

**March 08, 2020**

#### Second Sunday in Lent

**Today’s Readings**

Genesis 12:1-4a

*(Mission of Abraham)*

Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

*(Trust in God)*

2 Timothy 1:1b-10

*(Design of God)*

Matthew 17:1-9

*(Jesus Transfigured)*

**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 Vigil

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***“The Lord Be With You.”***



**Pastor’s Pen**

On this Second Sunday of Lent, we also celebrate International Women’s Day on March 8th. This event is a global celebration of the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. It has been celebrated since 1911. In the midst of this celebration, it is also a call for an end to discrimination toward women throughout the world and a call to gender equality. I found a few quotes from some strong women to inspire us to look at our views, during this season of Lent, on gender equality. It may be a great meditation during this season to sit in the quiet of our hearts and bring to mind and gives thanks for the many women who have formed us throughout our lives.

***“My mission in life is not merely to survive but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor and style.” Maya Angelou***

***“The success of every woman should be an inspiration to another. We should raise each other up.”***

***Serena Williams***

***“I tell my students. When you get these jobs that you have been so brilliantly trained for, just remember that your real job is that if you are free, you need to free somebody else. If you have some power, then your job is to empower somebody else. This is not just a grab-bag candy game.”***

***Toni Morrison***

***“Fight for the things you care about, but do it in a way that leads others to join you.”***

***Ruth Bader Ginsberg***

***“Look at history, look at who are the most beautiful, iconic women in the world and they’re all different shapes and sizes and colors and heights. It doesn’t matter what measurement is around your thigh. It matters what you put into the world.” Sophia Bush***

***“Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies….Do not wait for leaders. Do it alone, person by person.” Mother Teresa***

**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***

**Stewardship Minute: *Second Sunday of Lent***

In today’s Scripture passage from the Book of Genesis, God calls Abram (later Abraham) to a new land, vowing to bless him and make of him a great nation. Abraham faithfully and immediately follows God’s directive. In the Gospel from the evangelist St. Matthew, Jesus’ divinity is revealed to Peter, James, and John through His Transfiguration on the mountaintop. The Lord directs the disciples to not disclose the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead. They faithfully obey this command. In his Second Letter to Timothy, St. Paul refers to holiness: He [God] saved us and called us to a holy life. Church leaders embraced this invitation to holiness at the Second Vatican Council. Pursuing evangelization through Christian stewardship brings us to a closer relationship with Christ. Are we striving to obey God’s will in our lives? And, in this effort, are we striving for holiness? This Lenten season, make a spiritual retreat to open your heart to Jesus.

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Paul Andrecovich

Mary Cunningham

Steve Dearing

Alex Harvey

Pam Setla

**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.*

**CSA Minute:** *Day of Spiritual Renewal*

All are invited to a Lenten Day of Spiritual Renewal on **Saturday, March 14**, at St. Joan of Arc Parish in St. Clair Shores. The theme for the day is Reconciliation: God’s Mercy Has No End. Lent is a perfect opportunity to reflect on reconciliation, forgiveness and mercy to grow in your relationship with Jesus to live as his dedicated disciple.

Presentations will include: Reconciliation by Rev. Joseph Horn, pastor, National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Royal Oak; and Divine Mercy by Catherine Lanni, founder of the Divine Mercy Center, Clinton Township. Bishop Donald Hanchon will celebrate Mass. Reconciliation, individual prayer and lunch are offered. Fee for the day is $10.

Visit *march14dayofspiritualreflection.eventbrite.com* to register for this spiritually-enriching experience.

Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal make possible events such as this, ensuring that all in the Archdiocese have access to spiritual enrichment and faith formation events. Visit aod.org for more information on CSA-supported ministries and events.

**Words to Live By**

"You are your own stories and therefore free to imagine and experience what it means to be human without wealth. What it feels like to be human without domination over others, without reckless arrogance, without fear of others unlike you, without rotating, rehearsing and reinventing the hatreds you learned in the sandbox. And although you don’t have complete control over the narrative (no author does, I can tell you), you could nevertheless create it. Although you will never fully know or successfully manipulate the characters who surface or disrupt your plot, you can respect the ones who do by paying them close attention and doing them justice. The theme you choose may change or simply elude you, but being your own story means you can always choose the tone. It also means that you can invent the language to say who you are and what you mean. But then, I am a teller of stories and therefore an optimist, a believer in the ethical bend of the human heart, a believer in the mind’s disgust with fraud and its appetite for truth, a believer in the ferocity of beauty. So, from my point of view, which is that of a storyteller, I see your life as already artful, waiting, just waiting and ready for you to make it art."

~ Toni Morrison, commencement speech, Wellesley College 2004

**March Mass Intentions**

Sunday, March 8, 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**

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Bus Driver Needed for Boulevard Residents.**

**Valid CDL License required! Please see or call Bro. Ray him at the rectory if you are interested.**

**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:

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* Click Enroll
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* 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*](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!

**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*](https://www.shms.edu/encounter)

At times, silence can be just as musical as a symphony!

readings for the week

**Mon., Mar. 09:** Daniel 9:4b-10; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 & 13; Luke 6:36-38

**Tues., Mar. 10:** Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; Matthew 23:1-12

**Wed., Mar. 11:** Jeremiah 18:18-20; Psalm 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Matthew 20:17-28

**Thurs., Mar. 12:** Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Luke 16:19-31

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

**Sat., Mar. 14:** Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Luke 15:1-3, 11-31

**Sun., Mar. 15:** Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95; 2 Timothy 1:1b-10;

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

**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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*Weekly Collection*

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Maintenance $ 384.00

**TOTAL $ 3,384.91**





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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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