

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."

February 14, 2021
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
(Law of Leprosy)

Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11
(Turning to God)

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
(All for God's Glory)

Mark 1:40-45
(Gratitude)

Pastor's Pen



To all who will be celebrating with your "valentines" this weekend, we, from the lonely hearts club, wish you a wonderful time with your beloved! The rest of us will be eating ice cream and watching TV in case you were interested. Truly, hope it's a nice weekend for all who are celebrating.

It's hard to believe we are beginning Lent this week with Ash Wednesday on the 17th. In some ways, it feels like we have had Lent since we separated last March. It has been a difficult year filled with illness, and struggles, and even death. We have been through the desert of loneliness as we've quarantined for so many months. We have prayed for so many who have become ill from COVID over this last year. Many of us have fasted from friends and family all through the holidays, birthdays, anniversaries and all the events of life. Brides and grooms have given up their dreams of big weddings and beautiful venues filled with all those they love because of the pandemic. Some have been separated from loved ones in nursing homes and others have not been able to be with those they love at the last moments of their life. Funerals have been cut to a few family members and those who should have received a wonderful celebration left us with little fanfare. In spite of all these hardships, we have helped each other with shopping, phone calls, cooking and baking, homeschooling, caring for sick family members who have fallen ill to COVID 19 and all the other acts of kindness people have done to ease burdens during this difficult moment.

Maybe this Lent should be a bit different since we have spent this last year praying for each other, fasting from the joy of being together and giving "alms" to all of those who were struggling. Many people have said, "I can't wait until we can come together and have a party or a Christmas in July or a Thanksgiving in August or New Year's Eve Party in September!" On Ash Wednesday we will hear the word "repent" as we are marked with the ashes. Repent means to take another path, another route, and Lent means "springtime." Maybe our Lent in 2021 should be a time of hope and renewal. Maybe we need to take a new path of hope and joy. Maybe this year, we fast from any negativity and speak with positive, lifegiving words for one another. Maybe the alms we give this season are our love and gratitude for one another as we celebrate the fact that we have survived such a tough year. Yes, we have been through our Lent and we are running as fast as we can to the Easter Mystery. Let's make room this year for Christ to open our hearts in a new way to see the wonder of resurrection and new life!

We will have Mass on Ash Wednesday at both parishes: St. Charles at 10:30am and Nativity at 7pm. We will also have zoom sessions with Jesse Cox each Friday night at 7pm. Stations will not be in person this year but we will be sending you some virtual Stations for meditation and prayer.

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
Elizabeth Pillete
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:
Create Compassion and Love

In today's Scripture passage from Leviticus, the Lord God instructs Moses and Aaron in the ancient Israelite camp how to handle carefully those who have leprosy. In St. Mark's Gospel, the evangelist through Jesus' words, shows Christ's compassion to a leper who asks our Lord: *If you wish, you can make me clean.* In spite of Jesus' directive not to, the man publicly professes his miraculous healing. St. Paul exclaims:

"Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God and to imitate Christ in all things."

As Jesus' followers, how do we extend compassion and love to those on the margins of society? Please reflect on offering time at a local soup kitchen or homeless shelter that serves our less fortunate sisters and brothers.

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?

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February Mass Intentions

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., Feb. 15: Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Psalm 50:1 AND 8, 16bc-17, 20-21. Mark 8:11-13

Tues., Feb. 16: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Psalm 29:1a AND 2, 3ac-4, 3b AND 9c-10; Mark 8:14-21

Wed., Feb. 17: Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 AND 17; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thurs., Feb. 18: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6; Luke 9:22-25

Fri., Feb. 19: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Matthew 9:14-15

Sat., Feb. 20: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 5:27-32

Sun., Feb. 21: Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

Weekly Collection

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Envelopes	\$ 1,983.58
Initial Offering	\$ 20.00
Loose	\$ 199.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	<u>\$ 256.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,458.58

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.

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](#).

Mass Dispensation Update from Archbishop Vigneron:

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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 questions about “How does Families of Parishes Differ from Clusters?”

How Families of Parishes Differ From Clusters

Greater collaboration while keeping parish identity and integrity

On Pentecost 2020, Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron announced the new stage of our missionary journey in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Over the next two years, all parishes of the Archdiocese of Detroit will join other parishes in new groupings called “Families of Parishes.” Families of Parishes are groups of parishes, generally three to six, sharing resources to advance the mission. The priests, deacons, and lay staff associated with each parish will be empowered to better share their gifts and talents with the whole Family of Parishes. The proposal of this new model is a response to our current health and economic crises and the shortage of priests to care for parish communities, as well as the need for a better structure to serve our shared mission to Unleash the Gospel in southeast Michigan.

While the move to Families of Parishes has been deemed necessary and appropriate by Archbishop Vigneron, the details have not yet been decided regarding how to make this model work in the best interest of our communities. Over the next months, a group of clergy and lay leaders will help the Archbishop discern and finalize the structure of Families of Parishes. Our goal is for parishes to benefit from greater collaboration while avoiding many pitfalls associated with clustering parishes, which has traditionally been used in the Archdiocese and elsewhere as a response to financial and vocational concerns. The final structure and governance for Families of Parishes will be presented later this year.

One Priest Spread Thin in Clustered Parishes

In a cluster arrangement, one priest, sometimes with the assistance of an associate pastor or a deacon, is assigned to care for all administrative and ministerial aspects of multiple parishes. Each of those parishes maintains its own staff, parish council, finance council, worship site, Mass schedule, and so on. Overseeing the life of multiple parishes is challenging for individual pastors, who face many demands on their time and energies with **little** time remaining to care for the souls of their parishioners and for missionary outreach. Parishioners often feel as if they don't receive the support that they want and need from clergy.

Multiple Clergy, Collaborative Administration in Families of Parishes

In the proposed model of Family of Parishes, one priest will be responsible for the administration of multiple parishes, with the support of a Parish Finance Officer, a newly created position filled by a lay person or deacon who has experience in business and managing an organization. Importantly, the pastor of a Family of Parishes also will be joined by additional clergy — priests and deacons — who are assigned to the Family of Parishes. And while each parish in a Family of Parishes will remain separate and distinct, it is our hope that the parish councils and finance councils within a Family will work together as a team to advise their pastor. In addition, while the parishes will remain unique, parish staff will, much like the clergy, be consolidated to support the entire Family of Parishes. There is typically no such coordination or collaboration between clustered parishes.

Clergy Focused On Pastoral Care in Families Of Parishes

Being largely freed from administrative responsibilities, the additional priests and deacons of a Family of Parishes will be able to focus on missionary outreach as well as sacramental and pastoral care of parishioners. Another benefit from this model involves aging and at-risk clergy, who will no longer face the burden of choosing between retirement or handling all the aspects of running and ministering to their parish communities. They will be able to continue in ministry in ways that protect their health while still making valuable and needed contributions to their communities. All clergy assigned to a Family of Parishes will be able to leverage their charisms and strengths in the work they do, supported by a talented and trained lay staff.

Inspired by Disciples and St. Paul

With this shift, we take inspiration from the early Church. From the beginning, Christ knew the mission he gave his disciples would be difficult and that they would face many challenges, so he sent them to preach the Gospel two-by-two (Mk 6:6-7 and Luke 10:1). Like us, the early disciples had to be docile to the Holy Spirit and respond to the challenges they encountered. St. Paul himself was shipwrecked three times (2 Cor 11:25) but wherever he landed, he remained committed to the same mission with which we are entrusted today. Because of St. Paul's commitment and the commitment of the early apostles, the Gospel was heard across the world.

Like the disciples, we have been asked to unite and go on mission together, enhancing each other's strengths and working collaboratively to Unleash the Gospel around us. And while the impact of the pandemic may feel like a shipwreck — like St. Paul, this is not what we planned or wanted — we know that God wants us to continue his mission with the same zeal and dedication of the early apostles. His Holy Spirit will guide us every step of the way.



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