

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 11, 2018

4th Sunday of Lent
"Now I can see"

Today's Readings

First Reading:

1 Sam 16:1b,6-7,10-13a
David is chosen

Second Reading:

Ephesians 5:8-14
"Awake O Sleeper"

Gospel:

John 9:1-41
The man born blind



Pastor's Pen



Fourth Sunday of Lent

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, we hear the Gospel of the man born blind. The story unfolds and the man who was physically blind ends up with more than a physical healing of his blindness. He sees the Christ and believes. The Pharisees who have physical sight are shown as spiritually blind because they miss the point of the story. They become so busy in trying to figure out how something like this can happen that they miss the miracle in their midst. How often are we blind to the miracles around us and how often are we blind to our own weaknesses and sins?

Have you ever had a conversation with a friend and they tell you something someone else said about them? They will say, "Can you believe so and so thinks that I am selfish or loud or a snob or greedy or dishonest or cheap or controlling or alcoholic or racist or judgmental (and the list goes on)?" You want to say, "Duh, of course you are. Can't you see it in yourself?" We can be completely blind to our weaknesses and sins. They are like the blind spots when we're driving. When a car gets so close to us, we can no longer see it. Sometimes, it's the same with our character flaws and weaknesses. They so are so much a part of us that we can no longer see them. I experience this often times with those who are addicted. They are in such denial of their disease that they're the last to see they're in trouble.

This is the season to check our blind spots. It's hard to admit our weaknesses without becoming defensive but it's even worse to remain blind to that which everyone else sees already. Maybe we go to a friend or a loved one this week and check in with them and ask them what gifts they see in us as well as what weaknesses they see. It takes courage to face the things in our lives that we have become blind to but when we confront them and begin to change, we will experience resurrection and new life. May this journey of Lent give us eyes to see that which must change in our lives!

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
John Huddleston
Addie Ingram
Ron Kirby
Tony Lababera
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
Carol Santa Maria
Marvin Sims
Tim Stephens
Len Storer
Mark Tamer
Rachel Thompson
Enza Trah
Anna Tyler
Sr Jolene Van Handel
Shawn Wilson
Jenny White

Stations of the Cross and Soup/Supper Discussion

Stations of the Cross continue on Friday evenings during Lent (March 16 at St. Charles, and March 23 at Nativity of Our Lord). Stations begin at 6pm in the church. Soup supper and discussion led by Jesse Cox will follow the stations. Everyone is invited to participate!

Catholic Corner: *The Light*

“...on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.” We heard this when we joyfully celebrated Jesus’ arrival as a baby (Is 9:2b). We hear it again but in a different context--this time we hear that there is a resistance to this “light” because our evil deeds may be exposed.

Most of us do not have blatant evil deeds that may be exposed, as did the woman who was about to be stoned for her adultery. And, of course, we believe in Jesus the Light and so are not condemned.

But this light goes deep into the parts we want to keep hidden, those places that we are mortally ashamed of, where we cannot believe that Jesus would still love us if they were exposed. There is where the darkness is more comfortable than the light. And this is where our unbelief resides.

O LORD, you have searched me and known me! Psalm 139:1

Stewardship Thoughts

In today’s readings, the theme of light connects St. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians with the Gospel from St. John. St. Paul professes: Christ will give you light. In the Gospel narrative, Jesus brings light to the eyes of the man born blind. Even though Jesus heals the man’s physical blindness, the pride-filled Pharisees remain blind to Jesus’ message. In both of these Scripture passages, light is set against darkness. Darkness signifies evil, while light represents Truth, goodness, and salvation. In the First Reading, Samuel passes over seven of Jesse’s sons before David’s family “sees the light” — David is God’s anointed one.

Christian stewards strive to live in Christ’s light. Living in this light brings us closer to our Lord in His joy and love — into a personal relationship with Him. In a spirit of evangelization, we are to share this love and joy with those we encounter. To do this, consider joining a team through St. Paul Street Evangelization, streetevangelization.com.

Questions of the Week

(Please see Today’s Readings)

Key Passage: *Jesus said to Nicodemus, “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” (John 3:17)*

Adult: Do you see the world as basically evil, or as good? What difference does this make in the way you live?

Child: Where do you see goodness in God’s world?

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 Sept 9, 2018

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

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 11, 2018

**Casimir Buczak
Patrick Buczak**

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Frank Garcia

Sunday, March 18, 2018

**Gerald Miller
Jody Holbert
Yeshwant Telang**

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 12: Isaiah 65:17-21; Psalm 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b; John 4:43-54

Tues., March 13: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; John 5:1-16

Wed., March 14: Isaiah 49:8-15; Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; John 9:1-41

Thurs., March 15: Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm:106:19-20, 21-22, 23; John 5:31-47

Fri., March 16: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23; John 9:1-41

Sat., March 17: Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; John 9:1-41

Sun., March 18: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

Weekly Collection 03/04/18

Envelopes	\$2,757.00
Loose	\$ 492.00
Maintenance	\$ 475.00
Init. Offering	\$ 5.00
E Europe Aid	\$ 10.00
<u>Christmas</u>	<u>\$ 400.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4,139.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Confirmation Preparation

- Mar. 18th Session 4
- Apr. 8th Session 5

**First Communion Preparation
Sundays 11:30a.m. - Church
Basement:** Mar. 11 & Mar. 18

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

We are accepting donations... of candy, plastic eggs, rosaries and or prayer cards for the kids and our Blvd. family for Easter Sunday. There will be an egg hunt for the children. **Please see Barbara Taylor, Joy Harris, Steve Dearing or leave donations at the rectory.**

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

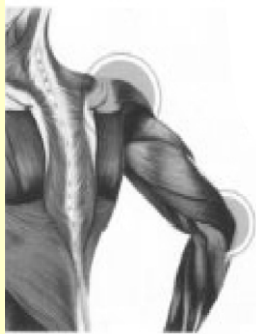
January 31: Application Process Begins at GDYT.org.

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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