

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



March 04, 2018

3rd Sunday of Lent
"Trust and Doubt"

Today's Readings

First Reading:

Exodus 20:1-17
(The Ten Commandments)

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:22-25
(The wisdom and folly
of the cross)

Gospel:

John 2:13-25
(Cleansing of the temple)



Pastor's Pen



Third Sunday of Lent

It's hard to believe we're at the third Sunday of Lent. A month from now Easter Sunday will be a memory. So how are you doing with the Lenten sacrifices you promised on Ash Wednesday? Have you slipped or completely fallen? Don't worry, just get up and try again. None of us are perfect! Today the Gospel speaks of Jesus clearing the Temple of the moneychangers and those selling oxen, sheep and doves. I suspect all of these people were good and observant Jews. They knew the law and followed it most of the time but Religion had become a business and the spirit of faith and compassion had faded. I suspect there was probably some cheating and overcharging in their dealings with people coming to the Temple. They had convinced themselves that as long as they followed the rituals, they were fine with God and could live their lives as they wished even if it meant taking advantage of others.

I think the same thing can happen with us. We become complacent in our routines and Mass becomes one of many rituals we do each week. We grocery shop, buy gas, transport the kids to practices, fix dinner and go to Mass. They are all important responsibilities and when completed, we feel better and know we've accomplished something. Christ comes during this season to turn over our nicely set tables and point out the ways we hurt each other. He reminds us that faith is never complacent or idle but is always growing. It can't become routine. Somehow, we should be better people this season with more compassion and a deeper sense of God's presence in our lives. Maybe this week, we can change our routines and give God a little more of our time and our hearts!

We are also happy to announce the nominees for the Spirit Award this year. We have chosen Rene Van Zaelen and Philip Cherry. Rene and Phil are brothers-in law who seem just like brothers. We couldn't give one an award without the other. They are so faithful to the Sunday dinner and are usually the first to be here to set up and the last to leave. Whether it's coffee to be made or tables and chairs to be set up, they are always there and never complain. They are a tremendous asset to St. Charles and we are blessed to have them here. We will celebrate this award on Thursday, March 15th at 7pm at Sacred heart. Please come out and show your gratitude for these two good men. Thanks, Rene and Phil, for all you do for us!

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
Kyle Duker
Heinrich Ericksen
Doris Harris
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Addie Ingram
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Vanessa Laco-Chambers
Dave Laverty
Catherine Lewis
Tiana Marquez
Michael Martin
Mary Massaini
Dina Maynard
Leon McCool
Gary Perzyk
Judy Pierce
Robert Preuss
Patricia C. Randall
Elaine Rosen
Sr. Judy Ruggirello
Carol Santa Maria
Marvin Sims
Tim Stephens
Mark Tamer
Rachel Thompson
Enza Trah
Anna Tyler
Sr Jolene Van Handel
Shawn Wilson
Jenny White

Stations of the Cross and Soup/Supper Discussion

Every Friday during Lent (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!

2018 St. Charles Dinner Dance 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 \$500 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*****

Stewardship Thoughts

“**Joyful Missionary Disciples: A Steward’s Response**,” a workshop on the spiritual and practical aspects of stewardship as a way of life for parish leaders and those seeking to be Christ’s disciples, will be held at **Sacred Heart Major Seminary this Tuesday, March 6**. Auxiliary Bishop Donald Hanchon will serve as the keynote speaker, addressing “The Spirituality of Stewardship.” Two breakout series will cover topics such as the vital role of parish leadership in forming disciples; recruiting, training, and forming your Stewardship Commission; planning for successful ministry events; and motivating and engaging parishioners.

Thanks to gifts to the CSA, this workshop of the archdiocesan Department of Development and Stewardship is free and will be held twice on March 6, from 1-3:30 p.m. and 6:30-9 p.m. In addition, Our Sunday Visitor will offer two bonus sessions on establishing a Parish Priority Plan to transform parishes. These bonus sessions begin at 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and will include a boxed meal. To register, please call: 313.596.7424 or email: berschback.emily@aod.org.

Questions of the Week

(Please see Today’s Readings)

Key Passage: *For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. (1 Corinthians 1:22–23)*

Adult: When has the message of the cross seemed absurd to you, and when have you seen its wisdom?

Child: What puzzles you in the gospel stories? Which story makes you the most hopeful?

Catholic Corner

This Sunday puts us at the half-way point of our Lenten journey. How are we doing with our fasting, prayer and almsgiving? Here’s some advice from our early Church Fathers:

- "How is it possible to fast while not fasting? By enjoying food while having no taste for sin." St. John Chrysostom
- "Prayer has a food of its own which it is [commanded/directed] to take without interruption. Therefore, let [prayer] always fast from hatred and feed on love." St. Augustine
- "Let fasting Christians grow fat through the distribution of alms and the care of the poor. Let a man give to the weak and the poor what he refuses to spend on his own pleasures." Pope St. Leo

"Having discovered God within, we can discover him without; but never the other way round."

(Cyprian Smith, [The Way of Paradox](#))

Upcoming Events / Meetings

Solanus Casey Center's Lenten Series: The Wisdom of Bl. Solanus, **Every Wednesday thru March 28:** You're invited to reflect on the wisdom of Bl. Solanus in preparation for Easter. Programs begin with a Noon Mass followed by soup (\$3) and a Lenten reflection in the Solanus Center dining room (1780 Mt Elliott, Detroit). www.SolanusCenter.org

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. Register by phone at 313-286-2800 or www.stpaulretreat.org/retreats

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

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... All are invited to uplift our city in prayer every Friday night at the corner of Gratiot & McClellan from 9pm-10pm.

Rectory Hours: Mon-Thurs, 10a to 3p
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March Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Ben Canaday

Fr. Ed Borczyk

Ed and Rose Borczyk

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Smith Carson, Jr.

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Casimir Buczak

Patrick Buczak

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Frank Garcia

Sunday, March 18, 2018

Gerald Miller

Jody Holbert

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Ed S. Borycz

Sunday, March 25, 2018

Jennifer Krasinski

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

Leo and Patty Clarke

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., March 05: 2 Kings 5:1-15b; Psalm 42:2, 3, 43:3, 4; Luke 4:24-30

Tues., March 06: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9; Matthew 18:21-35

Wed., March 07: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Matthew 5:17-19

Thurs., March 08: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalm:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 11:14-23

Fri., March 09: Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14& 17; Mark 12:28-34

Sat., March 10: Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Luke 18:9-14

Sun., March 11: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Weekly Collection 02/25/18

02/25/18

Envelopes	\$2,380.50
Loose	\$ 854.17
<u>Maintenance</u>	<u>\$ 140.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3,374.67

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Confirmation Preparation: Mar. 4th Session 3; Mar. 18th Session 4

First Communion Preparation Sundays 11:30am - Church Basement: Mar. 4th

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

Funeral Arrangements for Sister Judie Ann Ruggirello: Memorial Mass, Saturday, March 10, 2018. St. Collette Parish, 11:30am, 17600 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI.

Grow Detroit "Summer Youth Employment Program"

Summer jobs program for youth ages 14-24; Applicants & employers can sign up at www.GDYT.org. 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

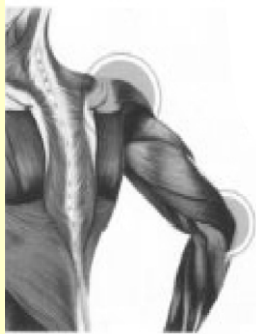
January 31: Application Process Begins at GDYT.org.

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



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