
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

The VIGIL

Sunday, February 25, 2024
Second Sunday of Lent (Year B)





This is my beloved Son. Listen to him. (Mk 9:8)

Sign Language Spoken Here

I had seen it before, but it still fascinated me. Standing nearby in the St. Louis airport was a vibrant young woman in sweatshirt, jeans, and backpack, face aglow, hands dancing in sign language, as she projected whatever she was saying across forty yards of a crowded waiting room to a young man who was answering her with the same soundless animation. Clearly, there was communication going on here.

The meaning was perfectly lucid to at least two persons in this room, but I hadn't a clue. What a big part of being human, I thought. We are rational animals, yes (and tool-making animals, political animals, and—some of us—“party animals”), but especially we are communicating animals. And while we share with the other species messages about mating, turf, and danger, we get into even deeper stuff than that. We yearn for messages that go beyond information to meaning.

The newsstand at the end of the concourse displayed some examples from people hoping to make money off this human appetite, especially the how-to books, with titles like *The Art of the Deaf*, *Winning through Intimidation*, *How to Organize Your Chaos*.

The Transfiguration turns out to be lucid sign language to penetrate our deafness.

For the people of Israel, the fullest communication and the deepest how-to instruction of all was the body of literature they had come to recognize as the covenant message of God contained in the Law (Torah = instruction) and the Prophets—the story of their collective life with their saving God, the laws that defined how to live out that relationship, and the lives and words of the wild and contrary figures that called them back to the covenant when the people strayed. Who are we? What's life about? What does it mean to do the right thing? The answers to these questions were contained in the Law and the Prophets, and these components were personified especially in Moses and Elijah. The secret to life was to hear what Moses and Elijah stood for and to do it.

Getting in touch with that Jewish reality helps us enter this Sunday's Gospel, which is full of symbol and gesture as elusive to most contemporaries as that airport sign language conversation was to me. Indeed, that particular epiphany was more than even Peter, James, and John could fathom at the time. To the reader, if not to the inner three, clues to the meaning begin with Mark's reference to the interval of “six days,” recalling the six days Moses had spent in a cloud on Mount Sinai just before the heart of the Torah was revealed to him (Exod 24:16).

Here, on another “high mountain,” Jesus is transfigured before their eyes, and those premiere exponents of the Law and the Prophets—Moses and Elijah—are seen to join him in conversation. Overcome with awe and fear, Peter volunteers to set up tents for the three of them. A misguided burst of hospitality? A desire to somehow “package” an astounding “talk-show”?

Whatever the motive, Mark feels compelled to excuse the outburst (“He hardly knew what to say”) and the suggestion is ignored. Out of an overshadowing cloud comes the divine voice, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him” (Gospel). As if to visually illustrate the meaning of these words, the figures of Moses and Elijah disappear and the disciples “no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them” (Mk 9:8). In other words, all that they had sought to hear in the revelation through the Law and the Prophets is now fully accessible in the person of Jesus, there with them.

To ensure that we know what we are to listen for in Jesus, Mark has linked the Transfiguration firmly to what has just happened “six days” before—Jesus' central teaching on discipleship: “Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it” (Mk 8:35). We can perhaps hear afresh this voice from the cloud. This voice calls not in grief but still in profound urgency, as if to say: “I have sent you Moses and the prophets and you have heard them poorly; now here's the fullness of my communication to you, Jesus, my Son. Hear him—not only his teaching but the whole story of his self-giving life, death, and resurrection. He is still with you. Follow him.”

The Transfiguration turns out to be lucid sign language to penetrate our deafness. It undercuts all the how-to messages of our culture and encourages us on our Lenten journey toward the Easter renewal of baptism, where we first began our following of Jesus.

If you are looking to attend Mass when there isn't one planned for the Family of Parishes or there is a limited schedule, the chapel at St. Bonaventure Capuchin Monastery on Mt. Elliott happily welcomes everyone for their 7:30am daily mass.

PLEASE BE MINDFUL

Of friends, neighbors, strangers

In the cold.

City of Detroit Warming Centers

The City of Detroit has respite locations and warming centers available to provide residents relief from the cold. Detroit recreation centers and library branches are available as respite locations during operating hours. In addition, three warming centers are open for those who are homeless and need shelter during cold weather months. Three City-funded warming centers are open now through March 31 to provide respite from cold weather, plus two meals, showers, sleeping accommodations, and housing assistance services to residents experiencing homelessness. To ensure the safety and security of residents using warming centers, all three facilities are supervised at all times.

To access these warming centers or year-round emergency shelters, residents should call Wayne Metro Community Action Agency at 866-313-2520 during the hours of 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday-Friday. Veterans seeking shelter should call 866-313-2520 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mondays-Friday.

The three warming centers are operated by:

- Cass Community Social Services - Serves families and single women
- Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries - Serves families and single women
- Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries - Serves single males

Respite Locations - City of Detroit Recreation Centers

In addition to the overnight warming centers listed above, the City of Detroit is providing recreation centers as respite locations, which are open during normal operating hours.

- Adams Butzel Complex, 10500 Lyndon, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- Butzel Family Center, 7737 Kercheval Avenue, Monday-Friday from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Clemente Recreation Center, 2631 Bagley, Monday-Friday from 1 – 9 p.m.
- Farwell Recreation Center, 2711 E. Outer Drive, Monday-Friday from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Lasky Recreation Center, 13200 Fenelon, Monday-Friday from noon – 8 p.m.
- Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.)
- Patton Recreation Center, 2301 Woodmere, Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- Kemeny Recreation Center, 2260 S. Fort, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- Crowell Recreation Center, 16630 Lahser, Monday-Friday from 1 – 9 p.m.
- Heilmann Recreation Center, 19601 Crusade, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Respite Locations - Detroit Public Library Branches

All Detroit Public Library branches are available during their normal operating hours for residents to stay warm. The Main Library is open Monday and Thursday-Saturday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday from noon - 8 p.m. and Sundays from 1-5 p.m.

PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE

- Patricia Alexander
- Marianne Burns
- June Buersmeyer
- Mary Canaday
- Aaron Cole
- Chinyere Crutcher
- Joy Harris
- Joan Jackson
- Michael Martin
- Bruce McDonald Sr.
- John Nahas
- Richard Nahas
- Gloria Parham
- Ronald Parham
- Earlene Park-Williams
- Elizabeth Pilette
- Cynthia Richardson
- Gregory Richardson
- Linda Simpkins
- Alicia Smith
- Anna Tyler
- Theresa Williamson
- Pam Young

Please call the rectory at 313-331-0253 to let us know when a name should be removed from the list. Praise God for His Healing mercies!

MASS INTENTIONS

February 25, 2024

- Flora Sinclair
- Pete Telang

March 03, 2024

- Smith Carson, Jr.
- Marcus Sinclair
- Dr. Donald Burkhart

March 10, 2024

- Victor and Suzanne Fillecia
- Michael Ayoub

Marh 17, 2024

- Mary Cunningham
- Greg McCaffrey

March 24, 2024

- Lisa Little
- Gerald Miller

March 31, 2024

- Monsignor Daniel J. Trapp

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
(Testing of Abraham)

Psalms 116: 10, 15, 16-17, 18-19
(Walking With God)

Romans 8: 31b-34
(God is for Us)

Matthew 17: 5
(Beloved Son)

Mark 9: 2-10
(Jesus Transfigured)

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of February 2024

For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Feb. 26: Daniel 9: 4b-10; Psalm 79: 8, 9, 11 and 13; John 6: 63c, 68c; Luke 6: 36-38

Tues., Feb. 27: Isaiah 1: 10, 16-20; Psalm 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Ezekiel 18: 31; Matthew 23: 1-12

Wed., Feb. 28: Jeremiah 18: 18-20; Psalm 31: 5-6, 14, 15-16; John 8: 12; Matthew 20: 17-28

Thurs., Feb. 29: Jeremiah 17: 5-10; Psalm 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Luke 8: 15; Luke 16: 19-31

Fri., Mar. 01: Genesis 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Psalm 105: 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; John 3: 16; Matthew 21: 33-43, 45-46

Sat., Mar. 02: Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20; Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Luke 15: 18; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Sun., Mar. 03: Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 19: 8, 9, 10, 11; First Corinthians 1: 22-25; John 3: 16; John 2: 13-25

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE: Stewards are Called

"Here I am!" he answered." - GENESIS 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to find ways to love? Often times Stewards are called when it's not convenient for us.

Discipleship is not easy; most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable. That's where growth lives.

COLLECTION INFO

February 18, 2023

Collections	\$1,729.58
<u>Online</u>	<u>\$1002.00</u>

TOTAL \$2,731.58

Detroit Lower Eastside Family of Parishes

STEPPING OUT IN FAITH

Grow in effectiveness and confidence in sharing your faith and helping others to encounter Jesus.

Whether to family members, strangers, co-workers, neighbors, or others, we can each help someone else to see the light of Christ.

St. Augustine St. Monica Social Hall
Saturday, March 9 - 12-4 pm, with lunch
4151 Seminole St. Detroit, MI 48214

RSVP to (313) 921-4107 or

kocourek.genevieve@saintamparish.org

How can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? - Romans 10:14

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The Detroit Lower Eastside
Family of Parishes

presents

A Lenten Revival

*"Hope for the Future;
Walking With God"*



Revivalist



Minister
Alex Harvey

Sunday, March 10, 2024

@3PM

ST ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH, DETROIT
3138 E. CANFIELD ST, DETROIT, MI

CHOIRS ✦ MUSICIANS ✦ LITURGICAL DANCERS
PRAYER TEAMS ✦ SPIRITED PREACHING

Come, Rejoice And Refresh Your SouL!

St Charles Borromeo

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Rectory Hours:

Monday & Tuesday, 10a to 3p
 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 10a to 4p

Pastoral Team

Fr. David Buersmeyer, Canonical Administrator
 Fr. David Preuss, OFM, CAP, Priest in Solidum
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Steven Dearing, Niam Edwards, Marian
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 Donna King, Leslie Kirby, Richard Preuss,
 Nicholas Rennpage

**ST.
 CHARLES**



**OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES
 MASS TIMES**

**St Charles Borromeo Detroit
 Mass Times**

Friday: Mass 11am
 Sunday 11:30am

**Nativity of Our Lord
 Mass Times**

Thursday: Holy Hour 8am; Mass 9am
 Sunday 9:30am

**St Augustine / St Monica
 Mass Times**

Wednesday, 9am
 Sunday 10am

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.

Family of Parishes Prayer Groups

Tuesday Men's Prayer Group

6pm, St. Augustine / St. Monica

Tuesday Zoom Prime Time Bible Study

St. Elizabeth / Sacred Heart, 7pm.

For Zoom link go to www.sacredheartdetroit.com/primetime

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. The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others directly to law enforcement – no matter when the abuse occurred. The Michigan Attorney General's Office has established a toll-free reporting hotline at (844- 324-3374, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5pm. aginvestigations@michigan.gov). Individuals also may contact their local police department. For complaints involving priests, deacons, religious, or laity, individuals are welcomed to contact the Archdiocese of Detroit's Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or vac@aod.org.

St. Charles Borromeo - March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>11am Mass in Rectory</i> <i>Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper at Nativity 6pm</i>	2
3 <i>11:30am Mass</i> <i>Community Meal</i>	4	5	6	7	8 <i>11am Mass in Rectory</i> <i>Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper at St. Charles 6pm</i>	9
10 <i>11:30am Mass</i> <i>Community Meal</i>	11	12	13	14	15 <i>11am Mass in Rectory</i> <i>Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper at Nativity 6pm</i>	16
17 <i>11:30am Mass</i> <i>Community Meal</i>	18	19	20	21	22 <i>11am Mass in Rectory</i> <i>Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper at St. Charles 6pm</i>	23
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>11:30am Mass</i> <i>Community Meal</i>	25	26	27	28 <i>Holy Thursday</i> <i>Mass at St. Charles 6:30pm</i>	29 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>11am Mass in Rectory</i> <i>Good Friday Mass at St. Charles 6pm</i>	30 <i>Easter Vigil</i> <i>Mass at Nativity 8:30pm</i>
31 <i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>11:30am Mass</i> <i><u>NO</u> Community Meal</i>						