The Vigil

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



"The Lord Be With You."

February 18, 2018 1st Sunday of Lent "A Change of Heart"

Today's Readings

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15 (Covenant with Noah)

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22 (The purpose of Christ's suffering)

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15 (Jesus' temptation; the call to conversion)



Well, here we go into another Lent. Fridays without meat, more sacrifices, soup suppers, more prayer, stations of the cross, etc. in combination with the dreary month of February, makes Lent a difficult time to get excited about. Yet Lent means springtime and spring is what we long for these days. What looks barren now will be filled with buds and all creation will spring forth with life in a few short months. What has to happen before spring can come is surrender. The tree must let go of all its leaves and the seed must die in the ground so new life can break forth. If we let God into those areas of our life that are broken and in need of healing, new life is possible. If we just keep doing what we've always done, nothing will change.

On Ash Wednesday I used this analogy which I didn't think much of but people seemed to like it. I spoke of the terrible winter we've had and how easy it is to get our cars stuck on one of the side roads. The panic sets in when you realize you're stuck and hear that terrible whizzing sound of the tire stuck in a rut. Most of us try to get out by accelerating faster which only making matters worse. Others try rocking the car back and forth and sometimes that works. Most times we have to get out of the car and dig out whatever tire is stuck in the snow. Often, we need help to be pushed out. Lent is the season when we admit we're stuck in some areas of our life and realize we've been in the same rut for a long time, spinning our wheels and getting nowhere. It's the time to get out of the car and see where we're stuck. We may have to use a shovel or get someone to push us out but we can't just stay in the car and hope that the spinning tire will come out of the rut on its own.

So where are you this year? Are you willing to look deeply into your life and see where you're stuck (addictions, resentments, past hurts, lack of compassion, self-righteous judgments, jealousies, etc.) or will you be content with the status quo and just stay where you are spinning your wheels? If you stay where you are and never grow, your soul will begin to wither and die. Let's have the courage to build a deeper relationship with Christ and have the outs to face the "stuff" that keep us stuck. It's time to get out of the ruts!

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

Bobby Allen Paul Andrecovich Shawn Burks Liana Caruana Liz Cherry Gary Davila Brandon DiLucente Howard Dilworth Kvle Duker Heinrich Ericksen Doris Harris John Huddleston Addie Ingram Ron Kirby Tony Lababera Vanessa Laco-Chambers Catherine Lewis Tiana Marquez Michael Martin Marv Massaini Dina Mavnard Leon McCool Laura McDonald Garv Perzvk Judy Pierce Robert Preuss Patricia C. Randall Elaine Rosen Sr. Judy Ruggirello Carol Santa Maria Marvin Sims Mark Tamer Rachel Thompson Enza Trah Judy Tuttle Anna Tyler Sr Jolene Van Handel Shawn Wilson Jenny White

Questions of the Week (Please see Today's Readings)

Key Passage: For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. (1 Peter 3:18)

Adult: When or how could you step away from your daily responsibilities to renew yourself, so that you can do a better job of following in the footsteps of Jesus?

Child: What good habit could you work on during Lent so you could grow closer to God?

Stations of the Cross and Soup/Supper Discussion

Every Friday during Lent (February 23, March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23) Stations of the Cross will begin at 6pm in the church. Soup supper and discussion will follow the stations with guest speakers. Everyone is invited to participate!

OFFICIAL 2018 St. Charles Dinner Dance INFO Friday, September 21, 2018

Assumption Cultural Center Cocktail Hour 6pm-7pm; Dinner Served 7pm

Ticket Information:

Early Bird (Mar 1, 2018 – Aug 1, 2018): \$55 per person OR \$550 for Table of 10

Aug 2, 2018 - Sept 9, 2018: \$60 per person OR \$600 for Table of 10

To purchase a table of 10, all tickets MUST be paid for at the same time with one check or cash.

Absolutely NO tickets will be sold after September 9, 2018

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO BECOME CLOSER TO GOD??? ST. CHARLES WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND MARCH 2-4, 2018

If one of your resolutions for the new year is to come closer to God, why not spend a weekend with God and the women of St. Charles? Our annual women's retreat is at Saint Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center on the weekend of March 2nd to March 4th, 2018. The retreat center is on the westside of Detroit.

We rest, laugh, eat delicious food, share great conversations, and come home more hopeful and peaceful. Each woman has her own room and bathroom. Our theme this year is the Good Shepherd. How do we hear Jesus the Good Shepherd's call, and how do we respond?

Participants are asked to donate whatever they can afford to cover the expenses of this wonderful experience of spiritual and physical rest and renewal. Pleased do not let finances keep you away. Call Patty Gillis at 313.399.8320 for more information and to make a reservation, or call the Retreat Center at 313-286-2801. You may also register online at *www.stpaulretreat.org*.

Catholic Corner: The First Week of Lent

Reflections from Pope Francis: "Jesus' whole life, his way of dealing with the poor, his actions, his integrity, his simple daily acts of generosity, and finally his complete self-giving, is precious and reveals the mystery of his divine life. Whenever we encounter this anew, we become convinced that it is exactly what others need, even though they may not recognize it: "What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you" (*Acts* 17:23).

Sometimes we lose our enthusiasm for mission because we forget that the Gospel responds to our deepest needs, since we were created for what the Gospel offers us: friendship with Jesus and love of our brothers and sisters. If we succeed in expressing adequately and with beauty the essential content of the Gospel, surely this message will speak to the deepest yearnings of people's hearts..." (*The Joy of the Gospel, 265*)1

"Help us O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name." Psalm 79:9a

<u>Upcoming Events / Meetings</u>

2018 Urban Parish Spirit Awards Thursday, March 15, 2018 Sacred Heart Church Activities Bldg 3451 Rivard Street, Detroit 48207

2018 Annual Harvest Dinner, Wed, September 19, 2018 Eastern Market

Explore Your Prayer... St. Paul of Retreat Center. the Cross Tuesday, February 20, 9:30-**11:00am.** Participants will be invited to 'sample' different prayer forms, with time for reflection as well as communal experiences. Classes are \$15/session. Please register by phone at 313-286-2800 or at www.stpaulretreat.org/retreats

Lenten Day of Reflection... St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. Wed, March 7 - 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. \$30/person includes a delicious hot lunch. Please register by phone at 313-286-2800 or at www.stpaulretreat.org/retreats

Elder Wisdom Circle... The dynamic and thoughtful sessions will begin again this Spring. Please watch the Vigil for upcoming dates!

Street Corner Ministry at Nativity of Our Lord... Our sister parish offers up prayers at the corner of Gratiot and McClellan every Friday night from 9pm-10pm. All are invited to uplift our city!

Rectory Hours: Mon-Thurs, 10a to 3p St. Charles Borromeo 1491 Baldwin St., Detroit, MI 48214

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Pastoral Team

Brother Ray Stadmeyer OFM Cap., Pastor Bro. Robert Wotypka. OFM Cap Priscilla Steenburg – Director of Religious Ed Gayle Koyton, Boulevard Ministry Rhonda Gilbert - Chairperson Alonda Walker – Vice Chairperson Adrienne Strubank - Secretary

Council Members

Mary Ann Andrecovich Peter Benedetto Danielle Daguio Gerry Danielewicz Jackie Harrison Steve Llorens Jessica Taylor Alonda Walker Mark Wedgeworth Paco Williams

February Mass Intentions

Sunday, Feb 18, 2018 Tierra Smith Tia Simpkins

Wednesday, Feb 21, 2018 Antonio Catenacci, Sr.

Sunday, Feb 25, 2018 Leonard Laske

Wednesday, Feb 28, 2018 Celeste Ciapala

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., February 19: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Matthew 25:31-46

Tues., February 20: Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Matthew 6:7-15

Wed., February 21: Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Luke 11:29-32

Thurs., February 22: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Psalm 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Matthew 16:13-19

Fri., February 23: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Matthew 5:20-26

Sat., February 24: Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Matthew 5:43-48

Sun., February 25: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

Weekly Collection 02/11/18	
Envelopes Loose Maintenance <u>Christmas</u> TOTAL	\$1,211.50 \$ 290.11 \$ 100.00 <u>\$ 200.00</u> \$1,801.61

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Confirmation Preparation

- Sunday, Feb. 18th Session 2
- Sunday, Feb. 25th Session 3

First Communion Preparation Sundays 11:30a.m. - Church Basement - Feb. 18th and Feb. 25th

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Open to all children ages 3 - 6+, Sundays 9:30-10:30 a.m. at St. Charles in the Rectory basement. Please call 313-331-0253 to schedule a tour during regular business hours.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DTE Customer Assistance Day, Feb. 23, 2018, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (24331 West 8 Mile Road, Detroit, MI 48219.) DTE Energy partners with local agencies and organizations provide case to management solutions, energy efficiency education and utility payment assistance to customers in need throughout the year. Please call: 800.866.8429 to register. For information, more please visit https://www.newlook.dteenergy.com/wps/ wcm/connect/dte-web/home/billing-andpayments/common/energyassistance/customer-assistance-days

Grow Detroit "Summer Youth Employment Program"

Summer jobs program aims to employ 8,000 youth ages 14-24; Applicants and employers can sign up at www.GDYT.org. New this year is pilot program to include career-specific instruction year round.

Process for Successful Applicants: After individual applies an through GDYT.org, the applicant will be screened. During May and June. employers will have the opportunity to interview candidates at GDYT-sponsored career fairs. Otherwise, youth applicants will be selected based upon both employer request and a random selection process among the applicants. Orientation sessions preparing successful GDYT applicants for the workplace will take place and include 12 hours of work readiness training at a worksite.

2018 Program Timeline

January 31: Application Process Begins at *GDYT.org*. March 17: Application Process Ends. April: Applicants contacted, start of employer "Match and Interview" process May – June: Job Readiness training and orientation sessions. Early July: Work begins

