

The Vigil

March 01, 2020

First Sunday in Lent

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

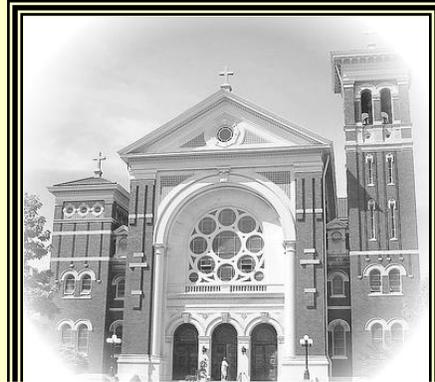
Mass Times:

St. Charles:

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

Nativity:

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



Today's Readings

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
(*Sin of Our First Parents*)

Psalm 51
(*Repentance*)

Romans 5:12-19
(*Saved Through Christ*)

Matthew 4:1-11
(*Temptation*)

Pastor's Pen



First Sunday of Lent

Here we are, again! It's that time of year for fasting and abstinence, more prayer in our lives, and more generosity in giving to our brothers and sisters who are in need. As we begin this season of Lent, the usual question is, "So what are you giving up this year?" What favorite thing will you do without this season? Lent is so much more than "giving up stuff." It's a time to take a deeper look at our lives and our connection with God and with all our brothers and sisters. Pope Francis at his Ash Wednesday service asked these questions:

"How often do we do things only to be recognized, to look good, to satisfy our egos? How often do we profess to be Christian, yet in our hearts readily yield to passions that enslave us? How often do we preach one thing and practice another? How often do we make ourselves look good on the outside while nursing grudges within? We need to be cleansed of all the dust that has sullied our lives."

This season is so much more than giving up candy or ice cream or potato chips. It's a journey through the desert of our lives allowing Christ into the most vulnerable parts of who we are. As Pope Francis says, we may be able to put on a good front but if our hearts are not engaged, the rituals we will go through this season will be empty and meaningless. Our prayer, fasting and almsgiving should move us to conversion of heart. If our Lenten practices are just an end in themselves, there will be little fruit this season. If what we do for Lent is just an obligation to be accomplished, it will not move us to any change in our lives. But if our Lenten practice is a door that opens us to God and the needs of our world, then they will serve us well. As I've said before, our fasting should not be a diet program but a means to realize how many people struggle just to get enough food for the day. Our fasting should help us feel compassion for the children who go to bed hungry each night. Our almsgiving shouldn't just be charity work that makes us feel satisfied, but it should open our eyes to the injustice of social structures that keep people poor. Our prayer should take us to quiet places, (away from cell phones and TVs), where we can allow ourselves to be vulnerable with God as with a best friend.

Yes, it's another season of Lent but this is Lent 2020 and it's one that has never been nor will be again. Let's not allow these 40 days to pass us by!

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
Alex Harvey

(Please call the rectory at 313-331-0253 if you want to have a name included on the new Sick

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. 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.

Stewardship Minute: First Sunday of Lent

Today's Scripture readings focus on avoiding temptation. The Book of Genesis details the fall of Adam and Eve, from which St. Augustine established Catholic teaching on original sin. Psalm 51 expresses God's mercy and forgiveness. In St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, he alerts the community to God's abundant grace in Jesus Christ, and how *acquittal and life came to all* through one righteous act. The evangelist St. Matthew, in his Gospel, tells how Jesus' 40 days of fasting in the desert ends with the devil unsuccessfully tempting Christ. Temptations distract Christian stewards from deepening personal relationships with Jesus. They hinder us from pursuing God's will, weaken us, and lead us to sin. Yet, even when we falter, our Lord's forgiveness is always available through the Sacrament of Penance.

CSA Minute:

Those who devote themselves to a regular professional ministry have an obligation to proper formation and education. Lay Ecclesial Ministers, just like the ordained, need and deserve high standards of formation, effective methods, and comprehensive goals. The Department of Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship, in collaboration with Sacred Heart Major Seminary, offers formation for Christian Service Coordinators, Youth Ministers, Liturgical Musicians, Parish Catechetical Leaders/Directors of Religious Education and RCIA Coordinators.

Through participation in USCCB-approved coursework in human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral formation, Lay Ecclesial Ministers acquire the resources needed to more effectively minister to the faithful. To learn more about the process of becoming a Certified Lay Ecclesial Minister, contact the Department of Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship at (313) 596-7306.

For more information on this and other CSA-funded ministries, visit www.aod.org.

Boldly Go

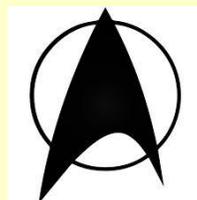
"It is possible to commit no mistakes and still lose. That is not a weakness. That is life." ~ Capt. Jean-Luc Picard

How often do we think we've failed at a goal instead of thinking we did our best? More often than most of us generally admit to ourselves. Most of us have an inner story of us being alone against overwhelming odds. That's a lot of weight to carry, a burden so heavy that many of us don't bother taking one step toward the future waiting for us.

What would our lives be like if we gave ourselves the freedom and permission to lose without losing faith? We don't have to lose faith, not in ourselves and not in a higher power.

Imagine living life joyously, fearlessly, and with great compassion toward ourselves without worrying whether or not you look like a "loser". Life is not a contest, it is a journey.

Boldly go.



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

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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March Mass Intentions

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., Mar. 02: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 16; Matthew 25:31-46

Tues., Mar. 03: Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Matthew 6:7-15

Wed., Mar. 04: Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Luke 11:29-32

Thurs., Mar. 05: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Matthew 7:7-12

Fri., Mar. 06: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Matthew 5:20-26

Sat., Mar. 07: Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Matthew 5:20-26

Sun., Mar. 08: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Timothy 1:1b-10; Matthew 17:1-9

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!

Weekly Collection

02/23/2020

Envelopes	\$ 1,900.00
Loose	\$ 377.34
Maintenance	\$ 205.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,482.34

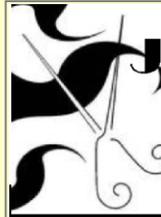


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Making a Report of Sexual Abuse

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.** 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 – more visible, transparent and clear.

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