

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 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today's Readings

Acts 4:8-12
(There is no Salvation Through Anyone Else)

Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
(We Shall See God as He Really Is)

John 10:11-18
(The Good Shepherd Lays Down His Life for the Sheep)

Pastor's Pen



On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, we have the image of the Good Shepherd in today's Gospel. This is the Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep. He says, "I know mine and mine know me." It's nice to be recognized as part of the Good Shepherd's flock. He knows us well with all of our weaknesses and strengths, our bad and our good points, our sin and our grace and all the things that make us who we are. He knows all of that and he fights off the wolf and says, "these sheep are mine and you are not going to get them. I will protect them to the point of losing my life." The Good Shepherd sounds like our bodyguard, our protector, our big friend who saves us from the bullies. He watches over us as we wonder through our lives, not even realizing the dangers we put ourselves in.

Not being very agricultural, I don't know much about sheep and shepherds but what I have heard is that sheep are not the brightest creatures in the world and can get easily distracted and wander off by themselves. I don't know about you but that certainly sounds like me: easily distracted, not too bright, uncanny ability to get lost and always in need of direction and protection from the places and situations I find myself in. It is very comforting to know I have a Good Shepherd who watches out for me even when I don't realize I've wandered off and may be in danger.

This week has been filled with a sense of hope for so many who have finally seen some justice, some accountability in our judicial system. In the midst of that celebration was the grief of other parents burying their children. We still need the Shepherd to watch over all of us and inspire us to step up and say, "Enough!" We need all the sheep to be protected and kept safe. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, may our Good Shepherd protect us from ourselves and our own inclinations to see some sheep as less than others. The Good Shepherd only sees the beauty in each of the sheep. May we have that vision, too!

For those who may remember him as one of the early faces of the ROPE Program and Bakery, it is with sadness that we share the news that Edward Collins passed away in his sleep this week. Ed was still working at the bakery. He will be deeply missed. May he rest now in the arms of God!

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 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.

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!

Jessica's email is jessicamarleah@gmail.com and her phone number is 313.917.0129.

Patty's email is pigillis48@gmail.com and her phone number is 313.399.8320.

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>

APPLIANCES FOR THOSE IN NEED

The Matrix Center on Gratiot has a grant to give away appliances (stoves, furnaces, etc.) to DTE customers in the month of May, 2021. If you or someone you know could benefit from this service, call Zena at 313-526-4000 Ext. 3.

HELP WITH OVERDUE RENT

Eligible renters and landlords can **apply online** through the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency at 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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United Way's MyFreeTaxes offers the same software that professionals use, helps tax filers claim eligible credits and maximize refunds. And, for the first time this year, it's available free to anyone — regardless of income. United Way provides MyFreeTaxes in partnership with the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to help filers prepare their tax returns on their own or have their return prepared for them for free.

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Stewardship Minute:

Listening

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice."

- JOHN 10:14-16

When we pray, as **Stewards**, do we only ask Jesus for the things that we want? Do we ever ask Him what He wants from us? How do we listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

Curious about exploring your relationship with God in the company of a Spiritual Director?

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- ❖ Focused on the life experiences of the individual
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 - Who is it for?
- ❖ Anyone who wishes to live their spiritual life more fully

Contact Monique Beels directly for more information or to begin a conversation.

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

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

April Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 25, 2021
Ty'rane White
Irene Seyboldt

May Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 2, 2021
Eric Leggs
Paul Young

Sunday, May 9, 2021
Deceased Mothers,
Grandmothers and Other
Women Whom We Love

Sunday, May 16, 2021
Tia Simpkins

Sunday, May 23, 2021
Doris Sterrett

Sunday, May 30, 2021
Carl Ayoub
Jon Bozich

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Apr. 26: Acts 11: 1-18;
Psalm 42: 2-3; 43: 3-4; John
10: 1-10

Tues., Apr. 27: Acts 11: 19-
26; Psalm 87: 1b-3, 4-5, 6-7;
John 10: 22-30

Wed., Apr. 28: Acts 12: 24
— 13: 5a; Psalm 67: 2-3, 5,
6 and 8; John 12: 44-50

Thurs., Apr. 29: Acts 13: 13-
25; Psalm 89: 2-3, 21-22, 25
and 27; John 13: 16-20

Fri., Apr. 30: Acts 13: 26-33;
Psalm 2: 6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab;
John 14: 1-6

Sat., May 01: Acts 13: 44-
52; Psalm 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-
4; John 14:7-14

Sun., May 02: Acts 9: 26-31;
Psalm 22: 26-27, 28, 30, 31-
32; First John 3: 18-24; John
15: 1-8

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, visit: **Unleash the Gospel**.

Weekly Collection

4/18/21

Envelopes	\$ 2,390.00
Loose	\$ 81.00
Maintenance	\$ 125.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,596.00

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?



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Making a Report of Sexual Abuse: To inform the Archdiocese of Detroit regarding the sexual abuse of minors by priests, deacons and other Church personnel and/or to speak to the Victim Assistance Coordinator contact: **(866) 343-8055**. A caller will be requested to provide his or her name and telephone number. All calls regarding complaints of sexual abuse will be returned in a timely manner. This toll-free number has been established as part of an effort by the Detroit archdiocese to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. This line is for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within archdiocesan institutions and ministries only. Persons with such complaints are also encouraged to directly contact law enforcement authorities. The Archdiocese of Detroit stands with the brave survivors who seek to bring the crime of child sexual abuse by clergy and other Church representatives into the light, where those who sinned are confronted and those who were harmed can find healing. To those harmed by the actions and inaction of Church leaders: It is inexcusable, and we are sorry. **In an effort to consolidate our resources and respond to the faithful's questions about clergy sexual abuse, the Archdiocese of Detroit has created a new "mini" website at protect.aod.org.** This site highlights information about reporting abuse, victim assistance, investigations, training for clergy and lay employees and volunteers, and provides additional resources, including messages from Archbishop Vigneron. Our goal is to make this important information - already available on aod.org - more visible, transparent, and clear.



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