

# The Vigil

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

**Mass Times:**  
(revised for Coronavirus accommodations)

**St. Charles:**  
Sunday 11:30am

**Nativity:**  
Sunday 9:30am



**“The Lord Be With You.”**

**April 11, 2021**

Divine Mercy Sunday

## Today's Readings

Acts 4:32-35  
(*True Christian Fellowship*)

Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
(*The Lord's Goodness*)

1 John 5:1-6  
(*The Power of Faith*)

John 20:19-31  
(*Living Faith*)

**P**astor's Pen



## *Second Sunday of Easter*

As we continue to relish the Easter mystery this week, we are given the story of “doubting Thomas.” Thomas has trouble believing that Jesus has risen and is no longer in the tomb. He needs proof! Many of us doubt where Christ is when we go through the difficult moments of our lives. We, like Thomas, want proof and signs that Christ is truly risen. On this Sunday, we also celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy. This Sunday was named as Divine Mercy Sunday by Pope John Paul II in response to the visions of St. Faustina. What I take, most especially, from this day is that many of us doubt the mercy of Christ. We feel we have old mistakes and sins that Christ has not forgiven. We have limited his mercy to our own limitations and spent our lives in tombs of our worst selves. This Divine Mercy Sunday is cloaked in many devotions and prayers but the main reason, for me, to celebrate this day on the Second Sunday of Easter is to celebrate the Easter mystery in deeper ways. Yes, Christ is risen from the dead and his mercy for all of us is overflowing. His mercy is so much more extravagant than we can imagine. If we can't believe that, we have only to read the Gospel today. Jesus returns to the disciples who are cowering in the upper room with all kinds of fear, regret, and shame. These were the same people who denied him, fell asleep when he wanted them to pray with him, and ran away when he needed them the most. Yes, these were his disciples who, in many ways, must have been a terrible disappointment to him. Yet, what does he do? Does he scold them or question why they were so weak on the road to Calvary? No, he just says, “Peace be with you.!” Do we need any further proof of the mercy and love of Christ? If Christ can forgive those who betrayed him, denied him, deserted him, then his mercy can cover us as well!

On this Second Sunday of Easter, may we taste the mercy of Christ in a new way and allow our hearts to feel that mercy. It is a mercy that forgives and calls us to start, again. It is a mercy that frees us rather than ties us to our weaknesses. It is a mercy that calls on us to be merciful to one another. Let's continue the Easter celebration in our lives and allow his mercy to forgive us, his heart to love us, his strength to encourage us, his hope to pull us out of any despair, and his call to live our lives in the best way! Enjoy the blessings of this new 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*

Mary Canaday  
Frank Catania  
William (Bill) Leto  
Joe Lucent  
Waletha McCrary  
Wesley Nethercott  
Elizabeth Pillete  
Roger Sinclair  
Pat Sprinkle  
Anna Tyler

## 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. See [detroitcatholic.com](http://detroitcatholic.com) to learn more. 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](http://protect.aod.org).

## ST. CHARLES WOMEN'S RETREAT IS MAY 7-9, 2021

All women who attend St. Charles and their families and friends are invited for this weekend away with God and each other.

The theme is *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say....."*

Please consider taking this special time for rest and refreshment on the beautiful 18 acres on the west side of Detroit.

Each woman has her own room and bathroom, and the food is delicious!

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the retreat center is limiting the number of slots for each weekend, so if we want a place, we have to register ASAP. You can register online at: <https://www.stpaulretreat.org/.../register-upcoming.../> Drop down to the May 7-9th weekend. A deposit of \$30.00 will hold your place, and you can pay what you can afford when you attend.

Or Jessica Edwards or Patty Gillis will register you. Have questions?? Please contact us!

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## IS YOUR DETROIT HOME IN NEED OF REPAIR?

Tens of thousands of Detroit homes are dangerous to live in. A recent U of M study estimated that 24,000 Detroit homes need major fixes, such as leaking roofs, broken furnaces and faulty wiring. That's 5 percent of the city's housing stock. Housing advocates contend the real number is far higher.

**Detroit Home Repair Resource Guide** is a 2019 list of many nonprofits and other agencies that offer help for residents. Contact information for the City of Detroit, United Community Housing Coalition and several other organizations are listed in the 70-page guide. It can be found online at:

<https://poverty.umich.edu/files/2020/03/DETROIT-HOME-REPAIR-RESOURCE-GUIDE.pdf>

## HELP WITH OVERDUE RENT

Eligible renters and landlords can **apply online** through the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency at [www.waynemetro.org/ceraapp](http://www.waynemetro.org/ceraapp) for the COVID Emergency Rental Assistance, or CERA, program to get back rent payments and help with utilities and internet bills.

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### Stewardship Minute:

*Divine Mercy Sunday*

### Stewardship Sharing

*"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..."*

- ACTS 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "**Stewards**" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

### April Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 11, 2021

**Jon Harvey**  
**Carolyn DeAmend**  
**Wanda Conner**

Sunday, April 18, 2021

**Deceased Members of the**  
**Borycz Family**

Sunday, April 25, 2021

**Irene Seybold**  
**Ty'rane White**

### Led By the Spirit On Mission

Over the next year-and-a-half, all parishes in the archdiocese will join together into groups of three to six, called "Families of Parishes." Going forward, these Families of Parishes will work together, sharing resources and talents to further advance the shared mission of our local Church.

The Family groupings have been compiled in the last few months through consultation with the auxiliary bishops and priests, a process steeped in prayer and with attention given to the best interest of each community.

In the meantime, to help us all better understand why we are moving in this direction, Archbishop Vigneron has written a **new Pastoral Note on Families of Parishes**, providing some theological context for the transition and introducing a renewed structure for parish ministry to more effectively equip them for their missionary work. Like all **Pastoral Notes** released in recent years, this new text is informed by and expands upon the steady foundation of **Archbishop Vigneron's 2017 Pastoral Letter, Unleash the Gospel**.

Looking into the not-too-distant future, Archbishop Vigneron also uses this new Pastoral Note to anticipate the development of Family Missionary Strategic Plans, which will guide each Family of Parishes as it carries out its work in the years to come.

To read the Pastoral Note, please go to: **Unleash the Gospel**.

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### Rectory Hours: Mon-Thurs, 10a to 3p

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### Pastoral Team

Brother Ray Stadmeier OFM Cap., Pastor  
Joni Scott, Director of Religious Education  
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### Council Members

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Joyce Hurley	(youth rep.)
David Nadeau	Alonda Walker
Diane Simpkins	Paco Williams

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Apr. 12: Acts 4:23-31; Psalm 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; John 3:1-8

Tues., Apr/ 13: Acts 4:32-37; Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; John 3:7b-15

Wed., Apr. 14: Acts 5:17-26; Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; John 3:16-21

Thurs., Apr. 15: Acts 5:27-33; Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; John 3:31-36

Fri., Apr. 16: Acts 5:34-42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; John 6:1-15

Sat., Apr. 17: Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; John 6:16-21

Sun., Apr. 18: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48

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