

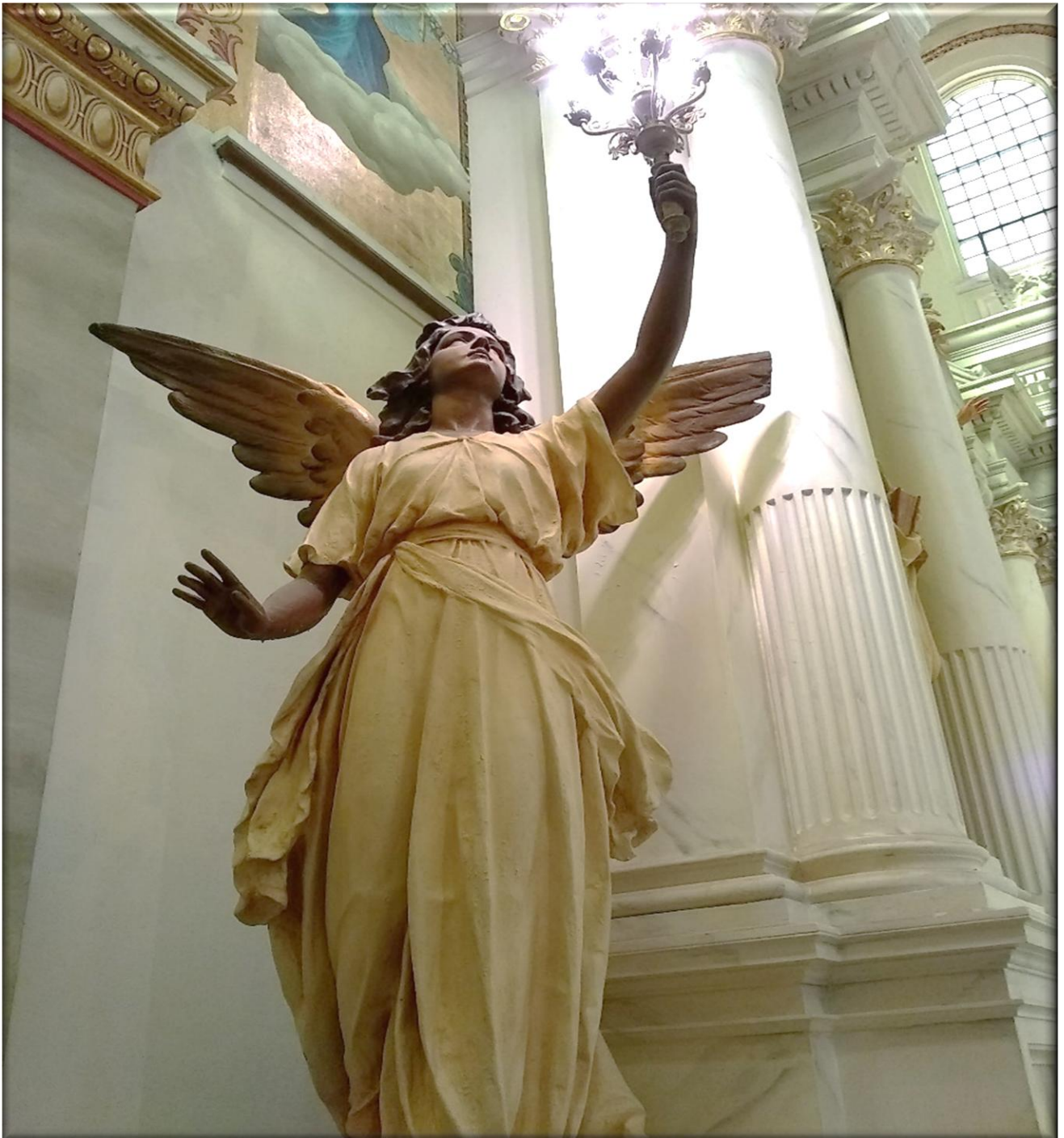
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*St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church*

# The VIGIL

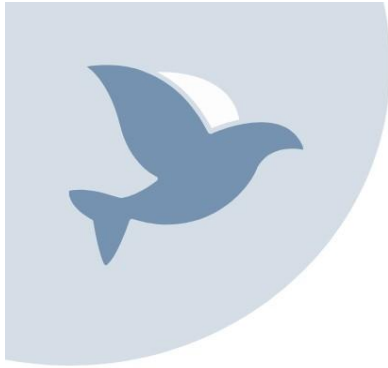
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**Sunday, April 6, 2025**  
**5<sup>th</sup> The Sunday of Lent – Scrutiny 3 (Year C)**





**Sunday Food for Your Soul**



**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**

**Nativity of Our Lord Parish - 5900 McClellan Avenue, Detroit, MI 48213 313-922-0033**

**Sacred Heart Parish - 1000 Eliot St., Detroit, MI 48207 313-831-1356**

**St. Charles Borromeo Parish - 1491 Baldwin St., Detroit, MI 48214 313-331-0253**

**St. Augustine & St. Monica Parish - 4151 Seminole St., Detroit, MI 48214 313-921-4107**

**St. Elizabeth Parish - 3138 E. Canfield St., Detroit, MI 48207 313-921-9225**

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**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, April 6, 2025: Detroit Black Catholic Ministry; April 13, 2025: Secular Franciscans of St. Clare; April 20, 2025: Easter Sunday – No Meal; April 27, 2025: St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans; May 18, 2025: Natl Jr Honor Society of Our Lady of Martyrs**

**Nativity Pantry News:** We are so grateful for your continued support of the pantry. **This week, we need Noodles, Pork & Beans, and Easter Candy.**

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 half way 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 Flowers Fund Raising

To help our parish celebrate the Resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday, we are having flowers delivered to decorate the church. If you would like to contribute to the cost of the flowers, please pick up a specially marked envelope from the back table and return it by dropping it in the collection basket. As an extra bonus for donating, you will get to take a plant home soon after Easter Sunday! A huge thank you to all who help!



## The VIGIL

### PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE

Jean-Marie Allion  
Anderson and Miller Family  
Paul Andrecovich  
Kathy Ayoub  
Mary Canaday  
Tammy Cherry  
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 VanZaalen  
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.**

## PRAYERS, READINGS, & FINANCE

### 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 Spirit)

John 11: 25a, 26  
(Resurrection)

John 11: 1-45  
(Lazarus)

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

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Apr. 07: Daniel 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Ezekiel 33: 11; John 8: 12-20

Tues., Apr. 08: Numbers 21: 4-9; Psalm 102: 2-3, 16-18, 19-21; John 8: 21-30

Wed., Apr. 09: Daniel 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Luke 8: 15; John 8: 31-42

Thurs., Apr. 10: Genesis 17: 3-9; Psalm 105: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Psalms 95: 8; John 8: 51-59

Fri., Apr. 11: Jeremiah 20: 10-13; Psalm 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; John 6: 63c, 68c; John 10: 31-42

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

Sun., Apr. 13: Luke 19: 28-40; Isaiah 50: 4-7; Psalm 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Philippians 2: 8-9; Luke 22: 14 – 23: 56

### MASS INTENTIONS

**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

### STEWARDSHIP MINUTE:

#### Living Stewardship

*"...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (PHILIPPIANS 3:8)*

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts. Living **Stewardship** by sharing our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.

### COLLECTION INFO

**March 03-30-2025**

Collection \$1,889.58

Online \$ 987.00

**TOTAL \$2,876.58**

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



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

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

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**St. Elizabeth of Hungary - 3138 E. Canfield, Detroit 48207**

## Parish Nurse News and Notes

While there is no definitive cure for Alzheimer's disease, there are steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of developing this condition. These evidence-based interventions include:

**Lifestyle Modifications:**

**Maintain a healthy weight:** Obesity is a significant risk factor for Alzheimer's.

**Engage in regular physical activity:** Exercise improves blood flow to the brain and reduces inflammation.

**Follow a heart-healthy diet:** Consume plenty of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and fish.

**Quit smoking:** Smoking damages blood vessels in the brain and increases the risk of Alzheimer's.

**Limit alcohol intake:** Excessive alcohol consumption can damage brain cells.

**Cognitive Stimulation:** Challenge your brain with puzzles, games, and learning new skills: This helps keep the brain active and adaptable.

**Stay socially engaged:** Social interaction reduces stress and improves cognitive function.

**Medical Management:** Control blood pressure and cholesterol: High blood pressure and cholesterol can damage blood vessels in the brain.

**Manage diabetes:** High blood sugar levels increase the risk of Alzheimer's.

**Consider taking supplements:** Some studies suggest that supplements such as vitamin D, omega-3 fatty acids, and curcumin may have protective effects.

**Other Recommendations:** Get enough sleep: Sleep is essential for brain health.

**Avoid head injuries:** Protect yourself from falls and other head traumas.

**Seek early medical attention:** If you notice any cognitive decline, consult a doctor promptly.

It's important to note that these measures may not guarantee the prevention of Alzheimer's disease. However, they can significantly reduce the risk and improve overall brain health. Consult with a healthcare professional for personalized advice and guidance.

A few weeks ago we had over 20 people get their blood pressure taken and 18 people stop by the Corewell Health diabetes table and complete the diabetes screening tool. It looks like people are interested in a diabetes class. We will be asking for more information soon as to what day of the week and time would be best for you to attend a diabetes class. The new class will start in September, 2025.

Remember , progress not perfection . It's hard to make changes to improve your health. Start by small changes. Remember that old saying ,How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time.

God bless Mary Catherine  
Wright RN ,Parish Nurse



**ST. CLARE**  
**OF MONTEFALCO**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School

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Inspiring Excellence • Instilling Faith • Creating Leaders in Life Since 1927

## St. Clare of Montefalco and the Lower Eastside Family of Parishes K thru 8 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COLLABORATION

### TRANSPORTATION

St. Clare of Montefalco, located at Mack Ave. and Whittier, and the Lower Eastside Family of Parishes have undertaken a joint initiative to bring bus transportation from four of the lower Eastside churches to St. Clare of Montefalco elementary school beginning in the fall of 2025. Morning pick-up points will be at St. Charles Borromeo, Sacred Heart, St. Augustine St. Monica, and Nativity of Our Lord. Bus transportation will return from St. Clare to these churches at the end of the school day. Parents will be responsible for delivering their children to and from these four churches.

Specific details will be forthcoming.

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There are several financial assistance opportunities.

1. Education for a Brighter Future

The Education for a Brighter Future Endowment Fund provides scholarships to families in Wayne County who desire a Catholic or private school education for their children in grades K-5

- No application fee required
- Up to \$3,000 per academic year
- Scholarships are renewable through 8<sup>th</sup> grade if eligibility continues

Give your child the opportunity to receive a quality education and a Brighter Future

- Contact information: <https://www.aod.org/brighter-future>
- [Orzechowski.Jessica@aod.org](mailto:Orzechowski.Jessica@aod.org) or (313) 237-5757
- **Application Deadline is April 22, 2025**

2. St. Clare of Montefalco

- Contact Meghan Harris, Vice Principal, [mharris@stclarem.org](mailto:mharris@stclarem.org) or (313) 647 5102

Further details on financial assistance are being finalized and will be made available at a future date. However, at the present time, any inquiries can be addressed to Meghan Harris, Vice Principal.

Sarah Hensien

Principal, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School

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[www.stclareschool.net](http://www.stclareschool.net)

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School is a Gospel Presence in our diverse community. We are dedicated to educating and empowering children of all faiths by providing a quality Catholic education focused on Faith, Academics, and Life-Long Service.



# VISIO DIVINA

APRIL  
10  
6:30  
PM

Pray with art & deepen  
your Lenten journey.

Join us for a short  
virtual presentation and  
experience of *visio  
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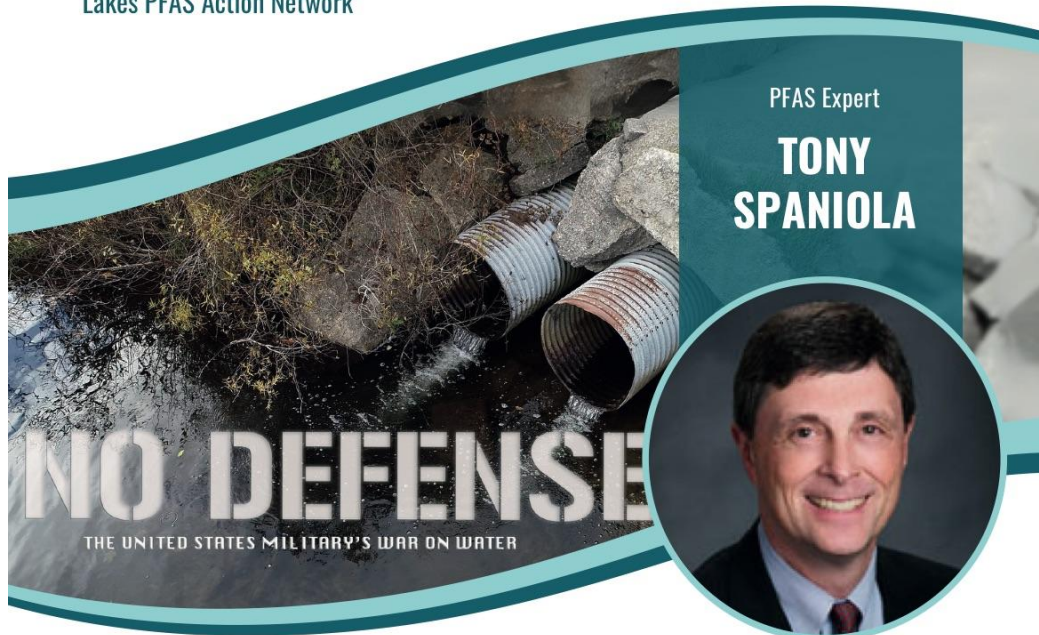
All are welcome.  
Follow the QR code for  
the Teams link or  
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# FOREVER CHEMICALS: A COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

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



SOLANUS CASEY CENTER, 1780 MT. ELLIOTT ST. DETROIT, MI 48207

1:30 PM  
TO 4 PM

| APRIL 13 |

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QUESTIONS? CONTACT EILEEN SMITH AT (313) 579-2100 EXT. 1136



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April 16-20, 2025  
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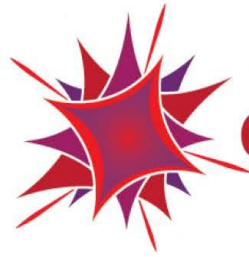
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Are you feeling depleted from life experiences and longing to let go and be restored? Come and spend some quiet time praying, reflecting, and sharing with facilitators Faith Offman and Sr. Joanne Peters, OP.

Dominican Center's three-part series offers the opportunity to listen to where God is in your life and create a path that leads to the essence of who you are. The three sessions connect, building on your relationship with the Divine. Sessions are on February 19th, April 16th, and June 18th at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat and Conference Center in Detroit. Lunch is provided. All are welcome. The cost is \$50 per session or \$120 for all three. Detail information is at [www.dominicancenter.org](http://www.dominicancenter.org)

"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**

To register click [HERE](#)





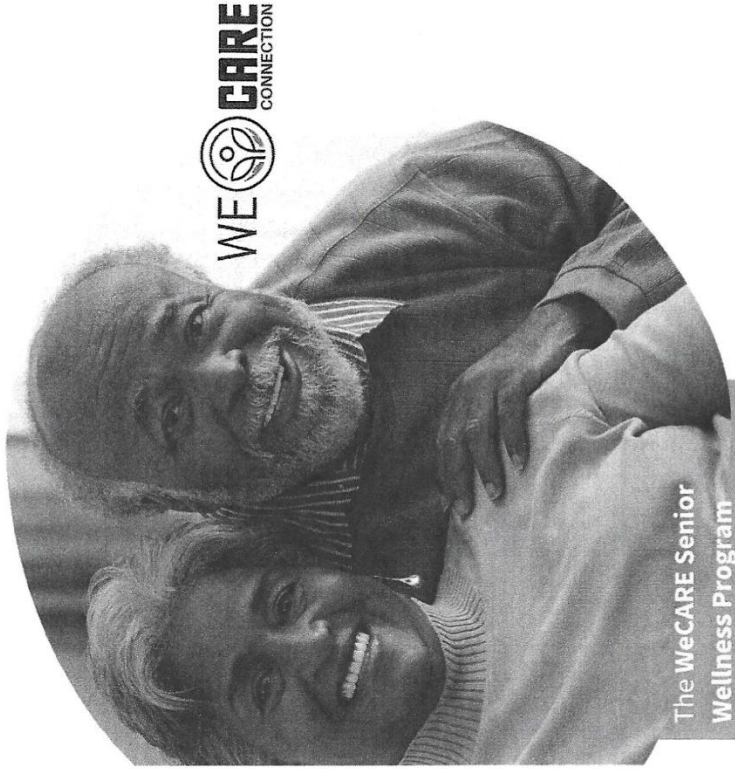
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- health resources
- wellness resources
- financial assistance

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- 48213
- 48214



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For More Information  
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# St. Charles Borromeo

## April 2025

PGC = Protecting  
God's Children

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> <i>Blvd. Home Visits</i>  <i>Zoom Confirmation Class 6pm</i>	<i>2</i> <i>Zoom Rosary 7pm</i>	<i>3</i> <i>Zoom OCIA 7pm</i>  <i>PGC Online 6pm</i>	<i>4</i> <i>11am Mass in Rectory</i>  <i>6pm Good Friday Service in Church</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i> <i>5th Sunday of Lent-3rd Scrutiny</i> <i>11:30am Mass</i> <i>Choir Rehearsal</i> <i>Religious Ed Class</i> <i>Community Meal</i>	<i>7</i> <i>Faith &amp; Fellowship 4:30pm</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Zoom Confirmation Class 6pm</i>  <i>PGC Online 6pm</i>	<i>9</i> <i>Zoom Rosary 7pm</i>  <i>PGC—St. Hugo of the Hills, Bloomfield Hills</i>	<i>10</i>  <i>Zoom OCIA 7pm</i>	<i>11</i> <i>Mass in Rectory 11am</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13 Palm Sunday</i> <i>10am Worship Commission Meeting</i> <i>11:30am Mass</i>  <i>Religious Ed Class</i> <i>Community Meal</i>	<i>14</i> <i>Faith &amp; Fellowship 5:30pm</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Blvd. Home Visits</i>  <i>Zoom Confirmation Class 6pm</i>	<i>16</i>  <i>Zoom Rosary 7pm</i>  <i>PGC Online 6pm</i>	<i>17</i>  <i>Holy Thursday See Family Mass Schedule</i>	<i>18 NO 11am Mass in Rectory</i>  <i>Good Friday Service at St. Charles 6pm</i>  <i>See Family Mass Schedule</i>	<i>19 Holy Saturday Mass at St. Charles 8:45pm</i>  <i>See Family Mass Schedule</i>
<i>20 Easter Sunday</i> <i>11:30am Mass</i>  <i>NO Community Meal</i>	<i>21</i>  <i>Faith &amp; Fellowship 4:30pm</i>	<i>22</i>  <i>Zoom Confirmation Class 6pm</i>	<i>23</i>  <i>Zoom Rosary 7pm</i>	<i>24</i>  <i>Zoom Mystagogy 7pm</i>	<i>25</i>  <i>Mass in Rectory 11am</i>	<i>26</i>
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<i>27 2nd Sunday of Easter—Youth Sunday</i> <i>10am MOS Meeting</i> <i>11:30am Mass</i> <i>Religious Ed Class</i> <i>Community Meal</i>	<i>28</i>  <i>PGC Online 6pm</i>	<i>29</i> <i>Zoom Confirmation Class 6pm</i>	<i>30</i>  <i>Zoom Rosary 7pm</i>			

**St Charles Borromeo**

1491 Baldwin St., Detroit, MI 48214  
(313) 331-0253 (Fax 313-331-4834)

**St Charles Website:** [www.stcharlesdetroit.org](http://www.stcharlesdetroit.org)

**Email:** [stcharlesborromeodetroit@yahoo.com](mailto:stcharlesborromeodetroit@yahoo.com)

**Facebook:** St. Charles Borromeo Parish - Detroit MI

**YouTube:** [www.youtube.com/@st.charlesborromeodetroit](http://www.youtube.com/@st.charlesborromeodetroit)

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:vac@aod.org).