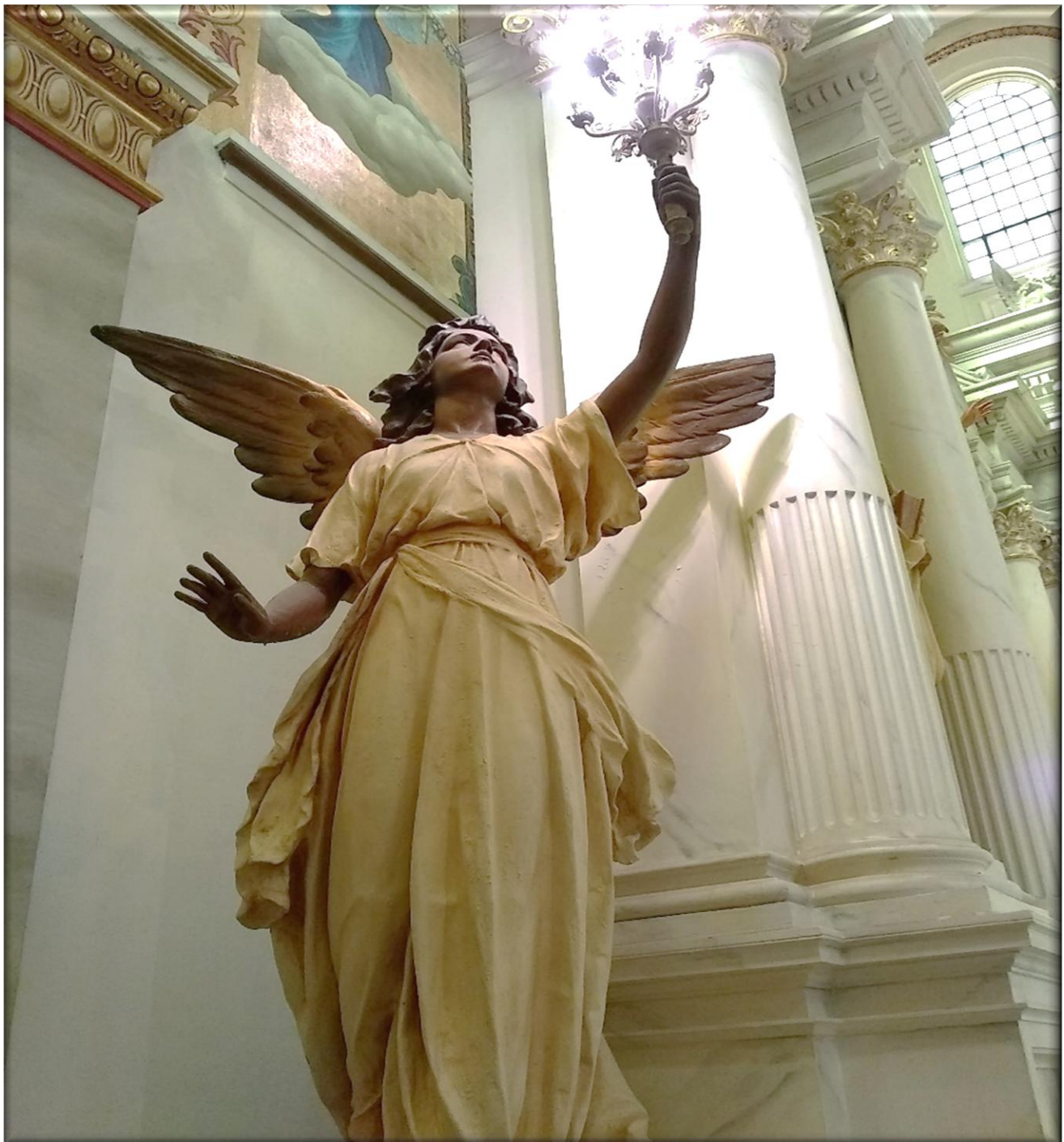

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

The VIGIL

Sunday, April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday – Scrutiny 3 (Year C)





Sunday Food for Your Soul

King? Really?

This Sunday, called "Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion" has two halves to it, palms and passion. They stand in jarring contrast to each other. Let us look.

1) *The palms, thrown from the people's hands, proclaim Jesus' kingship.*

In the Mass, we hold palms during the ritual procession, just as those did who lined the road long ago. This opening part of this Mass is more than just another historical reenactment; it is a proclamation of Jesus as king. This moment is the first half of the jarring contrast.

You may never have dwelt on this kingly aspect, but there are multiple clues in the First Gospel (the one that takes place just before the palm procession itself). First, he rode on a colt, the animal that was used for royalty's entrance into a city. The disciples spread their cloaks over the colt's back as they would do for a king.

Crowds along the way greet Jesus as a royal hero. They smooth their coats on the roadway, then cover these with palm branches cut from the fields. This was in order to soften the pathway for the kingly one and to keep the dirt off of him. They cry out, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

2) *The soldiers, mocking and doing their best to destroy his kingship*

The Mass itself and its Passion Reading commemorate the ridiculed and foolish tale of Jesus' kingship. Soldiers tie him up and yell, "King of the Jews," to deride this poor, ridiculous captive. They jam a "royal" crown made of thorns on his head. They wrap a fake robe of purple around him (the color reserved for kings because of the rarity of this hew in those days).

They spit on him. They strike him. They laugh. They make a tortured fool out of this great "king."

The First Reading had already told us why such torture happened. Because the King chose it. The reading says, I have not rebelled, I have not turned around. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

Have you ever been made a fool in front of people? Do you remember how it felt? You or I would have cried out, "My God, why have you abandoned me?" The Responsorial Psalm says exactly these words, and Jesus will say them from the cross.

But are these the words of a king? Does such a total surrender represent kingly action?

No?

Jesus, king of kings, "did not regard equality with God as something to cling to"—for safety or honor or for whatever else. As the greatest king he emptied himself out, became like a slave, obedient even to death on the cross (Second Reading). This was in allegiance to God and in service of the people.

What a jarring contrast. It is put to rest because Jesus knew who he was, even under the worst duress and strife. He was, no matter what,

the one who loves.

Is this our imagined Kingly greatness? No. It is the opposite.

The real basis of rulership is service to God's people, no matter what. The good ruler pulls a kingdom together and makes it safe, a place of abundance. If he/she accomplish such a goal (and in the USA we are experiencing this) no kingly suffering could be too great.

Palm/Passion Sunday is a large-scale revelation of kingship's real meaning.

Love.

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 13, 2025: Knights on Bikes; 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 Family Size Peanut Butter, Fruit, and Spaghetti Sauce.

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 VanZaelen
Guillerma Villanueva
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

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
Thom Mann

May 04, 2025
Thomas Mann (Mass Mob)

May 11, 2025 (Mother's Day)
All Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts,
and Those Who Stand In For
Mothers

May 18, 2025
The Deceased Members of the Kelly
Family,
Sidney Davis
Patty Pulis

May 25, 2025
Carl Ayoub
Michael Aypub
Thom Mann
Fr. William Cunningham

PRAYERS, READINGS, & FINANCE

TODAY'S READINGS

Luke 19: 28-40 (Before the Procession)
(Jesus' Triumphal Entry)

Isaiah 50: 4-7
(Christ's Suffering)

Psalms 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
(Christ's Abandonment)

Philippians 2:6-11
(Humility)

Philippians 2: 8-9
(Obedient to Death)

Luke 22: 14 – 23: 56
(The Passion)

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. 14: Isaiah 42: 1-7; Psalms 27: 1, 2, 3, 13-14; John 12: 1-11

Tues., Apr. 15: Isaiah 49: 1-6; Psalm 71: 1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; John 13: 21-33, 36-38

Wed., Apr. 16: Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 69: 8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Matthew 26: 14-25

Thurs., Apr. 17: Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116: 12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; First Corinthians 11: 23-26; John 13: 34; John 13: 1-15

Fri., Apr. 18: Isaiah 52: 13 – 53: 12; Psalm 31: 2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9; Philippians 2: 8-9; John 18: 1 – 19: 42

Sat., Apr. 19: Genesis 1:1 - 2:2; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Isaiah 55:1-11; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Luke 24:1-12

Sun., Apr. 20: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43; Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Colossians 3: 1-4; First Corinthians 5: 7b-8a; John 20: 1-9

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE:

Faithful Stewards

*"...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me."
(LUKE 22:34)*

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet so not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up in **Stewardship** and enter into a respectful conversation when the opportunity to talk about our faith arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

COLLECTION INFO

March 04-06-2025

Collection \$2,536.00
Online \$1,627.00

TOTAL \$4,163.00

**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

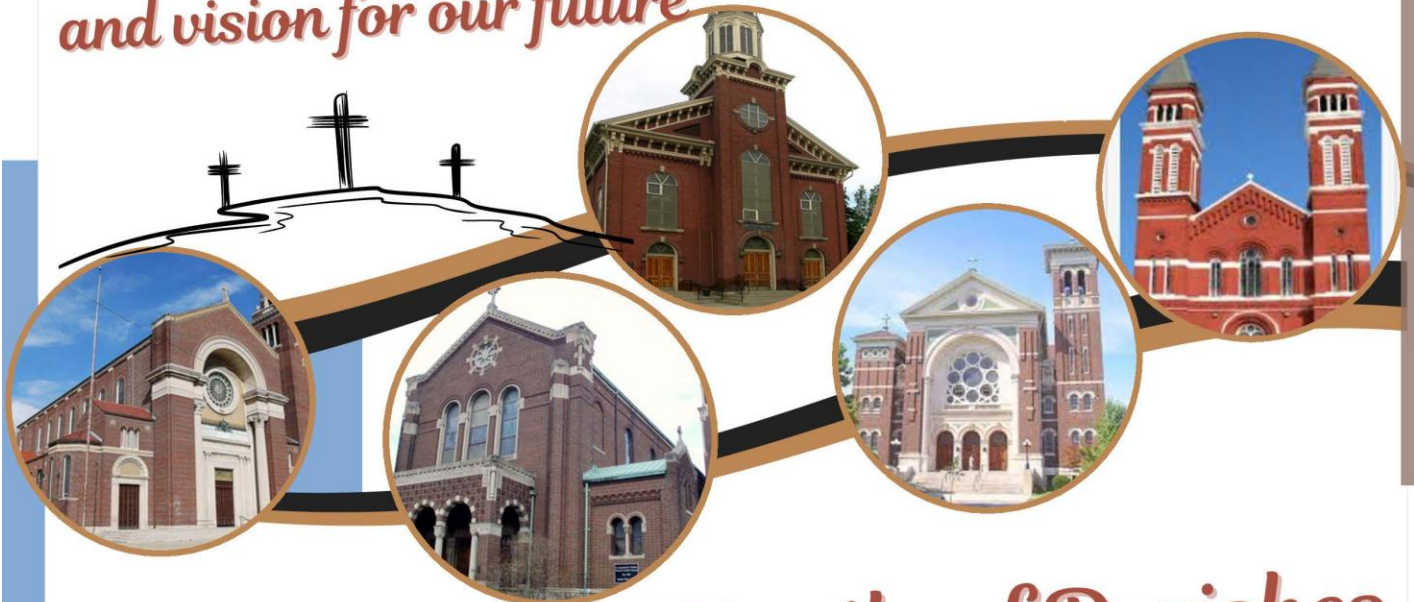
St. Augustine & St. Monica - 4151 Seminole St., Detroit 48214

St. Charles Borromeo - 1491 Baldwin St., Detroit 48214

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

ENDURING FAITH: LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

*a combined meeting of parishes to discuss growth
and vision for our future*



Lower Eastside Family of Parishes

Meeting will take place at the Solanus Casey Chapel at
1740 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, Michigan 48207

Fr. Chris
Fr. David
Fr. Wisdom
Fr. Francis
Fr. Richard

MAY | 10th | 2025
SATURDAY 1-4PM

Nativity
St. Charles
St. Elizabeth
St. Augustine-
Monica
Sacred Heart

****Free Parking in the parking lot on Kercheval**

PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA



JESUS,
I TRUST IN
YOU!

APRIL 18: 3:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CHURCH
(FOLLOWING THE CELEBRATION OF
THE LORD'S PASSION)

5900 McClellan Ave
Detroit, MI 48213

APRIL 19 – 26: 3:00 PM

NOVENA DAYS

ST. CLARE OF MONTEFALCO
LIVESTREAM – www.stclarem.org
(Website and Facebook)

APRIL 27: 3:00 PM

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

ST. CLARE OF MONTEFALCO CHURCH
1401 Whittier Road
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230

- SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (2:00 PM)
- CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
- EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
- BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ITEMS



Blood Drive

Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament

**Parish Center, Lower Level
9844 Woodward
Detroit**

**Sunday, May 25, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

For an appointment, log onto RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: COTMB S) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



**Come to give blood May 19 to 31 for a limited edition
Red Cross solar lantern, while supplies last!**

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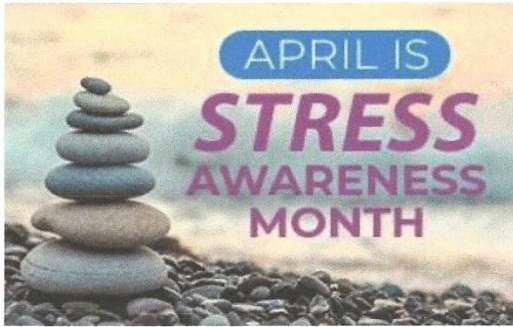
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Parish Nurse News and Notes

April is Stress Awareness Month

Tips to Help You Cope



Stress Awareness Month has been recognized every April since 1992, however this year it seems particularly important. Learning to cope with our stress and finding healthy ways to deal with these situations can go a long way in living a healthy and positive life. Long-term stress can prove to be more than just a mental issue.

We all experience stress, yet we experience it in different ways. For that reason there is no single definition for stress, but the [American Institute of Stress states](#) the most common explanation is a “physical, mental, or emotional strain or tension.”

Common issues related to stress:

1. Headaches;
2. Stomach disorders;
3. Anxiety/Depression;
4. Stroke; and
5. Heart Disease.

Tips for Coping with Stress

Take care of yourself. Eat healthy, exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep, give yourself a break if you feel stressed.

Discuss your problems. Talk with a parent, friend, or another trusted source.

Avoid drugs and alcohol. Brain research now indicates that people exposed to stress are more likely to abuse alcohol or other drugs, or to relapse into drug addiction.

Recognize when you need more help. Know when to talk to a psychologist, social worker, or counselor if things continue. Feel free to talk to me if you have any concerns or questions. I can also pray with and for you .

God Bless, Mary Catherine Wright RN, Parish Nurse.

God bless Mary Catherine
Wright RN ,Parish Nurse



ST. CLARE
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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School

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 8th 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 or (313) 237-5757
- **Application Deadline is April 22, 2025**

2. St. Clare of Montefalco

- Contact Meghan Harris, Vice Principal, 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

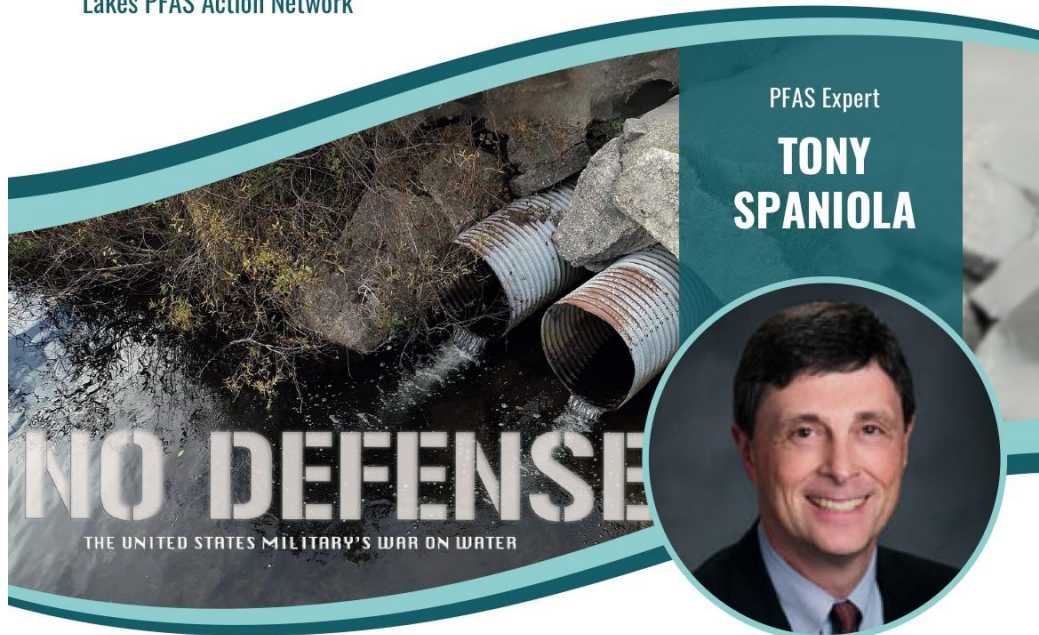
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www.stclareschool.net

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.

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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RETREAT FOR SINGLE, CATHOLIC MEN AGES 18-40

April 16-20, 2025
Holy Name Passionist
Retreat Center
Houston, TX



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passionist.org/see

or text COMEANDSEE
to 94033



passionist.org



Fr. John Schork, C.P., Vocation Director | jschork@passionist.org | 847.802.8594



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SPIRITUALITY FOR MISSION



An Inner Journey: A Three-Part Series

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

"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](#)



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 & 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 & 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 & 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

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Facebook: St. Charles Borromeo Parish - Detroit MI

YouTube: 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

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.