

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 18, 2018

5th Sunday of Lent
"The Reward of Faith"

Today's Readings

First Reading:

Jeremiah 31:31–34
(The new covenant)

Second Reading:

Hebrews 5:7–9
(Jesus, compassionate
high priest)

Gospel:

John 12:20–33
(The coming of Jesus' hour)

Pastor's Pen



Fifth Sunday of Lent

As you may have noticed, I'm not there today. I had to fly to NY this morning for a friend's father's funeral on Monday. We grew up together and his father was a wonderful man and I have to be there. I'm sure Br. Robert and George will be great!

This Sunday, as in the last Sundays, we have an option as to which readings we can choose. The B readings are the regular readings, but we can opt for A readings when we have someone coming into the church who is going through the "scrutinies" before baptism. The scrutinies involve a radical look at life by those who are coming into the church as well as for the rest of us. I would have used the A readings had I been there, but the other brothers may use the B readings. So, here's what I would have said.

The Gospel in the A readings is the story of the raising of Lazarus. We hear the story of Lazarus, already in the tomb for four days, being called back to life. We hear Mary and Martha say to Jesus, "If you had been here, my brother would never have died." How often have we said something like that when tragedy strikes? Where was God when I needed Him most? I have no answers about suffering, but it is part of life. We will all struggle with suffering and death, with broken dreams and disappointments, with hurts and betrayals, etc. What I realize as I've gotten older is that God will never leave us in the suffering but will stay with us and walk us to new life. Our new life may not be the old life we had and it may be, as they say, the "new normal" but it will be filled with the grace necessary to keep going and find joy again. How often have we said after a tragedy, "If you ever told me this was going to happen, I would have told you I couldn't do it. Yet, somehow, I had what I needed to get through." That's the grace of God always calling us from death to new life. It's the Christian story! Death has no power over the grace of God's new life for us. So if you're going through difficult days now and it feels like death, remember it's only a moment and new life is coming. Grace is on its way and all will be well!

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 Andreovich
Shawn Burks
Liana Caruana
Liz Cherry
Gary Davila
Howard Dilworth
Kyle Duker
Heinrich Ericksen
Doris Harris
John Huddleston
Addie Ingram
Ron Kirby
Tony Lababera
Vanessa Laco-Chambers
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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 Stoehr
Norma Szczesny
Mark Tamer
Rachel Thompson
Enza Trah
Anna Tyler
Sr Jolene Van Handel
Shawn Wilson
Jenny White

Stations of the Cross and Soup/Supper Discussion

The final Stations of the Cross will be on 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!

Archdiocese of Detroit Events

CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP EMPLOYMENT: Camps Connect, a collaborative between St. Vincent de Paul Camps and Catholic Youth Organization Camps, is hiring camp counselors, activity staff and kitchen staff for summer 2018. The camps are located near Carsonville, MI on the beautiful shores of Lake Huron. Counselor and activity leader positions are residential positions with a 5 - 9 week assignment, depending on position. Staff receive time off during the week and weekends. Training is provided! Applicants must be at least 18 years of age for counselor positions and at least 17 years of age for activity staff and kitchen positions. Make a difference in a child's life, and in your own! For more information, please apply online at www.campsconnect.org or contact Lori at the Camps Office at 810-622-8744 or admin@campsconnect.org.

Capuchin Events

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

April 16, 2018 - Buddy's 42nd annual 'Slice of Life' event: Visit any of Buddy's Pizza's full-service locations to enjoy an all-you-can-eat two-topping pizza and salad meal with proceeds benefiting the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's programs. A carry-out option is also available for purchase at all 11 Buddy's Pizza locations and includes either a 4-square two topping pizza or a medium sized antipasto, Greek or house salad.

March 1 through March 30 - Helping neighbors in need, the **Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers Association Truckloads of Hope** donation drive returns for the second consecutive year to support the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's Services Center with personal shower supplies and household essentials. The goal of the Truckloads of Hope is to fill 38 Chevy Silverado truck beds and mobilize a Silverado caravan to present the donations to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Visitors are invited to place their donations in the back of a 'Truckloads of Hope' Chevy Silverado truck display at any of the participating Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers showrooms.

Questions of the Week

(Please see Today's Readings)

Key Passage: *Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.* (John 12:25)

Adult: When and in what way have you seen life come from death?

Child: When have you felt stronger because you sacrificed something for a friend or member of your family?

Catholic Corner:

The Seeds That Grow

In the Parable of the Sower, as recorded in the first three gospels, Jesus explained to the disciples that the "seed" that was sown is the word of God that bore fruit depending on the hearer's response to the message contained therein.

In John's gospel, Jesus tells Philip and Andrew that the seed would bear fruit only if it is buried and dies. Jesus is the seed-the grain of wheat-who is about to die in order to pave the way back to the glory of God through his Resurrection. We, who have been baptized in Christ, must also pass through death to resurrection. We must "die" to our impulse to put ourselves before God and others.

"See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!"
2 Corinthians 6:2b

Upcoming Events / Meetings

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***

Discernment Weekend, March 22 - 25, 2018

Who: Men, High School Senior to
55 years old

What: Discernment Weekends are
a unique opportunity for anyone
feeling a call to the priesthood. You
will spend four days living at the
seminary which provides you with a
first-hand opportunity to see what
it's like from the inside. This
weekend provides you with many
great tools for proper discernment.

Where: Sacred Heart Major
Seminary. For more information or
to register visit detroitpriest.com

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

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March Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 18, 2018

**Gerald Miller
Jody Holbert
Michael Ayub
Yeshwant Telang**

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Ed S. Borycz

Sunday, March 25, 2018

Jennifer Krasinski

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

Leo and Patty Clarke

**To
REJOICE
is to
GROW**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., March 19: 2 Samuel
7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Psalm
89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29;
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22;
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Tues., March 20: Numbers
21:4-9; Psalm 102:2-3, 16-
18, 19-21; John 8:21-30

Wed., March 21: Daniel
3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Psalm
Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;
John 8:31-42

Thurs., March 22: Genesis
17:3-9; Psalm:105:4-5, 6-7, 8-
9; John 8:51-59

Fri., March 23: Jeremiah
20:10-13; Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-
4, 5-6, 7; John 10:31-42

Sat., March 24: Ezekiel
37:21-28; Psalm Jeremiah
31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; John
11:1-45

Sun., March 25: Isaiah
50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18,
19-20, 23-24; Philipians
2:6-11; Mark 14:1 – 15-47

Weekly Collection 03/11/18

Envelopes	\$2,213.50
Loose	\$ 532.00
Maintenance	\$ 339.00
Christmas	\$ 400.00
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. 18, Apr. 15

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

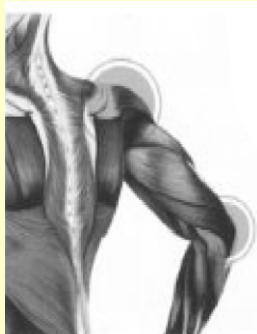
We are accepting donations... of
candy, plastic eggs, rosaries and or
prayer cards for the kids and our
Blvd. family for Easter Sunday.
There will be an egg hunt for the
children. **Please see Barbara
Taylor, Joy Harris, Steve Dearing
or leave donations at the rectory.**

Catholic Education Survey...

Archbishop Vigneron is asking for
your input on Catholic education.
Earlier this week all families from our
parish for whom we have an email
address should have received an
email with a link to a brief survey.
This survey will help the archbishop
and the Archdiocese understand
how you, the faithful, regard our
Catholic schools. If you have not yet
done so, please complete the
survey, which can be found at
www.surveymonkey.com/r/NonSchoolParishSurvey, **by March 25.** For
more information about the purpose
of the survey and how the results
will be used, please visit
www.aod.org/catholicschoolplanning
(Results of the survey will be made
available later this spring.)

Tutors Needed in Oakland County

Are you 55 or older and interested in
helping young people learn?
CCSEM has just the program for
you! Our Retired & Senior Volunteer
Program (RSVP) is looking for tutors
for youth in the Oakland County
school system. No experience is
necessary. For more information,
contact Allie Van Haverbeke at 248-
559-1147 ext. 3945 or
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