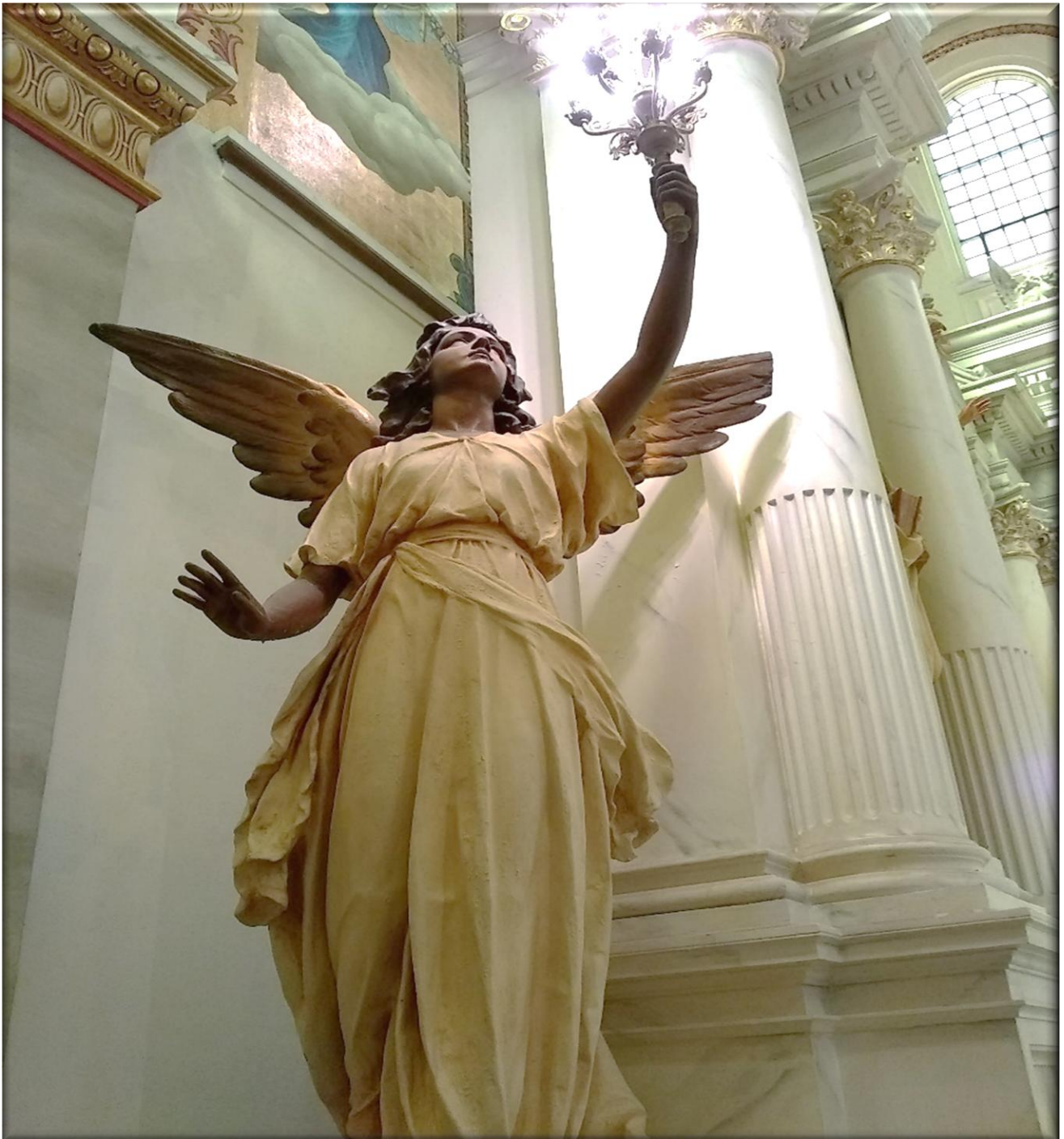

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

The VIGIL

Sunday, April 27, 2025
Divine Mercy Sunday
2nd Sunday of Easter (Year C)





Sunday Food for Your Soul

Belief?

Do you believe in the resurrection?

If the answer is "no," St. Paul says that your "faith is in vain" ([1 Cor 15:14](#)).

Alright, but sometimes it is hard to know what "resurrection" means. Could it simply mean bringing Jesus back to life so he could go on as before?

No!

Jesus' life, death and resurrection point us toward the source of all life.

Jesus had been deeply marked by injuries, humiliation and death. A return to mere life would almost erase these, as if they did not happen. An ordinary life! All better now?

No. Here is a metaphor.

Imagine there is a "spiritual soil" from which all life "sprouts." In his death Jesus plunged deep down into such a soil. He stumbled, fell, and lost his life, the very thing we think is irreplaceable and to be guarded beyond all else.

In this metaphor, life is only a garden plant. It grows from an earth so rich that we hardly notice it. That spiritual earth is love.

Vast, quiet love. From God, who is love.

Like Doubting Thomas, we find this easy to doubt. Look at him. He was resentful, probably broken-hearted. He warded off his grief by simple denial. Unless I "put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe" ([Gospel](#))!

And look at the other men. In the gospel of Luke, the women, not the men, saw the empty tomb first and the angels. They took it seriously. But "... their words seemed an idle tale, and [the apostles] did not believe" ([Lk 24:11](#)). In Matthew's gospel, Jesus first came to the women. When the men went to the place where Jesus had said he would meet them, "they worshipped him, *but some doubted*" ([Mt 28:17](#)). In Mark, Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene, but when she went to the apostles, you guessed it, they rejected her testimony ([Mk 16:9](#)). Nor did they listen to the men who had met Jesus walking to Emmaus ([Mk 16:12-13](#)).

Hard to miss the fact that the women usually believed and the men often did not. Women dared to trust what they saw. They have been given lower status in culture throughout the ages, but we can see that it is a big mistake to ignore their testimony.

There was a popular author, Dan Brown, who in the [Da Vinci Code](#), pretended not to ignore woman's testimony. He says dramatically that males have systematically repressed the essence of Christianity. The real truth, he claims, one guarded through centuries, is that Mary Magdalene was Jesus' secret wife!

Moreover, a flesh and blood descendent from Jesus is alive today (a woman, living in secret and in fear for her life). Obviously, as Brown seems to assert, if the gospels are just huge cover-ups, then the resurrection would be just one more spin on the glittering wheel of deception.

Ouch.

What is the truth?

It is this: Jesus' life, death and resurrection point us toward the source of all life, the source of the universe, of trees, of women and men, of marriage and offspring. Jesus is a river of love that God pours into the world. In the Resurrection he is now flowing back into the ocean of the Trinity and taking us along, whichever of us chooses to believe.

It is the resurrection. Do you believe in it?

If you do, then you believe that love is the foundation of life. Just put your finger into the mark of the nails, and put your hands into his side and you will find that love.

The VIGIL

PRAYERS, READINGS, & FINANCE

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 27, 2025: St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans; May 18, 2025: Natl Jr Honor Society of Our Lady of Martyrs**

Nativity Pantry News: *A huge THANK YOU to all who donated to the Easter Basket Giveaway. Your continued support means so much. Without you, we couldn't continue to do what we do.*

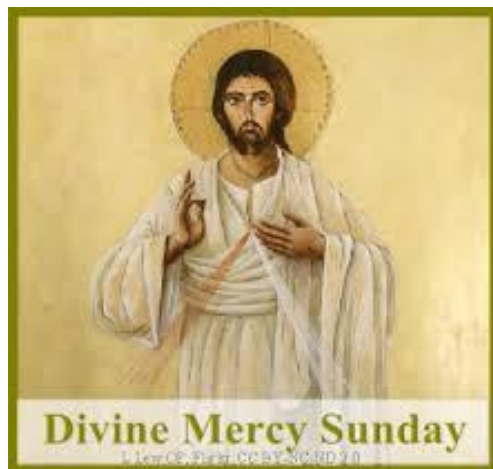
We are so grateful for your continued support of the pantry. This week, we need Cereal, Pork & Beans, and Snacks.

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!



Online Giving

Go to the giving site at:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stcharlesdetroit>

The VIGIL

PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE

Jean-Marie Allion
Anderson and Miller Family
Paul Andreovich
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 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

Acts 5: 12-16
Signs and Wonders)

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

Revelation 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
(The First and the Last)

John 20: 29
(Blind Faith)

John 20:19-31
(Living Faith)

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

**For the use of the new
technologies**

Let us pray that the use of the
new technologies will not replace
human relationships, will respect
the dignity of the person, and will
help us face the crises of our
times.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Apr. 28: Acts 4: 23-31; Psalm 2: 1-3, 4-6, 7-9; Colossians 3: 1; John 3: 1-8

Tues., Apr. 29: Acts 4: 32-37; Psalm 93: 1ab, 1cd-2, 5; John 3: 14-15;
John 3: 7b-15

Wed., Apr. 30: Acts 5: 17-26; Psalm 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; John 3: 16;
John 3: 16-21

Thurs., May 01: Acts 5: 27-33; Psalm 34: 2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; John 20: 29;
John 3: 31-36

Fri., May 02: Acts 5: 34-42; Psalm 27: 1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 4: 4b; John 6: 1-15

Sat., May 03: First Corinthians 15: 1-8; Psalm 19: 2-3, 4-5; John 14: 6b, 9c;
John 14: 6-14

Sun., May 04: Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41; Psalm 30: 2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13;
Revelation 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE:

Stewards Sent

*"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'"
(JOHN 20:21)*

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as
Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so
too, He sends his **Stewards**. As disciples of
Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and
merciful; and not with just those who are our
friends, but also with our "enemies." Think of
someone in your life who you need to reconcile
with. Call them right now or better yet, go
visit them.

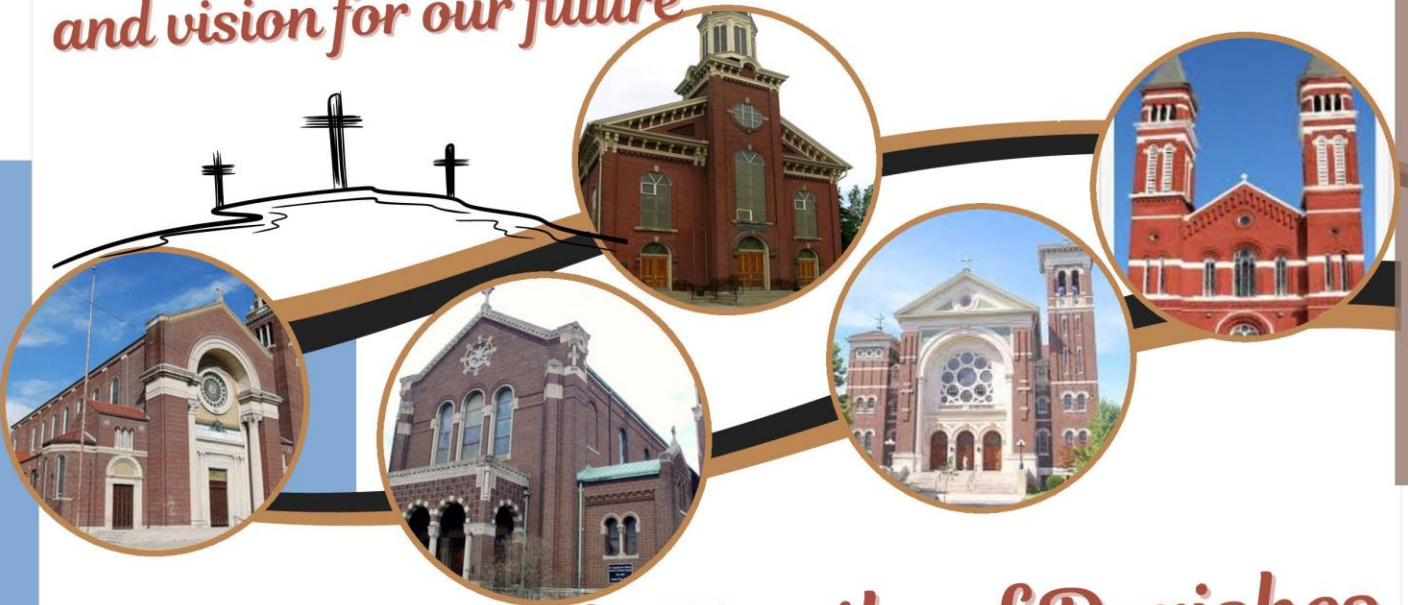
COLLECTION INFO

March 04-20-2025

**Check back next
week please**

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**



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: COTMBS) 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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Parish Nurse News and Notes Happy Easter !

Christ is risen.

I hope everyone has a joyous and peaceful day today. More info below on ways to decrease your stress as follows: March was National Crochet Month. There are numerous benefits for mental health when you crochet. Here are some ways in which crocheting can promote well-being:

Stress Reduction: The repetitive motions and focus required in crocheting can help distract from stressful thoughts and induce a meditative state. This can lead to reduced anxiety and stress levels.

Improved Mood: Crocheting can release endorphins, natural mood boosters. Additionally, the sense of accomplishment and creativity involved in creating something tangible can contribute to feelings of happiness and satisfaction.

Increased Mindfulness: The process of crocheting requires paying attention to the present moment, focusing on the sensations of the yarn and the movements of the hands. This can cultivate mindfulness, which is beneficial for reducing stress and improving mental clarity. Social

Connection: Joining a crochet group or participating in online crochet communities can provide opportunities for social interaction and support. This can help combat feelings of loneliness and isolation.

Cognitive Stimulation: Learning new crochet patterns and techniques can challenge the brain and improve cognitive function. This can be especially beneficial for older adults or individuals with cognitive impairments.

Therapeutic Use: Crocheting has been used as a therapeutic activity for people with mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety, and ADHD. It can provide a sense of purpose, structure, and a safe space for self-expression.

Overall Well-being: By promoting stress reduction, mood improvement, mindfulness, social connection, and cognitive stimulation, crocheting can contribute to overall mental health and well-being. Stay tuned for the St. Charles crochet group coming soon!

Peace and God Bless Mary Catherine Wright RN,
Parish Nurse

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>			

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Monday, 10am to 3pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9am to 4pm

Friday, 9am to 3pm

Pastoral Team

Fr. Chris Talbot, Priest in Solidum and Moderator

Fr. Francis Asomkase, SSJ, Priest in Solidum

Fr. Richard Baumann, Priest in Solidum

Fr. David Preuss, OFM, CAP, Priest in Solidum

Fr. Ifiok Wisdom Umanah, SSJ, Priest in Solidum

Joni Scott, Director of Religious Education

Rhonda Gilbert – Pastoral Associate

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.