

The Vigil

February 02, 2020
The Presentation of the Lord

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



Today's Readings

Malachi 3:1-4
(With Purified Hearts)

Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10
(The King of Glory)

Hebrews 2:14-18
(Christ Our Brother)

Luke 2:22-40
(The Lord's Salvation)

Pastor's Pen



We joyfully welcome into the parish our newest member: **Dorian Ejiro Dilworth**. Dorian is the daughter of Howard and Aghogho Dilworth and sister to Howard and John. We know her brothers as they come up to be part of our "candle ministry" at the 8:15am Mass. Dorian, we are so very glad to have you with us at St. Charles. May the Lord continue to reveal his love to you in all the moments of your life. Please know we are here to support you on your faith journey. May God bless you, Dorian, on this special day.

As we begin this month of February and celebrate Black History month, it might do us all well to reflect on those of African descent who have graced the Catholic Church. One such hero was Fr. Augustus Tolton. (excerpts below taken from article by C. Vanessa White in US Catholic magazine)

Augustus Tolton was born a slave in 1854 in Brush Creek, Missouri. His father, Peter Paul Tolton, escaped slavery to join the Union army (later dying as a soldier) and in the 1860s, his mother, Martha Tolton, fled with her two sons and infant daughter, dodging Confederate bullets and traveling at night. The family eventually crossed the Mississippi River in a rowboat and made their way to Quincy in the free state of Illinois. Tolton's family had already been baptized Catholic, while in Missouri, and Martha tried to find a welcoming church community for her children, but for years Augustus was ridiculed and humiliated in Quincy's parishes and schools. At the age of 16, Augustus felt called to the priesthood, but he was denied acceptance by every Catholic seminary in the country. Still he did not let that deter him. Indeed, with the help of two Quincy priests and catholic benefactors, he worked for the next 10 years in tobacco factories and other job, until he was able to save enough money to travel to Rome to attend the seminary there. For the next 6 years, he studied to become a missionary to Africa but on the night before his ordination the Cardinal Prefect changed his plans and told him he was sending him back to America. He was assigned to St. Joseph in Quincy, Il and went through much difficulties with his fellow priest unable to accept him. He was then invited to come to Chicago to work with an emerging Black Catholic community and spent his remaining years ministering to the people of St. Monica parish. Tolton's health suffered as a result of his tireless work and he died of heatstroke at the age of 43 in 1897. The cause for his canonization has begun

We pray that Fr. Augustus might fill us with the grace of his courage and determination. May we not be deterred in our struggle for justice so that all God's children might have a place at the table.

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 Cunningham

(Please call the rectory at 313-331-0253 if you want to have a name included on the new Sick List.)

Archbishop Vigneron's statement on Pope Francis' Global Rules for Reporting Abuse: "No One Above Civil or God's Law"

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 1. To learn more about the groundbreaking new church law, please go to detroitcatholic.com. 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.

Stewardship Minute: Sunday Best

"...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord..." LUKE 2:22

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is "being Catholic" something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It's easy to be Catholic then, it's harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize your Catholic **Stewardship** by the way you act, dress and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?

CSA Minute: School Is In!

National Catholic Schools Week 2020 **begins this Sunday, January 26**. The theme of this annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." The Archdiocese of Detroit's Catholic schools are committed to their mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ. Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal help ensure they are proudly Catholic, academically excellent, accessible to all, and sustainable for the future.

The archdiocesan Department of Catholic Schools offers resources for teachers and principals, parents and students, and alumni. To learn more about Catholic schools in the Archdiocese, or to find a Catholic school, visit the department's new website at detroitcatholicschools.org.

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

Winter Heating and Energy Assistance

With the winter weather getting colder, it is more important than ever to keep yourselves and your loved ones warm and safe. During these months, some residents may struggle to pay their heating or electric bills and be faced with the prospect of having their heat shut off due to non-payment. Michigan law provides shut-off protections for eligible customers, and several local aid agencies are able to provide energy assistance payments to help qualifying low-income customers pay their energy bills to avoid potential shut offs. Below you'll find suggestions for saving energy, links to informational consumer tips and a wide range of other helpful consumer resources.

If you're behind on your energy bill, you can apply for help in paying off your past-due balance starting Nov. 1 if your income is below 150 percent of the poverty level. Call 2-1-1 or visit www.mi211.org to learn about agencies in our area that may assist with your energy bill.

Assistance Programs

State Emergency Relief: Income-eligible households may receive assistance with heat or electric bills during extreme hardship or for emergencies that threaten health and safety. Contact the **Michigan Department of Health and Human Services** (Michigan.gov/mdhhs) to learn more. Call 2-1-1 to learn about other energy assistance programs.

Michigan Energy Assistance Program: The Michigan Public Service Commission administers the **Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP)** (Michigan.gov/mpsc). The purpose of the MEAP is to establish and administer programs statewide that provide energy assistance and self-sufficiency services to eligible low-income households.

Medical Emergency Protection: Protections are available for those in a medical emergency, whose health would be aggravated by lack of utility service; and critical care customers, whose medical equipment or life support system would be immediately life-threatening without utility service. Contact your gas or electric company for more information.

Upcoming Events / Meetings

ONE Week Away: ST. CHARLES WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND February 7-9, 2020

Women of St. Charles! Our annual retreat at Saint Paul's Retreat Center in Detroit is on the weekend of February 7-9, 2020, just two weeks away. This year's theme is: "Who Do You Say that I Am?" Many people have opinions about who Jesus is. On the retreat, we will explore who Jesus is for us, and deepen our relationship with Him.

The retreat begins with dinner on Friday night, and ends after breakfast and Mass on Sunday morning. Each woman has her own room and bathroom, all linens provided. The retreat center is located on the west side of Detroit on 18 acres of land, with lots of spaces indoors and outdoors to unwind and settle into the delicious food and kind hospitality.

Please see or call Jessica Edwards at 313.917.0129, or Patty Gillis at 313.399.8320 to reserve your spot, or call the Retreat Center at 313-286-2801. You may also conveniently register online at www.stpaulretreat.org.

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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February Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 2, 2020
Peggy Lumm; Michael Tatti

Wednesday, February 5, 2020
Doris Sterrett; Kevin Cronin

Sunday, February 9, 2020
**Deceased Members of
the Zaborney Family**

Wednesday, February 12, 2020
Ben Canaday

Sunday, February 16, 2020
Marcus (So Big) Sinclair

Wednesday, February 19, 2020
Dominic Maniscalco

Sunday, February 23, 2020
Joe Vujic

Wednesday, February 26, 2020
Victoria Wilson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Feb. 03: 2 Samuel
15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Psalm
3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mark 5:1-20

Tues., Feb. 04: 2 Samuel
18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3;
Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mark
5:21-43

Wed., Feb. 05: 2 Samuel 24:2,
9-17; Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7;
Mark 6:1-6

Thurs., Feb. 06: 1 Kings 2:1-4,
10-12; 1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab,
11d-12a, 12bcd; Mark 6:7-13

Fri., Feb. 07: Sirach 47:2-11;
Psalm 18:31, 47 & 50, 51; Mark
6:14-29

Sat., Feb. 08: 1 Kings 3:4-13;
Psalm 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13,
14; Mark 6:30-34

Sun., Feb. 09: Isaiah 58:7-10;
Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1
Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-
16

Weekly Collection

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Check this space next week!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our annual **VALENTINE'S DANCE...** for residents of adult foster care homes is coming soon! The organizer, Carol Caron is looking for lots of volunteer helpers. **The party is on Saturday, February 15, 2020 from 12 noon to 2:30 in our social hall downstairs.** If you can help with this event, please sign-up on the sheets at the back of church. No need to call anyone, just please show up to help!

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

Go to:

www.krogercommunityrewards.com

- Click "Enroll"
- Enter the required information
- Click Enroll
- On the next page, scroll to the bottom and click on "Community Rewards"
- 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.
- If you are having an issue with your password and or email address please call 1-800-KROGERS, press 5 for customer service, press 5 to speak to a customer service representative.

You can now use your mobile device to make online contributions!

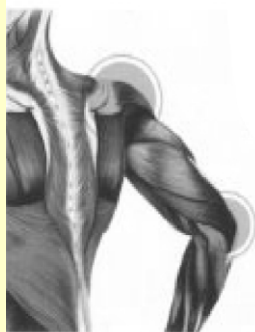
1. Go to

<http://www.stcharlesdetroit.org>

2. Click on the blue link with three white lines in the right top corner, then click on "Donate"

3. Choose to Login or Create Account

4. Follow the directions on the screen to make your donation!



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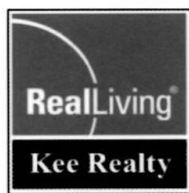
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Making a Report of Sexual Abuse

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.