

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

Pastor's Pen



April 07, 2019

5th Sunday of Lent

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 11:1-45 (Lazarus)

On this fifth Sunday of Lent, we are given a preview of what is coming in the weeks ahead. Today, we hear of the death of Lazarus and the pain of losing a friend. We are all reminded of the sting of death and the finality it brings to our lives. "I will never see my loved one again," or "how could God take this special person from my life?" are often the refrains I hear as I try and sit with people in their grief. We remember today, as we hear the scriptures, that just as death was not the end for Lazarus, so too, death is not the end for us. Jesus has much more in store for us.

Some would say that thinking of life after death is just "pie in the sky" or wishful thinking or a crutch to get us through the deepest tragedies of our life. Maybe...but then I see the crocuses breaking through the ground in the last week. In soil that was as hard as concrete, there was much activity just below the surface. What seemed like barren wasteland and death was just an illusion. There was tremendous life just waiting to burst forth in Spring. What we see is not the whole reality. If this is our only reality, then we have to disregard love which cannot be seen but is more powerful than life. It is this power of love that gives people the courage to lay their lives down for one another. I have seen the power of love, hope and faith and I know they're real. Love reminds us that in each situation there is more than meets the eye.. Our faith in Christ reminds us that there is life under the hard surface of what seems hopeless in our lives.

As we enter the holiest of weeks, we're asked to look beyond the physical and see with eyes of faith. We are asked to look for resurrection and new life even when all seems to be over and there is no hint of hope. It is in those times that our faith calls us to be heroic and stand on the faith of Moses who led his people out of Egypt or Archbishop Oscar Romero who sat with the suffering peasants and asked for justice in El Salvador or the faith of Mary as she stood by the cross holding on to the sure hope that this was not the end of her son's story. We stand on the shoulders of many faithful ancestors who, in the face of suffering and death, stood up straight and became a light of hope for those around them. Let's be that light of hope as we head for another holy week and Easter. Let's not allow the sting of death or the hopelessness of the situations in our lives or the violence in our world to have the last word., No, let's stand in the face of death and seeming hopelessness, remembering the One who rose from the dead, and shout with all our being: LIFE!

Let's bring hope to someone this week!

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 Patricia Anderson Paul Andrecovich Marilyn Boomer John Bozich Shawn Burks Liana Caruana Ida Cherry Gary Davila Howard Dilworth Kyle Duker Heinrich Ericksen Jill Forton Karen Green Doris Harris Alexander Harvey Addie Ingram Ron Kirby Tony Lababera Vanessa Laco-Chambers Dave Laverty **Catherine Lewis** Edward Malik **Tiana Marquez** Michael Martin Mary Massaini Leon McCoo LaRonda Morant Shea O'Brien Gary Perzyk **Robert Preuss** Celeste Rabaut Elaine Rosen Carol Santa Maria Ben Saxon Marvin Sims Len Stoehr Thomas Sweeting Mark Tamer **Rachel Thompson** Enza Trah Anna Tyler Sr Jolene Van Handel Belinda Wilson Shawn Wilson Jenny White



Mindful and Patient...

Even with yourself. ©

Easter Friday Pilgrimage of Eight Detroit Historic Churches

On April 26th, you are welcome to join *Prayer Pilgrimages* as we are scheduled to visit, with private prayer time: St. John the Baptist Ukrainian, St. Hedwig, St. Francis, Ste. Anne de Detroit, Most Holy Redeemer, St. Florian, Sweetest Heart of Mary, & St. Joseph Oratory with **closing 7 PM High Mass**. All of these churches will be specially decorated for Easter. Lunch on your own in Mexicantown. Scheduled deluxe motorcoach local departures from St. Patrick Church in Brighton, Oakland Mall in Troy, Levagood Park in Dearborn, Orchard 14 Lot in Farmington Hills. Total cost per person is \$50 (includes donations to visiting churches). To reserve and/or more information: Michael Semaan at (248) 250- 6005 or *www.prayerpilgrimages.com*

Camp Sancta Maria

Camp Sancta Maria is honored to have a role in the process of forming young male Christian lives. At Camp Sancta Maria, your son will experience 1 - 2 weeks full of fun, personal growth and spiritual development in a technology free zone.

Their time at camp is filled with activities for everyone: horseback riding, swimming, ropes course, sports, arts and crafts and more. But most importantly their times at CSM balances out the physical activates with a strong spiritual environment, with campers attending daily Mass, praying the angelus and having quiet time to reflect on their relationship with Christ. To learn more about Camp Sancta Maria or to register, visit CampSanctaMaria.aor.org.

CSA: Priestly Vocations

High school men who are freshmen, sophomores and juniors will experience Sacred Heart Major Seminary and learn more about the priesthood at a discernment overnight next weekend. This shorter version of the Office of Priestly Vocations' discernment weekend is structured specifically to give high school students a look at seminary life. Held twice each academic year, the experience features presentations, time for reflection, and opportunities to pray, eat, and recreate with current seminarians. Your CSA gifts help the Archdiocese of Detroit encourage vocations to the diocesan priesthood. Besides discernment weekends and overnights, the office offers regional discernment groups, retreats, vocation days for junior high students, and outreach to parishes and schools.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to *aod.org.*

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 go to: www.krogercommunityrewards.com

Click "Enroll", Enter the required information, then click "Enroll" again. 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, then click Enroll. You are now enrolled! (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.)

ONLINE GIVING... To be sure that your online donation is included in your contribution amounts, we **MUST** have your email address. Please either call the rectory, send an email to the parish (*stcharlesborromeodetroit@yahoo.com*) or drop a note in the collection basket with your email address. Without the email address, your online contributions will not be added to your collection data or included in your year-end statement.

<u> (Upcoming Events / Meetings</u>

Buddy's Pizza "Slice for Life" Benefit, Monday, April 29, 2019 at Any Buddy's Location! Tickets available at *Eventbrite.com*. Adults - \$15.00 (Dine in or Carry Out); Children – Ages 3-9 \$7.00 (Dine in ONLY)

St. Paul Retreat Center Events - Retreats Still Available at St. Paul's Passionist Retreat Center on the westside of Detroit. If you missed the St. Charles' men's retreat in October or the women's retreat in February, you can still participate in one of the many retreat weekends between now and May 2019. *www.stpaulretreat.org/retreats/register-upcoming-retreats/_* to get a list and to register. For more information, or for help with registration, call Patty Gillis at 313.399.8320.

For Inspiration & Reflection... In the Quiet Spaces by C.E. Young has been selling out at Source Booksellers in Midtown. Available everywhere and highly recommended for reflection and rejuvenation.



Rectory Hours: Mon-Thurs, 10a to 3p St. Charles Borromeo 1491 Baldwin St., Detroit, MI 48214 313-331-0253 (Fax 313-331-4834)

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March/April Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 7, 2019 Victor & Suzanne Fileccia

Wed, April 10, 2019 Richard Cotton

Sunday, April 14, 2019 Fr. Ed Borycz, Ed & Rose Borycz

Wed, April 17, 2019 Roy Lozon

Sunday, April 21, 2019 Bohdan Vujic

Wed, April 24, 2019 Rosemary & Gerard Stadmeyer

Sunday, April 28, 2019 Lillian Nadeau

Wed, May 1, 2019 Irene Seyboldt

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Apr. 08: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; John 8:12-20

Tues., Apr. 09: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; John 11:1-45

Wed., Apr. 10: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8:31-42

Thurs., Apr. 11: Genesis 17:3-9; Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; John 8:81-59

Fri., Apr. 12: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; John 11:1-45

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

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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Career Opportunity... The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career oppottunity representing their insurance program. They offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more please contact. information. Jack Jerzewski, General Agent, 313.334.6396 at or Jack.Jerzewski@Kofc.org

Capuchin Services Center... is in need of volunteers to sort clothing donations we receive at the Capuchin Services Center. Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday, between 9 am and 4 pm. The Capuchin Services Center is located at 6333 Medbury St., Detroit, MI 48211 (near I-94 and Mt. Elliott St.). We encourage volunteers to come regularly as their schedule permits. Volunteers can choose to come in the morning from 9 am until Noon (or longer) or in the afternoon from Noon until 4. To schedule a time to volunteer please contact Candice Wroblewski, Volunteer Coordinator.

at *cwroblewski@cskdetroit.org* or call 313-925-1370, ext. 206.

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?

Weekly Collection		
03/31/19		
Envelopes	\$	3,637.00
Loose	\$	494.65
Maintenance	\$	200.00
TOTAL	\$	4,331.65



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