our end is a community at peace with itself. We will try to persuade with our words, but if our words fail, we will try to persuade with our acts.

With patient and firm determination, we will press on until every valley of despair is exalted to new peaks of hope, until every mountain of pride and irrationality is made low by the levelling process of humility and compassion; until the rough places of injustice are transformed into a smooth plane of equality of opportunity, and until the crooked places of prejudice are transformed by the straightening process of bright-eyed wisdom.

We must concentrate not merely on the negative expulsion of war, but on the positive affirmation of peace.

The time has come for an all out war against poverty. The rich nations must use their vast resources of wealth to develop the underdeveloped, school the unschooled, and feed the unfed. Ultimately, a great nation is a compassionate nation.

I believe unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality.

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
John Pillele
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 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.

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

Stewardship Minute:

Finding Stewardship

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

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, to live your **Stewardship**, by asking the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

Weekly Collection

1/10/2021

Envelopes	\$ 2,117.00
Loose	\$ 193.00
Maintenance	\$ 51.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,361.00

Truth over

blindness...permits one to truly see.

DID YOU KNOW that it is illegal to carry a firearm onto any property or facility owned or operated by a church, synagogue, mosque, temple, or other place of worship, unless the presiding official or officials allow concealed weapons?

Rectory Hours: Mon-Thurs, 10a to 3p

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Mass Intentions

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

Sunday, February 7, 2021

**Deceased members of the
Zaborney Family**

Mary (Stella) Cortese

Sunday, February 14, 2021

Marcus (So Big) Sinclair

Dominic Maniscalco

Sunday, February 21, 2021

Joe Vujic

Victoria Wilson

Sunday, February 28, 2021

Flora Sinclair

Pete Telang

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Jan. 18: Hebrews 5:1-10; Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mark 2:18-22

Tues., Jan. 19: Hebrews 6:10-20; Psalm 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 AND 10c; Mark 2:23-28

Wed., Jan. 20: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mark 3:1-6

Thurs., Jan. 21: Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Mark 3:7-12

Fri., Jan. 22: Hebrews 8:6-13; Psalm 85:8 AND 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mark 3:13-19

Sat., Jan. 23: Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Mark 3:20-21

Sun., Jan. 24: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did You Know...One of the longest running fund raisers for St. Charles Borromeo Church is participating in the Kroger Community Rewards program? Did you know that you can support this fund raiser simply by registering your Kroger Loyalty card and shopping as usual? The best part???? It doesn't cost you anything extra! Ready to go? Then follow these directions! Go to: www.krogercommunityrewards.com

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- Enter your contact information and click "Save"
- On the next page enter **QB361** or St. Charles Church and hit Enter
- Choose the correct organization
- Click Enroll
- You are now enrolled!
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You can now use your mobile device to make online contributions!

1. Go to <http://www.stcharlesdetroit.org>
2. Click on the blue link with three white lines in the right top corner
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 “Does the change to Family of Parishes mean our mission to Unleash the Gospel has changed?”, “What other dioceses have made similar changes to Families of Parishes?” and “How will this affect the lives of parishioners?”

Does the change to Family of Parishes mean our mission to Unleash the Gospel has changed?

Not at all. Through Synod 16, we discerned that God was calling us to transform our archdiocese into a band of joyful missionary disciples, sent on mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in southeast Michigan. God continues to send us on this mission to bring Christ to this place and at this time. Those around us are still thirsting for the Gospel, the words of eternal life. The new model of Family of Parishes will allow us to better serve this mission.

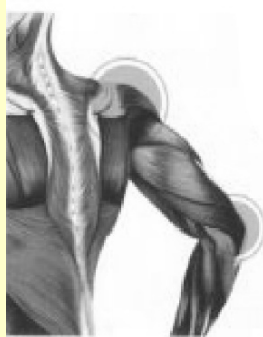
In fact, it is during times of crisis — when people are in need and face uncertainty — that they are more open to hearing the Good News. We must seize the opportunity to bring the message of the Gospel to all during these times.

What other dioceses have made similar changes to Families of Parishes?

The Archdiocese of Detroit has consulted with and learned from a handful of dioceses that have previously addressed the way their parishes are structured in order to better align their resources and advance their mission. These dioceses vary from smaller communities to large archdioceses and have chosen models which range from familiar merging/clustering models to initiatives closer to the collaborative Families we are pursuing here. In particular, the parishes in Diocese of London, Ontario have united in Family groups that resemble what we envision for our archdiocese. The implementation of their plan has differed in order to fit the needs of their smaller, mainly rural communities. This is why it was critical for the Archdiocese of Detroit to embrace an initial period of collaborative discernment so that we could develop this concept into a model that serves the best interests of everyone in our own communities. Other dioceses we have benchmarked include Chicago, Halifax-Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and Cleveland.

How will this affect the lives of parishioners?

Parishioners will become part of a larger faith family, working together and leveraging resources in pursuit of our mission to unleash the Gospel. They will still be part of their own parish communities unless their own discernment suggests otherwise. They will worship alongside and work with other members of their new Family. They will be ministered to by multiple priests from all parishes in the Family and in many cases access to the Sacraments will be increased. They will share best practices and benefit from competent and improved lay leadership of the various ministries managed through the Family structure.



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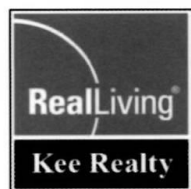
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Making a Report of Sexual Abuse

To inform the Archdiocese of Detroit regarding the sexual abuse of minors by priests, deacons and other Church personnel and/or to speak to the Victim Assistance Coordinator contact: **(866) 343-8055**. A caller will be requested to provide his or her name and telephone number. All calls regarding complaints of sexual abuse will be returned in a timely manner. This toll-free number has been established as part of an effort by the Detroit archdiocese to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. This line is for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within archdiocesan institutions and ministries only. Persons with such complaints are also encouraged to directly contact law enforcement authorities. The Archdiocese of Detroit stands with the brave survivors who seek to bring the crime of child sexual abuse by clergy and other Church representatives into the light, where those who sinned are confronted and those who were harmed can find healing. To those harmed by the actions and inaction of Church leaders: It is inexcusable, and we are sorry. **In an effort to consolidate our resources and respond to the faithful's questions about clergy sexual abuse, the Archdiocese of Detroit has created a new "mini" website at protect.aod.org.** This site highlights information about reporting abuse, victim assistance, investigations, training for clergy and lay employees and volunteers, and provides additional resources, including messages from Archbishop Vigneron. Our goal is to make this important information – already available on aod.org – more visible, transparent and clear.