

In honor of Black History Month, I'd like to highlight a few Saints each week: (Seen here last year) St. Josephine Bakhita

St. Josephine Bakhita was born around 1869 in Sudan and raised in the Islamic faith. She was kidnapped at the age of seven by slave-traders who gave her the name, "Bakhita," which means "lucky one." She was sold to a number of owners until she was purchased at the age of twelve to the Italian Consul Calisto Legnani. He brought her to Italy and, while serving as a nanny, was sent to live with the Canossian sisters in Venice. There she was formally introduced to the faith, baptized Giuseppina, and eventually granted her freedom. In 1896 she joined the Canossian Daughters of Charity and for some fifty years served them as cook, seamstress, and portress of their houses in Venice. Verona and Schio. She was especially beloved by her students for her sweet nature and musical voice. After a long and painful illness, she died in 1947. Pope John Paul II canonized this first Sudanese Saint on October 1, 2000 as a witness to evangelical reconciliation and a model of freedom.

St. Martin de Porres

Martin was the son of a freed woman of Panama, probably black, but also possibly of indigenous stock, and a Spanish nobleman of Lima, Peru. His parents never married. Martin inherited the features and dark complexion of his mother, which irked his father, who finally acknowledged his son after eight years. After the birth of a sister, the father abandoned the family. Martin was reared in poverty, locked in low level of Lima's society.

When he was 12, Martin's mother apprenticed him to a barber/surgeon. There he learned how to cut hair and draw blood, care for wounds and administer medicines. After a few years in the medical apostolate, Martin applied to the Dominicans to be a "helper," not feeling worthy to be a religious brother. After nine years, the example of his prayer, penance, charity and humility, led the community to request him to make full religious profession. His days were filled with nursing the sick and caring for the poor. It was particularly impressive that he treated all people regardless of their color, race or status. When his Priory was in debt, he said, "I am a poor mulatto. I am property of the order. Sell me!" Martin is patron of mixed race persons, barbers, innkeepers, public health workers and many others. In the midst of so much racism these days, may Martin help us to have compassion for all people.

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 Steve Dearing Pam Setla

(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 groundbreaking the 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.

Spirit Awards!

The Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance Spirit Awards will be February 12, 6:30pm at Sacred Heart Church (1000 Eliot St., Detroit). The St. Charles recipient this year is Ida Cherry! Please come out and support Ida for all of her goodness she shares with St. Charles.

Stewardship Minute: By Example

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good **Steward** of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

CSA Minute: Rise Detroit 2020

Teens in the Archdiocese of Detroit are invited to attend **Rise Detroit 2020 on April 25.** With a theme based on Isaiah 43: 1—"Do not fear; for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name you are mine!"—this event will include a keynote presentation by Dr. Bob Rice, breakout sessions led by The Culture Project, and a special appearance by Archbishop Vigneron.

Please visit risedetroityouth.org for more information and to register.

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 <u>www.mi211.org</u> 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.

<u> (Upcoming Events / Meetings</u>

VALENTINE'S DANCE FOR **RESIDENTS OF ADULT CARE,** SATURDAY, FEB. 15 **VALENTINE'S** Our annual DANCE... for residents of adult foster care homes is coming soon! The organizer, Carol Caron is looking for lots of volunteer party helpers. The 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!

The Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance Spirit Awards, February 12, 6:30pm

Join us at Sacred Heart Church (1000 Eliot St., Detroit) for this year's Spirit Awards honoring our community's shining lights. The St. Charles recipient this year is Ida Cherry! Please come out and support Ida for all of her goodness she shares with St. Charles.

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 St. Charles Borromeo 1491 Baldwin St., Detroit, MI 48214 313-331-0253 (Fax 313-331-4834)

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February Mass Intentions

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. 10: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Psalm 132:6-7, 8-10; Mark 6:53-56

Tues., Feb. 11: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Psalm 84:3, 4, 5 & 10, 11; Mark 7:1-13

Wed., Feb. 12: 1 Kings 10:1-10; Psalm 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mark 7:14-23

Thurs., Feb. 13: 1 Kings 11:4-13; Psalm 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 & 40; Mark 7:24-30

Fri., Feb. 14: 1 Kings 11:29-32, 12:19; Psalm 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Mark 7:31-37

Sat., Feb. 15: 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Psalm 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22; Mark 8:1-10

Sun., Feb. 16: Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew: 5:17-37

Weekly Collection

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Envelopes	\$ 2,743.00
Loose	\$ 565.87
Maintenance	\$ 42.00
Christmas	\$ 40,000.00
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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

"Do not be a thing, a definition, a tool or a construct. Be human. Always human. And in that, be kind."



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

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.

about

information

reporting abuse,

victim

pizzaplex.com menu: pizzaplex.wordpress.com



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