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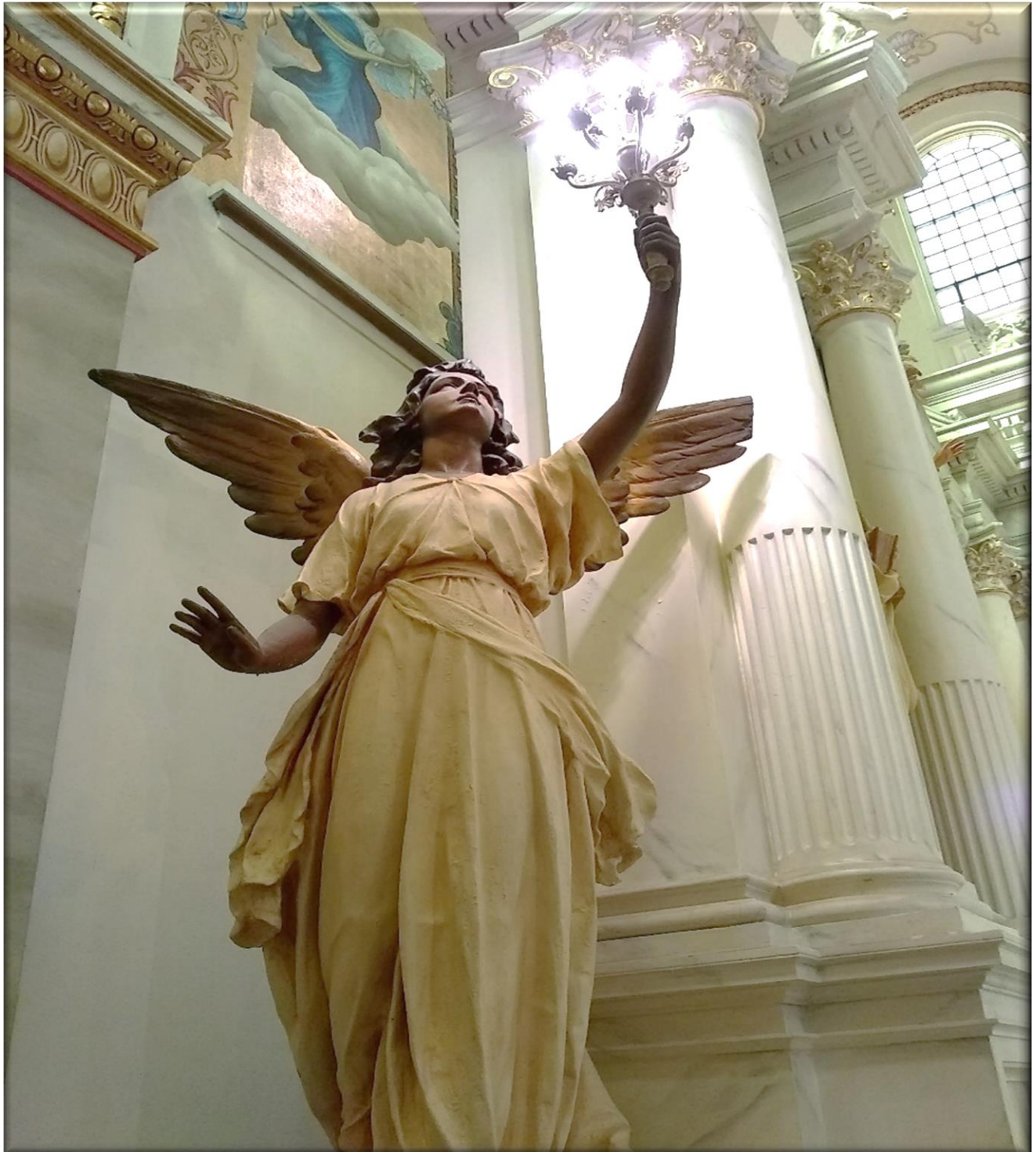
*St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church*

# The VIGIL

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Sunday, April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)





This weekend, our young people, **Blake Bell, Khloe Pruitt, Milan Pruitt, and Miles Rennpage** will be receiving their first Holy Communion. This is a beautiful and exciting day for them and their families. The Lord feeds them with His very Body and Blood for the first of many times.

I'm reminded of a sign that appears in many Church sacristies. The sign says:

*“Priest of God, celebrate this Mass as if it was your first Mass, your last Mass, your only Mass.”*

This is a beautiful reminder for priests preparing to celebrate Mass and it is also important for each and every one of us. As we watch second graders receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time it should reawaken us to the power of the Eucharist. Receiving the Eucharist for the first time is an incredible experience, yet this is no different than receiving the Holy Eucharist for the 1000th time. It is still the same Lord nourishing us with His Body and Blood.

Maybe our love for Jesus in the Eucharist has grown lukewarm. We don't have the same excitement that we did in second grade. I also ask myself, “Have I lost my fervor of offering Mass compared to when I was a new priest?” It is so easy for Jesus, the Eucharist, and the Mass to become ordinary and commonplace. Maybe it is time to renew our love for Jesus in the Eucharist.

Witnessing our young people receive First Holy Communion can reawaken us to the same joy, wonder, and devotion that they possess. We are receiving the same Body and Blood of Christ as them!

Maybe we can adjust the exhortation to priests toward the entire people of God, saying:

People of God, pray this Mass as if it was your first Mass, your last Mass, your only Mass!

***Congratulations Blake, Khloe, Milan, and Miles!***

**NOTE:** If you are looking to attend Mass when there isn't one planned for the Family of Parishes or there is a limited schedule, the chapel at St. Bonaventure Capuchin Monastery on Mt. Elliott happily welcomes everyone for their 7:30am daily mass.

**Mass Live Streaming News!** You now have options for watching our Sunday Mass – even if you “don't do FaceBook” or look at the parish website. Now you can watch on YouTube by going to <https://www.youtube.com/@St.CharlesBorromeoDetroit>; you can watch the live stream on Facebook without having an account by doing a google search for **st charles borromeo parish detroit Facebook**, the page will appear, scroll down and look on the right side for "watch live" and click. You can also continue to watch on our Facebook page *St. Charles Borromeo Parish - Detroit MI*

**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 to sponsor an upcoming Sunday meal: **Today, April 28, 2024: St. Lucy Parish; May 5, 2024: Sponsor Needed; May 12, 2024: Mother's Day – No Meal; May 19, 2024: St Charles and Nativity Strangers No Longer Group**

**Nativity Pantry News:** We are grateful for your continued support of the pantry. Your weekly donations make a difference. **This week we need Vegetables, Pork & Beans/Baked Beans, and Noodles.** Again, thank you never seems to be enough, but THANK YOU!

We may learn that  
 we are  
 rooted in Christ  
  
 that regardless  
 the atmosphere  
  
 regardless our  
 stunted growth  
  
 regardless our  
 daily dyings  
  
 we have the  
 potential  
  
 we are the  
 potential  
  
**to bloom**  
  
 because of  
 Christ  
 our earth  
  
 because of  
 Christ  
 our atmosphere  
  
 we are the seed  
 from  
 the Father's hand  
 we are  
 the breaking shell  
 sending  
 down roots reaching  
 our shoots  
 up-stretching toward  
**our Maker**

~ J. Janda



**PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE**

Patricia Alexander  
 James Bramlette  
 Marianne Burns  
 June Buersmeyer  
 Mary Canaday  
 Aaron Cole  
 Chinyere Crutcher  
 Joy Harris  
 Joan Jackson  
 Michael Martin  
 Bruce McDonald Sr.  
 John Nahas  
 Richard Nahas  
 Gloria Parham  
 Ronald Parham  
 Vertis Park, Sr.  
 Earlene Park-Williams  
 Elizabeth Pilette  
 Cynthia Richardson  
 Gregory Richardson  
 Linda Simpkins  
 Alicia Smith  
 Anna Tyler  
 Theresa Williamson  
 Pam Young

**Please call the rectory at 313-331-0253 to let us know when a name should be removed from the list. Praise God for His Healing mercies!**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**April 28, 2024**  
 Roger Sinclair  
 Stephen & Catherine Bogotaitis

**May 5, 2024**  
 Dr. Donald Burkhart

**May 12, 2024**  
 All Deceased Mothers,  
 Grandmothers, and Other  
 Important Women of Our Lives

**May 19, 2024**  
 Dr. Donald Burkhart  
 Deceased Members of the  
 Kelly Family

**May 26, 2024**  
 Carl Ayoub  
 Victor Bianchi

**TODAY'S READINGS**

Acts 9: 26-31  
**(Paul's Conversion)**

Psalm 22: 26-27, 28, 30, 31-32  
**(Praise God)**

First John 3: 18-24  
**(Love in Action)**

John 15: 4a, 5b  
**(Indwelling)**

John 15: 1-8  
**(Vine and the Branches)**

**The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of April 2024**

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Mon., Apr. 29:** Acts 14: 5-18; Psalm 115: 1-2, 3-4, 15-16; John 14: 26; John 14: 21-26

**Tues., Apr. 30:** Acts 14: 19-28; Psalm 145: 10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Luke 24: 46, 26; John 14: 27-31a

**Wed., May 01:** Acts 15: 1-6; Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; John 15: 4a, 5b; John 15: 1-8

**Thurs., May 02:** Acts 15: 7-21; Psalm 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 10; John 10: 27; John 15: 9-11

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

**Sat., May 04:** Acts 16: 1-10; Psalm 100: 2, 3, 5; Colossians 3: 1; John 15: 18-21

**Sun., May 05:** Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4; First John 4: 7-10; John 14: 23; John 15: 9-17

**STEWARDSHIP MINUTE: Steward Goodness**

*"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." - 1 JOHN 3:18*

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good **Steward**? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your support and talents to your parish and other community needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

**COLLECTION INFO**

**April 21, 2024**

Collections	\$ 1,081.85
Online	<u>\$ 1,069.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,150.85</b>



## Powerful Women of the Civil Rights Movement

WHEN: Tuesday, May 14, 9:30am-12:30pm

WHERE: St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center,  
22223 Schoolcraft Rd., Detroit, MI 48223

WHO: PRESENTED BY MRS. JONI SCOTT:



Joni Scott holds a bachelor's degree in religious studies from Marygrove College and is a wife, mother, grandmother, storyteller, retreat director and a trained spiritual director. She currently serves as the Director of Religious Education at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Detroit.

Throughout the last two hundred years in the United States, Black Women have organized, advocated, and fought for a more just and equal society, not just for themselves but for all people. In this workshop, Joni will introduce us to seven powerful women from the late 1800's up to our current era.

TO REGISTER: Email Sr. Barbara at: [bmatievich@gmail.com](mailto:bmatievich@gmail.com)

Suggested offering is \$30.00; please pay what you can afford.

## Urban Parish Retreat



### Embracing Soul Care

This weekend retreat in the tradition of St. Ignatius welcomes men and women from parishes in the metro Detroit area. Your time with us includes daily presentations and time on your own to pray, reflect and hear what God may be saying to you through the silence. Walk the nature trail or sit among the trees and gardens. Surrender to the solitude of your own room and enjoy delicious meals with others. Gain insight to help you grow in your relationship with God and one another. Leave refreshed and renewed in body, soul and spirit.

**Retreat Team:**

Fr. Robert Scullin, SJ who is a member of Manresa's Ministry Team, Allen Jones, DiAnne Patterson Schultz and Joni Scott.

**Friday-Sunday  
May 31–June 2, 2024**

Arrive any time after 4:30 PM on Friday, with dinner at 6:00 PM. Retreat concludes Sunday after a later morning Mass.

**Retreat Cost:** Suggested donation of \$325. A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$50 is due at registration.

To register, go to [manresa-sj.org/053124-mw](http://manresa-sj.org/053124-mw) or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

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**Email @** [stcharlesborromeodetroit@yahoo.com](mailto:stcharlesborromeodetroit@yahoo.com)

**Rectory Hours:**

Monday & Tuesday, 10a to 3p  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 10a to 4p

**Pastoral Team**

Fr. David Buersmeyer, Administrator  
Fr. David Preuss, OFM, CAP, Priest in Solidum  
Joni Scott, Director of Religious Education  
Gayle Koyton, Boulevard Ministry

**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

**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

**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.

**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](http://www.sacredheartdetroit.com/primetime)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:vac@aod.org).

## **A PRAYER FOR FINDING BALANCE IN THE HOLY LAND**

BY Thomas Reese, SJ

National Catholic Reporter - March 29, 2024

God bless and protect the people of Israel; God bless and protect the people of Palestine.

God damn antisemitism; God damn Islamophobia.

Israelis are children of God; Palestinians are children of God.

Jews are children of Abraham; Muslims are children of Abraham.

Israelis have a right to a homeland and a state; Palestinians have a right to a homeland and a state.

Israeli civilians should not be targeted; Palestinian civilians should not be targeted.

Israeli children are precious; Palestinian children are precious.

Hamas should not hide in hospitals; Israel should not attack hospitals.

Israelis have a right to live in peace and freedom; Palestinians have a right to live in peace and freedom.

Hamas soldiers who attack Israeli civilians are terrorists; Israeli settlers who attack Palestinian civilians are terrorists.

Palestine cannot be "from the river to the sea"; Israel cannot be "from the river to the sea."

Israelis need better leadership; Palestinians need better leadership.

Guns and bullets do not foster peace; food and water do not foster war.

Let the aid in; keep the weapons out.

Iran must stop arming Hamas and Hezbollah; the U.S. must stop arming Israel.

No more bombs; lots more bread.

War brings famine; peace brings prosperity.

Israel and Palestine must live together, or they will die together.

Cease-fire now; release the hostages now.