

The Vigil

March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Lent

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

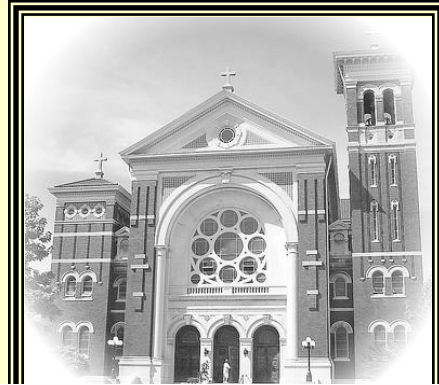
Mass Times:

St. Charles:

Wednesday 10:30am;
Sunday 8:15am AND 11:30am

Nativity:

Thursday 11am; Saturday 4pm;
Sunday 9:45am



Today's Readings

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

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

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

John 11:1-45
(*Lazarus*)

Pastor's Pen



Two wonderful women

Our dear Ida Cherry was a wonderful presence at Mass every week. She was everyone's mother, grandmother, great grandmother and aunt. She would also be teased by some of the married and unmarried men in the parish as their "secret" girlfriend. When I asked if she was carrying on with a married man, she would reply, "Oh Father...you know I don't want another man. I've had enough of that." Ida could always laugh at herself and enjoyed being around all kinds of people. I would watch her waiting for Phil and Rene to get finished on Sundays after the meal and I'd feel bad that she had to wait so long but her response was always, "it's ok. I'm not going anywhere."

Ida prided herself on making sure bulletins were folded correctly and inserts placed in each bulletin. This year she received the "Spirit Award" and was so proud to have her family by her side. She loved her family deeply and when they were hurting or going through a crisis, she was suffering their pain as well as her own. Ida, we will miss you terribly but we know that there were so many waiting for you on the other side to welcome you home. So Rest now and enjoy heaven. You have run the race well.

Mary Cunningham was the definition of class. For those who never met Mary, she could be found at the 8:15am Mass each Sunday with her sister and brother in law, Colleen and Frank. Mary is a cousin of Adrienne Strubank and came to the parish after Adrienne's invitation. She had not been in the parish very long when her son, Jody, died suddenly in an accident. This was completely devastating for her but I watched as she stood on her faith and was valiant through her grief. She was an inspiration to all of us in her quiet strength.

She also took on the altar flowers for Easter, Christmas, Pentecost, Alumni Sunday and any other celebrations that arose throughout the year. Sometimes, decorators can be a bit tough and territorial. Mary was not like that. She would do what she thought best, and if folks had other ideas, she would listen and adjust. In her humble way, she knew it was not about herself but it was to give glory to God. Mary left us on Friday, March 13th after a struggle with a difficult illness. Mary, we will miss your kind smile, Irish wit and generous spirit. Enjoy your time with Jody and all the other friends and relatives who have been waiting for you to come home!

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

Steve Dearing
Pam Setla

Please contact the rectory if
you would like us to add a
name.

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.

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- ❖ Anyone who wishes to live their spiritual life more fully

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Stewardship Minute Breathe

Stewardship Faith

"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 go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, 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 Stewardship, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need. It opens our hearts to see God's active presence in our daily lives.

Words to Live By

"I know. It's all wrong. By rights we shouldn't even be here. But we are. It's like in the great stories, Mr. Frodo. The ones that really mattered. Full of darkness and danger, they were. And sometimes you didn't want to know the end. Because how could the end be happy? How could the world go back to the way it was when so much bad had happened? But in the end, it's only a passing thing, this shadow. Even darkness must pass. A new day will come. And when the sun shines it will shine out the clearer. Those were the stories that stayed with you. That meant something, even if you were too small to understand why. But I think, Mr. Frodo, I do understand. I know now. Folk in those stories had lots of chances of turning back, only they didn't. They kept going. Because they were holding on to something."

~ Samwise Gamgee (*The Lord of the Rings* by JRR Tolkien)

"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'"

~ Mr. Rogers

Upcoming Events / Meetings

Get Out the Vote!

"In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" Pope Francis in Evangelii Gaudium.

Stop by the table in the back of church or in the basement to register to vote, or to get your absentee ballot application. **Anyone, no matter what their age or ability, can vote by mail now in Michigan.** We have forms for all counties. You can also sign your pledge to vote in the November election.

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BETTERMENT OF
ALL, NOT THE
SELF.**

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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March / April Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 29, 2020

Norma Szczesny

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Eric Leggs

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Bohdan Vujic

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

Roy Lozon

Sunday, April 12, 2020

Lillian Nadeau

Bohdan Vujic

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Gerard and Rosemary

Stadmeyer

Sunday, April 19, 2020

Jon Harvey

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Irene Seyboldt

Sunday, April 26, 2020

**Deceased Members of the
Borycz Family**

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

James Charles, Sr.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Mar. 30: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-31, 33-62; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,6; John 8:1-11

Tues., Mar. 31: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; John 8:21-30

Wed., April 01: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Psalm Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8L31-42

Thurs., April 02: Genesis 17:3-914; Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; John 8:51-59

Fri., April 03: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; John 10:31-42

Sat., April 04: Ezekiel 37:21-28; Psalm Jeremiah 31:10:11-12abcd, 13; John 11:45-56

Sun., April 5: Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27

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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www.krogercommunityrewards.com

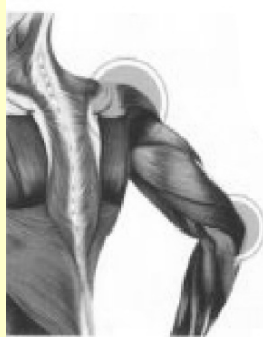
- Click "Enroll"
- Enter the required information
- Click Enroll
- On the next page, scroll to the bottom and click on "Community Rewards"
- Enter your contact information and click "Save"
- On the next page enter **QB361** or St. Charles Church and hit Enter
- Choose the correct organization; Click 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>
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!

Weekly Collection

WILL COME WHEN WE RETURN!



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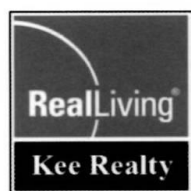
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Making a Report of Sexual Abuse

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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Letter from Archbishop Vigneron:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As citizens of Michigan, we join with our neighbors in observing measures to address the spread of COVID-19. As we continue to practice social distancing to limit the virus' spread, our response as the Body of Christ must always begin in faith. We believe Jesus is still Lord. We believe that God can bring good from this time. We believe that we are not abandoned but remain – however mysteriously – in the loving hands of the Father.

It is with great sadness that I have to announce to you that Holy Week celebrations will not be offered publicly this year in the Archdiocese of Detroit. To ensure we cooperate with and support the governor and local health officials during this time as well as assuring you of my continued commitment to the work of unleashing the Gospel, I am issuing these directives regarding the life of our parishes, the administration of the Sacraments – particularly to those who are sick and dying – and the celebration of Holy Week.

While it is not possible for us to gather in our parishes during Holy Week and on Easter, it is possible for us to be connected in other ways. I ask you to remain attentive to aod.org and spiritualclosness.org for ways to be connected with each other during these days. I would also ask you to please continue your financial support to your parish. They rely entirely on your contributions and your generosity. I am very grateful for your support, especially during this time.

In addition, I ask all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Detroit to join me, the Holy Father and faithful around the world in these two times of prayer this week:

1. Wednesday, March 25 – the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord – to pause at 12 noon to pray the Our Father.
2. Friday, March 27 to pray at 1:00 p.m. (in union with the Holy Father in Rome) and, as you are able, to receive the Plenary Indulgence that will accompany the Eucharistic Benediction from the Holy Father on this occasion.

I know this is an unprecedented time in the life of our local Church. But unprecedented challenges bring unprecedented graces. If we unite ourselves to the Lord we will emerge from these days of trial and uncertainty more ready to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Please know of my prayers for you and our whole State of Michigan during these days. Asking the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron
Archbishop of Detroit