
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

The VIGIL

Sunday, March 30, 2025
4th The Sunday of Lent – Scrutiny 2 (Year C)





Sunday Food for Your Soul

Cowering

Have you noticed the way dogs hang their heads and grovel when they are scolded, wheedling their way back into good graces.

To us humans it looks as if they are saying “I’m really, really sorry for what I did, and please, please, please forgive me. To make up for it, I will do any base thing you want.”

Poor dog.

We assume that God is angry.

And poor prodigal son in this week’s [Gospel](#). Like a dog at Easter table, this son ate up his father’s money on riotous living in a faraway country. Obviously he would run out of funds, but was having too much fun to notice.

Then there came the terrible famine.

This once pampered youth now had to feed somebody’s herd of pigs just to live. He would have been happy to gobble their husks.

It took a while for the truth to hit him, what he had done to himself and to his family. He first noticed indeed that he was starving. He made a forced but perhaps humble decision to go back to his father and ask for mercy, hanging his head just like dogs do. “Please, please, please, please forgive me.”

He dragged down the dusty road to his father’s estate, practicing his speech over and over.

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers. (Gospel)

In other words, he would “grovel and do any base thing needed.” He would even admit the sins he was so embarrassed about.

You and I might have such an occasion too, once in a while.

Often we are terrified that anyone even would know our faults. And we think God will respond with rage against us if he finds out. So we make Lenten “firm purposes of amendment,” and urge our New Year’s promises (or whatever else). We want to be “worthy” before God, with our sins hidden from sight.

But in the parable does this father fold his arms and put on a “parental” angry face? No. He spots far down the road his prodigal son (who is still memorizing the his lines) and sets out running to the lost one. See them meet, enveloped in thirsty road-dust. Father embraces his son and kisses him. The boy tries to blunder his lines. Father, I have sinned terribly! I am no longer worthy of ...

But his dad drowns him out, calling for the finest robe in the house, a ring for the boy’s finger, sandals for his feet, and a huge banquet of celebration. This father shows that he does indeed understand. And he is ecstatic that his son came home.

Apply that now to you and me. We assume that God is angry. Our shame says, “Father, I am no good. I am totally unworthy.”

But God is saying, “I know what you have done, child. You needn’t cower. You are precious to me, not because you never sin. I know that it can happen, and I am all forgiveness! Come, come, have back your brothers, sisters, neighbors and, most of all, your Father.

“Let me hug you.”

Because he invites us so close to his heart, God is most willing to absorb the losses we inflict. Even if we were to join forces with evil in the world, God would wait and pray, welcome us back, sins and all, with open arms. And help us overcome the evil that plagues the world.

By the way, notice that Jesus’ arms are wide open on the cross.

Sunday Community Dinners... As one of our most important ministries to our members and neighbors, we have been blessed. We are in need of more. If you and your group would like to sponsor a meal, please contact Georgia Kingsley via the rectory. **Today, March 30, 2025: Strangers No Longer; April 6, 2025: Detroit Black Catholic Ministry; April 13, 2025: Knights on Bikes; April 20, 2025: Easter Sunday – NO MEAL; April 27, 2025: St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans; May 4, 2025: Detroit Mass Mob (Desserts ONLY); May 11, 2025: Mother's Day – NO MEAL; May 18, 2025: Natl Jr Honor Society of Our Lady of Martyrs; May 25, 2025: Memorial Day - NO MEAL.**

Nativity Pantry News: We are grateful for your continued support of the pantry. Your weekly donations make a difference. **This week we need Family Size Peanut Butter, Cereal, and Easter Candy. Again, thank you never seems to be enough, but THANK YOU!** If you would like to support the pantry without shopping, a check made out to Gleaners Food Bank would be greatly appreciated. Please include Nativity Pantry 1116 in the memo line. Mail checks to Nativity and we will take them to Gleaners to be sure they are properly credited to our account. Many thanks for your generosity and all you do! If you would like to support the pantry without shopping, a check made out to Gleaners Food Bank would be greatly appreciated. Please include Nativity Pantry 1116 in the memo line. Mail checks to Nativity and we will take them to Gleaners to be sure they are properly credited to our account. Many thanks for your generosity!

Parish Financial News

The Parish Finance Council met 1/29/25 to review our year to date (YTD) progress and to begin planning for our next fiscal budget. We anticipated that at the halfway point in the fiscal year of 7/1/24 - 12/31/25, our expenses would exceed our income by about \$34,000. While we have spent less than planned, our collection money is short of what we anticipated, leaving us with a \$40,000 deficit. The council will continue to work with the parish to reduce the deficit, looking for ways to increase money coming in, while keeping a sharp focus on expenses.

There are several areas of good news! The deficit is significantly smaller than last year's and it appears that we will continue to improve. We have solid savings to cushion the shortfall while we work to balance the budget. Also, thanks to generous donors, we have been able to complete several significant long-term improvements over the last 18 months, including a new boiler, gutter replacements and upgrades and upcoming (Spring) tuck pointing work!

Easter Basket Items Needed Please!!



Barbara Taylor will be taking donations for our Easter bags for the children. The group is requesting donations of individual candies wrapped, plastic eggs, prayer cards, coloring book pages and/or bookmarks for children. Please see Barbara with any questions and to drop off donations.

The VIGIL

PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE

Jean-Marie Allion
Anderson and Miller Family
Paul Andreacovich
Kathy Ayoub
Mary Canaday
Kyle Duker
Doris Franklin
Carol Herman
Sandra Hill
Sr. Mary Ellen Howard
Joyce Hurley
Bertha Jackson-Hyde
Dan Jones
Kathy Kapa
Leslie Kirby
Ron Kirby
Pamela Little
Michael Martin
Jacqueline Morant
Gloria Parham
Ronald Parham
Vertis Park, Sr.
Earlene Park-Williams
Donald Snider
Fran Snider
Anna Tyler
Arnold Vann
Rene VanZaelen
Eldora White

Please call the rectory at 313-331-0253 to let us know when a name should be added to or removed from the list. Names will stay on the list for 3 months, but can be continued if we are notified of the wishes to do so.

MASS INTENTIONS

March 30, 2025

Fr. Dan Trapp
Cindi Palotas

April 06, 2025

The Krall and Bolous Families

April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday

Archbishop Vigneron on his retirement

April 20, 2025 – Easter Sunday

All our departed loved ones

April 27, 2025

William Joseph Carpenter
Roger Sinclair

PRAYERS, READINGS, & FINANCE

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
(The Lord's Anointed)

Psalm 23
(The Lord's Protection)

Ephesians 5: 8-14
(Children of Light)

John 8: 12
(Light of Life)

John 9: 1-41
(Cure of Blind Man)

The Holy Father's Intentions
for the Month of
March 2025

For vocations to the priesthood
and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Mar. 31: Isaiah 65: 17-21; Psalm 30: 2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Amos 5: 14; John 4: 43-54

Tues., Apr. 01: Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12; Psalm 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Psalm 51: 12a, 14a; John 5: 1-16

Wed., Apr. 02: Isaiah 49: 8-15; Psalm 145: 8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; John 11: 25a, 26; John 5: 17-30

Thurs., Apr. 03: Exodus 32: 7-14; Psalm 106: 19-20, 21-22, 23; John 3: 16; John 5: 31-47

Fri., Apr. 04: Wisdom 2: 1a, 12-22; Psalm 34: 17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Matthew 4: 4b; John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat., Apr. 05: Jeremiah 11: 18-20; Psalm 7: 2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Luke 8: 15; John 7: 40-53

Sun., Apr. 06: Ezekiel 37: 12-14; Psalm 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Romans 8: 8-11; John 11: 25a, 26; John 11: 1-45

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE:

Stewardship Security

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." - JOSHUA 5:12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide his Stewards with all that we need.

COLLECTION INFO

March 03-23-2025

Collection \$1,370.50

Online \$1,053.00

TOTAL \$2,423.50

DETROIT LOWER EASTSIDE FAMILY OF PARISHES
STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOUP SUPPER
March 7 through April 11, 2025



MARCH 7 @ 6PM	ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO, 1491 BALDWIN ST., DETROIT 48214
MARCH 14 @ 6PM	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, 5900 McCLELLAN, DETROIT 48213
MARCH 21 @ 6PM	ST. AUGUSTINE/ST. MONICA, 4151 SEMINOLE, DETROIT 48214
MARCH 28 @ 5:30PM	ST. ELIZABETH, 3138 E. CANFIELD ST., DETROIT 48207
APRIL 4 @ 6PM	SACRED HEART, 1000 ELIOT ST., DETROIT 48207
APRIL 11 @ 6PM	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, 5900 McCLELLAN, DETROIT 48213

Please come and pray the Stations of the Cross together at each of our parishes, and join us afterward for fellowship and a delicious soup supper. All are welcome.

****NOTE:** Stations will be celebrated at each individual parish on Good Friday, April 18th

**DETROIT LOWER EASTSIDE FAMILY OF PARISHES
 HOLY WEEK/TRIDUUM/EASTER
 April 14 - April 20, 2025**

Wednesday, April 16	9:00 am	St. Augustine & St. Monica – Mass
Holy Thursday, April 17	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart – Mass/Feet Washing
	6:00 pm	St. Augustine & St. Monica – Mass/Potluck
Good Friday, April 18	12 Noon	Sacred Heart – Stations/Service/Fish Fry
	12:30 pm	Nativity – Stations/Service
	1:30 pm	St. Elizabeth – Stations/Service
	6:00 pm	St. Charles Borromeo – Service
Easter Vigil, April 19	8:30 pm	St. Augustine and St. Monica – Mass
	8:45 pm	St. Charles Borromeo – Mass
	9:00 pm	Sacred Heart – Mass
Easter Sunday, April 20	8:00 am	Sacred Heart – Mass
	9:30 am	Nativity – Mass
	10:00 am	Sacred Heart – Mass
	10:00 am	St. Augustine & St. Monica - Mass
	11:30 am	St. Charles Borromeo – Mass
	12 Noon	St. Elizabeth – Mass

Nativity of Our Lord – 5900 McClellan Ave., Detroit 48213
Sacred Heart - 1000 Eliot St., Detroit 48207
St. Augustine & St. Monica - 4151 Seminole St., Detroit 48214
St. Charles Borromeo - 1491 Baldwin St., Detroit 48214
St. Elizabeth of Hungary - 3138 E. Canfield, Detroit 48207

PLEASE SIGN A POSTCARD TO POPE FRANCIS, ASKING HIM TO CANONIZE THE SAINTLY SIX
(Postcards will be on the tables at the Community Meal on March 2nd,
and on the table in the back of church after that.)

The Saintly Six are six holy Americans of African descent, who led exemplary lives:

Pierre Toussaint (1766-1853) was brought from Haiti to the United States by the White French couple who enslaved him. Freed in 1807, he became a successful hair stylist and redeemed both his sister and future wife from slavery. Toussaint financially supported several charitable causes, helped to finance the construction of Old St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, and is considered a founder of Catholic Charities of New York.

Mother Henriette Delille, SSF (Sisters of the Holy Family), was born free in 1813 to a Creole family of Color in New Orleans, Louisiana. She along with two others founded the Sisters of the Holy Family in 1842, the second oldest congregation of vowed Black women religious in the United States in continuous existence. Delille and her companions committed themselves to serving the practical and spiritual needs of the poor and neglected, especially free and enslaved Black children.

Father John Augustus Tolton (1854-1897) was born into slavery in Missouri and in 1863 escaped with his family to Illinois. Despite the support of the local bishop, he was rejected by every North American major seminary to which he applied; hence, Tolton studied at the Pontifical Urban University in Rome and was ordained in 1886. Tolton endured considerable racial opposition at his first parish assignment but met with success after his transfer to the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, OSP (Oblate Sisters of Providence), was born about 1789 in Saint-Domingue (now known as Haiti) but during the Haitian Revolution she and her parents escaped to Cuba; as an adult, she immigrated to the United States. Recognizing the need for education of African American children in Baltimore, she first opened her home for that purpose. Drawn to religious life, Lange and three companions founded the oldest congregation of vowed Black women religious in continuous existence in the United States in 1829.

Julia Greeley (c.1833/1848-1918), was born into slavery in Missouri and as an adult moved to Denver, Colorado, in 1879. A year later, she became a Catholic and in 1901 joined the Secular Franciscans. Greeley earned her living performing domestic work for wealthy White families in Denver. She gave most of her salary to those in need—famously pulling a red wagon through the streets of Denver late at night bringing food, coal, clothing to all who were impoverished. She is known as Denver's "Angel of Charity."

Sister Thea Bowman, FSPA (Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration) was born in Yazoo City, Mississippi, in 1937. At the age of 9, she became a Catholic; and at 15, entered the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, La Crosse, Wisconsin. After years of teaching in elementary, college, and graduate schools, Bowman was invited to minister in the Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi, as a consultant for intercultural awareness. This appointment took her not only around the diocese and the state, but also around the country and the globe. Despite grave illness, she continued to encourage Black Catholics to bring their "fully functioning" selves, that is their history and culture and music, to the Catholic Church.

VISIO DIVINA

APRIL
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6:30
PM

Pray with art & deepen
your Lenten journey.

Join us for a short
virtual presentation and
experience of *visio
divina*, praying with art.

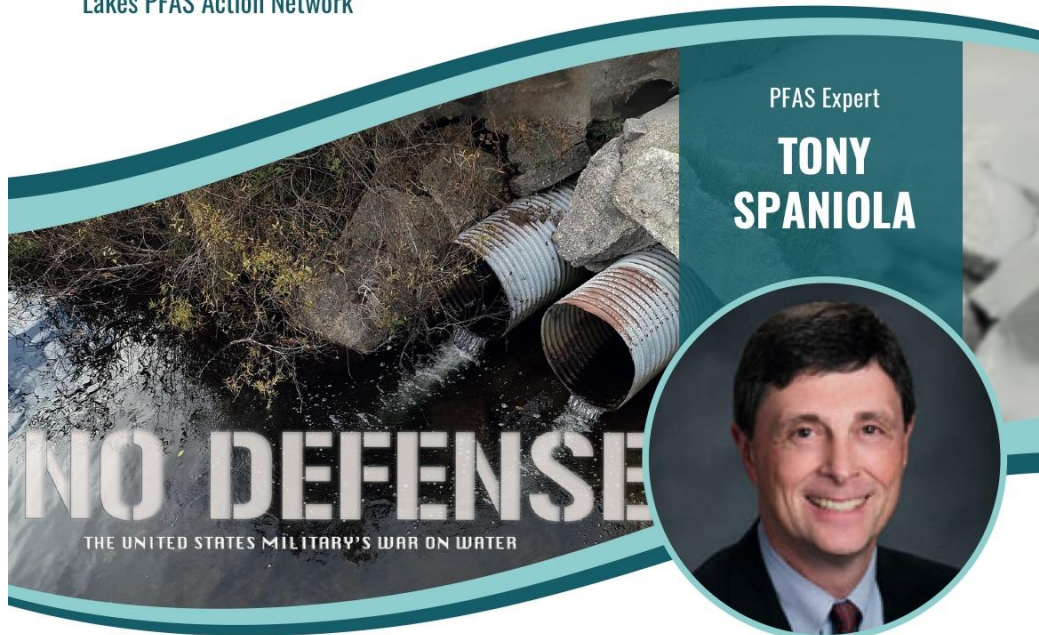
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FOREVER CHEMICALS: A COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

Film screening and Q&A hosted by St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans, in cooperation with the Great Lakes PFAS Action Network



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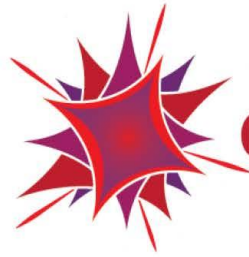
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"We wonder and think that no one will ever find us. And lifting our sorry head, we are next to one another." – Mark Nepo

You are invited to days of prayer, reflection, and a journey inward...

Join us for all three or just one or two

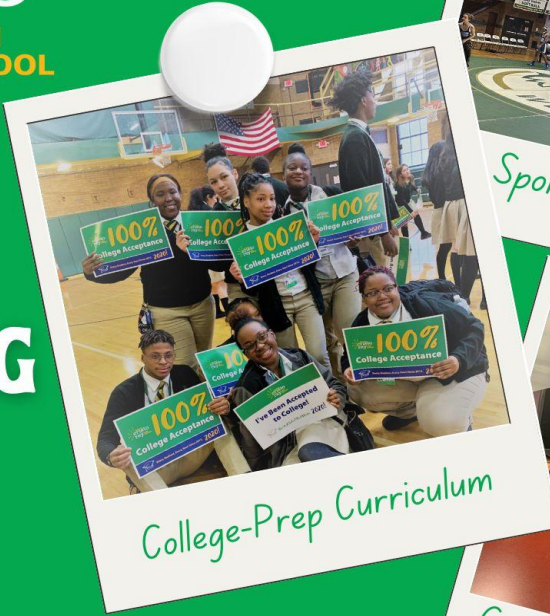
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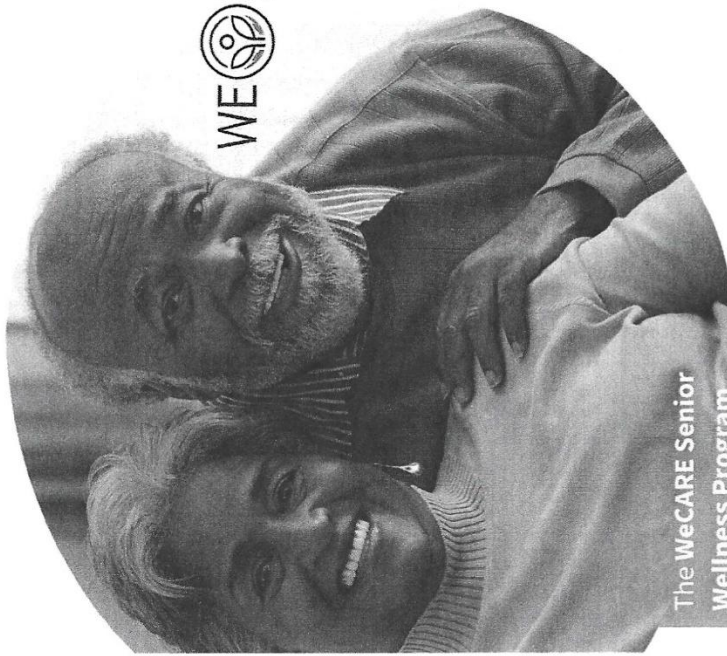
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St. Charles Borromeo

PGC = Protecting
God's Children

March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 PGC In person (Spanish) St. Anne Detroit 9am
2 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:30am Mass Choir Rehearsal Religious Ed Class	3 Faith & Fellowship 5:30pm	4 Blvd. Home Visits Confirmation Class 6pm	5 Ash Wednesday Family Mass Times: St. Augustine/St. Monica 9:00am Nativity- 12pm Sacred Heart -12pm St. Elizabeth -2:00pm Sacred Heart - 5:00pm St. Charles- 6:00pm Rosary 7pm	6 OCIA 7pm	7 Mass in Rectorry 11am Stations of the Cross 6pm St. Charles	8 Disciple- ship Pro- gram 1pm- 2:30pm
9 1st Sunday of Lent 10am Worship Commission Meeting 11:30am Mass Religious Ed Class Community Meal 2:30pm Family Lenten Revival at St. Charles	10 Faith & Fellowship 4:30pm	11 Confirmation Class 6pm	12 Rosary 7pm	13 OCIA 7pm	14 Mass in Rectorry 11am Stations of the Cross 6pm Nativity	15
16 2nd Sunday of Lent 10am Minister of Service Meeting 11:30am Mass Religious Ed Class Community Meal	17 Faith & Fellowship 5:30pm	18 Blvd. Home Visits Confirmation Class 6pm	19 PGC Online 6pm Rosary 7pm	20 OCIA 7pm	21 Mass in Rectorry 11am Stations of the Cross 6pm St. Augustine/St. Monica	22 PGC In person St. Pat- rick White Lake 9am
23 3rd Sunday of Lent Youth Sunday 11:30am Mass Religious Ed Class Community Meal	24 Faith & Fellowship 4:30pm	25 PGC Online 6pm Confirmation Class 6pm	26 17th Annual Urban Parish Spirit Awards 6pm Sacred Heart Church	27 OCIA 7pm	28 Mass in Rectorry 11am Stations of the Cross 5:30pm St. Elizabeth PGC-in person (Spanish) 5:30pm Shrine of the Little Flower-Royal Oak	29 PGC In person St. Roch Flack Rock 9am
30 4th Sunday of Lent 11:30am Mass Religious Ed Class Community Meal	31 Faith & Fellowship 5:30pm					

March

2025

Religious Education Calendar



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

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MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL THE PEACE OF BELIEVING. Romans 15:13

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Religious Education classes. Rite of Sending OCIA.	3 St. Kathrine Drexel.	4 St. Casmir. Confirmation 6pm. Zoom.	5 Ash Wed. 6pm mass * St. Charles. 7pm Rosary Zoom.	6 OCIA 7pm Zoom.	7 Meatless Fridays. Create a Bowl for Alms for Lent.	8 Rite of Election. Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.
9 1st Sunday of Lent. Rel. Ed. After mass.	10 Prayer, Fasting, Alms.	11 Confirmation 6pm Zoom.	12 Rosary 7pm Zoom.	13 OCIA 7pm Zoom.	14 Meatless Fridays. Stations of the Cross.	15 Prepare for the Sundays readings with your family and lessons.
16 2nd Sunday of Lent. Teens, Children, and Youth.	17 St. Patrick's Day.	18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem. Confirmation 6pm Zoom.	19 St. Joseph, Spouse Mary. Rosary 7pm Zoom.	20 First Day of Spring. OCIA 7pm Zoom.	21 Meatless Fridays. Stations of the Cross.	22 Spend time as a family working on your Fleece Blanket.
23 3rd Sunday of Lent. Rel. Ed. Stations of the Cross.	24 Fast today from your computer and phone in the evening.	25 The Annunciation of the Lord. Confirmation 6pm Zoom.	26 Spirit Award. No Rosary tonight.	27 OCIA 7pm Zoom.	28 Meatless Fridays. Stations of the Cross. Prayer & Fasting.	29 Prepare for the Sunday School lessons with your children.
30 4th Sunday of Lent. Tour of the Church after mass.	31					

Joni Scott, Faith Formation Director – St. Charles Borromeo. * Ash Wed. see 6pm mass time.

St Charles Borromeo

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St. Charles Office Hours:

Monday, 10am to 3pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9am to 4pm

Friday, 9am to 3pm

Pastoral Team

Fr. Chris Talbot, Priest in Solidum

Fr. Francis Asomkase, SSJ

Fr. Richard Baumann, Priest in Solidum

Fr. David Preuss, OFM, CAP, Priest in Solidum

Fr. Ifiok Wisdom Umanah, SSJ

Joni Scott, Director of Religious Education

Rhonda Gilbert – Parish Ministries Coordinator

Joan Jacobs & Angie Kadowaki – Boulevard Ministry Ministers

Council Members

Steven Dearing, Niam Edwards, Marian Harvey, Sr. Mary Ellen

Howard, Dan Hurley, Donna King, Leslie Kirby, Richard Preuss,

Nicholas Rennpage

**OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES
MASS TIMES**

St Charles Borromeo Detroit

Mass Times

Friday: Mass 11am

Sunday 11:30am

Live Stream

Nativity of Our Lord

Mass Times

Thursday: Holy Hour 8am; Mass 9am

Sunday 9:30am

St Augustine / St Monica

Mass Times

Wednesday, 9am

Sunday 10am

Family of Parishes Prayer Groups

Tuesday Men's Prayer Group

6pm, St. Augustine / St. Monica

Tuesday Zoom Prime Time Bible Study

St. Elizabeth / Sacred Heart, 7pm.

For Zoom link go to www.sacredheartdetroit.com/primetime

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.

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.



Lower East Side Family of Parishes

Lower East Side Family Of Parishes Sustainability

Greetings,

The purpose of the correspondence is to expound upon the “Family of Parishes” concept. As we are aware, the Catholic church is experiencing a shortage of priests and lower mass attendance. At the current rate, some parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit may be at risk of closing in the years to come. The notion is that faith communities (i.e. The Lower East Side) can remain viable if the parishes therein operate as a “family”. Each parish in our family has a unique role in their respective neighborhoods. For instance:

Nativity of Our Lord has a vibrant food pantry.

Sacred Heart has robust community outreach programs such as health fairs, AA, and NA.

St. Augustine and St. Monica have an outstanding Crisis Pregnancy outreach.

St. Charles Borromeo has awesome elderly and special needs outreach programs.

St. Elizabeth has intergeneration youth engagement.

In short, each parish offers something unique and impactful to the city of Detroit. Closure of any of these locations would negatively impact the viability of our faith community. Hence, it is imperative that we embrace the idea of supporting each other’s community involvement efforts as well as attending mass at each other’s churches to increase our social and spiritual engagement. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Ed Cotton

Director of Engagement

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