

# The Vigil

February 23, 2020  
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

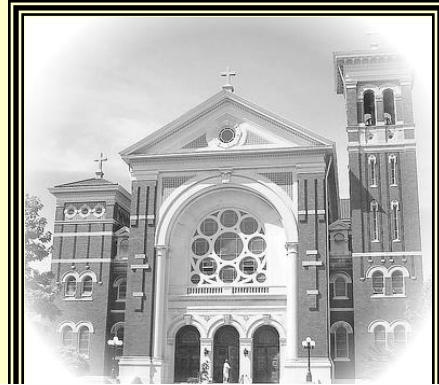
**Mass Times:**

**St. Charles:**

Wednesday 10:30am;  
Sunday 8:15am AND 11:30am

**Nativity:**

Thursday 11am; Saturday 4pm;  
Sunday 9:45am



**Today's Readings**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18  
*(Love of Neighbor)*

Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8,  
10, 12-13  
*(Plea for Pardon)*

1 Corinthians 3:16-23  
*(Temple of God)*

Matthew: 5:38-48  
*(Love of Enemies)*

**P**astor's Pen



***Sr. Thea Bowman***

Thea Bowman was born on December 29, 1937 in Yazoo City, Mississippi. Her grandfather was born a slave, and she was raised in the Methodist faith. After her family moved to Canton Mississippi, Thea Bowman was enrolled to Holy Child Jesus School. While there, Thea was drawn to the Catholic faith and asked her parents if she could convert at age 9. When she turned 15, she moved to La Crosse, Wisconsin, and joined the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA). She became the first African-American member of the order. After attending Viterbo University, she pursued advanced studies at the Catholic University of America. She then spent 16 years teaching at all levels of education. After this career in education, the bishop of Jackson, Mississippi, invited her to be a consultant in his diocese. She accepted the new position and worked for many years breaking down barriers. According to FSPA's website, "In her role as consultant, Sister Thea...gave presentations across the country; lively gatherings that combined singing, gospel preaching, prayer and storytelling. Her programs were directed to break down racial and cultural barriers. She encouraged people to communicate with one another so that they could understand other cultures and races." Sr. Thea Bowman made great strides in the United States, helping with the production of the first African-American Catholic hymnal and the foundation of the National Black Sisters Conference, supporting African-American Religious Sisters.

She said once, reflecting on her heritage and Catholic faith: "What does it mean to be Black and Catholic? It means that I bring myself, my black self. All that I am. All that I have. All that I hope to become. I bring my whole history, my traditions, my experience, my culture, my African-American song and dance and gesture and movement and teaching and preaching and healing and responsibility as a gift to the church."

After struggling with breast cancer, Thea Bowman died on March 30, 1990. She was revered as a holy woman in life and inspired many since her death. ([excerpt from Aleteia.org 4/15/2018](http://aleteia.org))

***This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and begins the season of Lent. There will be a 10:30am Mass at St. Charles and a 7pm at Nativity on Ash Wednesday. We will also begin the Stations, Soup and inspired talks by Jesse Cox every Friday beginning at 6pm. The first 3 Fridays will be at Nativity and the last 3 Fridays will be at St. Charles. Please try to attend!***

**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 the groundbreaking new church law, please go to [detroitcatholic.com](http://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](http://protect.aod.org).

## Stewardship Minute: *Forgiveness & Love*

Today's Scripture passages from the Book of Leviticus and St. Matthew's Gospel emphasize the second of the greatest commandments: to love your neighbor as yourself. As the evangelist St. Matthew recounts, Jesus further proclaims: *When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well ... [and] love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.* Responding with forgiveness and love can be challenging for even the most faith-filled stewards, especially given that Christ directs forgiveness must come from the heart. Do you have a friend or family member in need of your forgiveness, or who you need to apologize to for a past wrong?

## CSA Minute:

Well-informed, qualified leaders are necessary to continue the good work happening in our Catholic Schools. To better-equip future principals, the Department of Catholic Schools is offering its second Principal Formation Institute. Over six sessions, educators interested in Catholic School leadership in the Archdiocese of Detroit will learn about personal discernment, formation and the development of administrative skills. The goal of the program is to build, nurture and support qualified principal candidates.

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 website at [detroitcatholicschools.org](http://detroitcatholicschools.org).

For more information on this and other CSA-funded ministries, visit [aod.org](http://aod.org).

## 2020 Women's Retreat at St. Paul Retreat Center News!

Women parishioners, and their family members and friends, twenty-four in all, spent the weekend together at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center from February 7-9, 2020. The women's retreat began with a statement and two questions: you have heard all *about* Jesus, but who is He for you? What difference does He make in your life? Through talks, reflection questions, and quiet prayer, we found answers to the questions. We also shared great food, made some new friends, and got some rest. God is so good all the time!



## Upcoming Events / Meetings

### Free Online Course for Lent

What are your plans to grow in faith and discipleship this Lent? Do you want to grow in your encounter with Christ?

This Lent, Sacred Heart Major Seminary is offering a *free short interactive online course* called "Encountering Christ" featuring a number of Sacred Heart faculty. This course will help you encounter Christ in Scripture and Sacrament, in suffering and service to the poor, and in all the events of daily life.

**The course starts March 2nd, the first Monday after Ash Wednesday, but you can access the course now.**

Register for this wonderful opportunity to grow by visiting: [shms.edu/encounter](http://shms.edu/encounter)

### 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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### St. Charles Web Site:

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### Pastoral Team

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Joni Scott, Director of Religious Education  
Gayle Koyton, Boulevard Ministry

### Council Members

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Dan Hurley	Gabrielle Taylor
Joyce Hurley	(youth rep.)
David Nadeau	Alonda Walker
Diane Simpkins	Paco Williams

## February Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 23, 2020

**Joe Vujic**

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

**Victoria Wilson**

Sunday, March 1, 2020

**Flora Sinclair, Pete Telang**

**Ben Canaday, Jan Hintz**

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

**Smith Carson, Jr.**

Sunday, March 9, 2020

**Casimir Buczak, Dustin Ericksen**

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

**Maria Brohman**

Sunday, March 15, 2020

**Patrick Buczak, Gerald Miller**

**Jody Holbert**

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

**Edmund and Roze Borycz**

**Father Ed Borycz**

**Marilyn Boomer**

Sunday, March 22, 2020

**Evelyn Seyboldt**

**John Smith**

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

**Lisa Little**

Sunday, March 29, 2020

**Norma Szczesny**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Feb. 24:** James 3:13-18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mark 9:14-29

**Tues., Feb. 25:** James 4:1-10; Psalm 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23; Mark 9:30-37

**Wed., Feb. 26:** Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6b, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Corinthians 5:2 – 6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thurs., Feb. 27:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, and 6; Luke 9:22-25

**Fri., Feb. 28:** Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Matthew 9:14-15

**Sat., Feb. 29:** Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 5:27-32

**Sun., Mar. 01:** Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Psalm 51; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

## 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](http://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!

### *Weekly Collection*

**02/16/2020**

Envelopes	\$ 2,293.50
Loose	\$ 763.10
Maintenance	\$ 10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,066.60</b>



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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](http://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](http://aod.org) – more visible, transparent and clear.

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