The VIGIL
Sunday March 26, 2023 (A Cycle)
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Praised be Jesus Christ! We are a couple weeks out from Easter, and the liturgy now takes us into Jesus’ last days. The Pharisees decide after the raising of Lazarus, the last of Jesus’ signs, that Jesus must die. Let us accompany Jesus in His last days each day through the readings so that we can be faithful disciples.

[The services at Nativity and at St. Augustine/St. Monica parishes are in brackets]

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Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 26th 11:30 Mass livestreamed/ Presider and Preacher: Father David

Tuesday, March 28th [5 PM Mass at Sacred Heart; SSAM: SVDP Food pantry, Men’s Faith Sharing/6 PM Men’s Faith Sharing]

Wednesday, March 29th [SSAM 8 AM Adoration, 9 AM Mass/ Presider: Father Dan, Preacher: Deacon Chris] Zoom Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott @ jlscott820@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

Thursday, March 30th [Nativity church basement: 8 AM Adoration, 9 AM Mass, Presider: Fr. Dan, Preacher: Deacon John Wright/ Nativity: Emergency Food Pantry: Open 1:00-4:00] [SSAM 6:30 PM Women’s Bible Study on Revelation/8:15 Holy Hour for vocations and for priests]

Friday, March 31st St. Charles Borromeo church: 8 AM Holy Hour, 11 AM Mass followed by social, Preacher and presider: Father Dan/Stations after Mass

Saturday, April 1st SSAM: NO holy hour or Mass

Palm Sunday, April 2nd 11:30 Mass livestreamed with social distancing/Priest and preacher: Fr. Dan

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It was good being at Mass last week, and to see so many people. A few families who belonged to the parish some years ago are back, and we’ll have some more Baptisms this year.

Prayers. Please keep praying for our candidates for full communion as they get ready for the Easter sacraments.

Please see the list of bible studies and faith sharing groups in the bulletin.

With a prayer,

Father Dan
FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

A pastor transformed himself into a homeless person and went to the church that he was to be introduced as the head pastor at that morning. He walked around his soon to be church for 30 minutes while it was filling with people for service. Only 3 people said hello to him, most looked the other way. He asked people for change to buy food because he was hungry. Not one gave him anything. He went into the sanctuary to sit down in the front of the church and was told by the ushers that he would need to get up and go sit in the back of the church. He said hello to people as they walked in but was greeted with cold stares and dirty looks from people looking down on him and judging him.

He sat in the back of the church and listened to the church announcements for the week. He listened as new visitors were welcomed into the church that morning but no one acknowledged that he was new. He watched people around him continue to look his way with stares that said you are not welcome here. Then the elders of the church went to the podium to make the announcement. They said they were excited to introduce the new pastor of the church to the congregation. "We would like to introduce you to our new Pastor." The congregation stood up and looked around clapping with joy and anticipation. The homeless man sitting in the back stood up and started walking down the aisle. That's when all the clapping stopped and the church was silent. With all eyes on him...he walked up the altar and reached for the microphone.

He stood there for a moment and then recited so elegantly, a verse from the bible.....“Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' “Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of my brothers and sisters, you did for me.’ After he recited this, he introduced himself as their new pastor and told the congregation what he had experienced that morning. Many began to cry and bow their heads in shame.

“Today I see a gathering of people here but I do not see a church of Jesus. The world has enough people that look the other way. What the world needs is disciples of Jesus that can follow this teachings and live as he did. When will YOU decide to become disciples?”

He then dismissed service until the following Sunday as his sermon had been given.
**NOTE:** We have removed the signs for social distancing on the south side of church (choir side). The north side of church is still reserved for those who want to continue social distancing. **However, everyone will continue to wear masks in the church.**

**Nativity Pantry News...** see above regarding Easter needs!

**Sunday Community Dinners...** As one of our most important ministries to our members, neighbors, we have been blessed to have many sponsors, but as with most ministries, we are in need of more. If you and your group would like to learn more about sponsoring a meal or if you’re ready to sign up, please call or email Georgia Kingsley at 586-206-2202, gfk111@aol.com.

**MAR, APR DINNER SCHEDULE:**
- March 26 – Angie Kadowaki & Alisa
- April 02 – Knights on Bikes
- April 09 – Easter Sunday – No Meal
- April 16, 2023 – Janis Ayoub and Friends
- April 23, 2023 – Bob and Jane Colombo
- April 30, 2023 – King and Allen Family

**EASTER PROJECTS**

_Easter at St. Charles!_
Our Religious Education Commission is asking for your assistance... in sponsoring Easter Bags for our children. Commission is requesting individually wrapped Easter candy, plastic eggs (just maybe there will be an Easter egg hunt!), bunny candy, fruit snacks, and other things that you would put in an Easter basket. Please see Barbara Taylor with donations or questions.

_Easter at Nativity!_
Nativity will be passing out Easter baskets and Easter bags again this year to children in church on Easter Sunday and the pantry families. If you would like to donate to the project, we are in need of chocolate bunnies, sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, items for teens, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and individually wrapped candy, cookies, chips, fruit snacks etc....basically items you would put in a basket for a family member. If you would like to fill a basket or bag on your own, or donate to the project, please bring it to church by April 2nd. Thank you for your support of this project.*
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The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of March 2023

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Mass Intentions:

Sunday, March 26, 2023
Lisa Little
Angela McDonald

Sunday, April 2, 2023
Jim Ruhanna
Deceased Members of the Dearing Family

Sunday, April 9, 2023
Rubin Olivio

Sunday, April 16, 2023
Jon Harvey

Sunday, April 23, 2023
Jessie Kirby

Sunday, April 30, 2023
Roger Sinclair

Today's Readings:

Ezekiel 37: 12-14
(The Lord's Promise)

Psalm 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
(Mercy and Redemption)

Romans 8: 8-11
(Indwelling of Christ's Mercy & Spirit)

John 11: 25a, 26
(Resurrection)

John 11: 1-45
(Lazarus)

Readings for the Week:


Tues., Mar. 28: Numbers 21: 4-9; Psalm 102: 2-3, 16-18, 19-21; John 8: 21-30


Thurs., Mar. 30: Genesis 17: 3-9; Psalm 105: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Psalm 95: 8; John 8: 51-59

Fri., Mar. 31: Jeremiah 20: 10-13; Psalm 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; John 6: 63c, 68c; Gospel: John 10: 31-42

Sat., Apr. 1: Ezekiel 37: 21-28; Psalm: Jeremiah 31: 10, 11-12, 13; Ezekiel 18: 31; John 11: 45-56


Weekly Collection:

3-19-2023

Collection $1,243.00

Online Donations $1,782.00

TOTAL $3,025.00

Weekly Budgeted Amt $5,800.00

Weekly Collection Vs. Budget – $2,775.00

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Stewardship Minute:

Grateful Stewardship

“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’”

JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really live Stewardship by seeing that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."

“Kindness is not an act, it’s a reflection of your soul.”
Archbishop Vigneron’s statement on Pope Francis’ Global Rules for Reporting Abuse

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. The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others directly to law enforcement – no matter when the abuse occurred. The Michigan Attorney General’s Office has established a toll-free reporting hotline at (844-324-3374, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5pm. aginvestigations@michigan.gov). Individuals also may contact their local police department. For complaints involving priests, deacons, religious, or laity, individuals are welcomed to contact the Archdiocese of Detroit’s Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or vac@aod.org.
FREE WSU Tuition for Families under $70K

This fall, Wayne State University will offer first-year students with family incomes of $70,000 or less a tuition-free college education through the Wayne State Guarantee. For more information, see: http://www.dev.wayne.edu/financial-aid/types/wayne-state-guarantee

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Lent and Easter Triduum/Mass Schedules - 2023

**ST. AGUSTINE/ST. MONICA**
- Ash Wednesday: 12 NOON
- Fridays: 6 PM Stations
- Holy Thursday: 6 PM Mass
- Good Friday: 12 PM Stations/Rosary/Passion
- Easter Vigil: 8:30 PM Mass
- Easter Sunday: 10 AM Mass

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**SACRED HEART**
- Ash Wednesday: 12 NOON & 5 PM
- Fridays: 12 NOON Stations
- Holy Thursday: 5 PM Mass
- Good Friday: 12 NOON Mass
- Easter Vigil: 5 PM Mass
- Easter Sunday: 8 AM Mass & 10 AM Mass

Father Norman P. Thomas, Pastor
1000 Elliot St., Detroit, MI 48207
313.831.1356
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**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY**
- Ash Wednesday: with Sacred Heart
- Fridays: with Sacred Heart
- Holy Thursday: with Sacred Heart
- Good Friday: 12 NOON in Church
- Easter Vigil: with Sacred Heart
- Easter Sunday: 11:30 AM Mass

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**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**
- Ash Wednesday: 9 AM
- Fridays
- Holy Thursday: 6 PM Mass
- Good Friday: 12:30 PM Mass
- Easter Vigil
- Easter Sunday: 9:30 AM Mass

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5900 McClellan Ave., Detroit, MI 48213
313.922.0033
www.nativitydetroit.org

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEO**
- Ash Wednesday: 6 PM
- Fridays: 11 AM Mass, then Stations
- Holy Thursday
- Good Friday: 6:30 PM Mass
- Easter Vigil: 8:30 PM Mass
- Easter Sunday: 11:30 AM Mass

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