

The Vigil

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Mass Times:

St. Charles:
Wednesday 10:30am;
Sunday 8:15am AND 11:30am

Nativity:

Thursday 11am; Saturday 4pm;
Sunday 9:45am



Pastor's Pen



"The Lord Be With You."



April 29, 2018

5th Sunday of Easter

Today's Readings

Acts 9:26-31

Psalms 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

1 John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8

In the Gospel, today, we hear Jesus speaking to his disciples and to us:

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in them will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."

I was thinking of how beautiful cut flowers are when they're delivered for a special occasion. For the first five days, or maybe a week, they bloom and look tremendous but after that they soon wither and die. They have been cut off from their source of life. Jesus is saying it's the same with us. Unless we're connected to our source of life, we can't make it. We may look pretty good for a while, like those cut flowers, but soon we'll wither and die.

I think there are different types of living. Some people exist while others live fully. Those who exist without any connection to their spiritual source live lives that are often shallow and predictable, empty and meaningless and often just boring. They cover their need for meaning with their accomplishments, their looks and personality, their money and status, and all the stuff that makes them feel important.

For those who feel their spiritual connection and know they need that connection to live will often live lives that are simpler and often filled with an excitement for life and a deep sense of gratitude for this journey. They realize God is so much bigger than their greatest thought and so to surrender to that God brings them great peace. They don't have to prove their importance or control everything, because they know who they are: God's beloved.

I suspect most of us are somewhere in the middle between existing and living fully. There are days when we just exist and go through the motions. We are tempted to see our worth in our accomplishments and in our ability to organize and control our day. Although being organized and taking on tasks is a good thing, it often masks our need for a deeper spiritual union. It's often when we stumble, or tragedy befalls us that we realize how much we need God. Those are moments of grace! Maybe we can look back this week at all the times God has saved us from ourselves and been connected to us even when we thought we were doing it on our own. May we live in gratitude today for the Source of our being!

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

Bobby Allen
Paul Andreovich
Shirley Bailey
Shawn Burks
Liana Caruana
Ida Cherry
Liz Cherry
Gary Davila
Howard Dilworth
Kyle Duker
Heinrich Eriksen
Doris Harris
John Huddleston
Addie Ingram
Ron Kirby
Tony Lababera
Dave Laverty
Catherine Lewis
Tiana Marquez
Michael Martin
Mary Massaini
Dina Maynard
Leon McCool
Gary Perzyk
Judy Pierce
Robert Preuss
Celeste Rabaut
Patricia C. Randall
Elaine Rosen
Carol Santa Maria
Marvin Sims
Len Stoehr
Mark Tamer
Rachel Thompson
Enza Trah
Anna Tyler
Sr Jolene Van Handel
Belinda Wilson
Shawn Wilson
Jenny White

Street Corner Ministry at Nativity of Our Lord

Everyone is invited to join the parishioners of our sister parish, Nativity of Our Lord, at the corner of Gratiot and McClellan to offer up prayers for our city. The prayers are offered right on the corner from 9pm-10pm every Friday night. Please support Nativity and our city!

Stewardship Thoughts

Today, in the Gospel from St. John the Evangelist, Jesus professes, *I am the vine, you are the branches*. In this beautiful imagery, Jesus represents the vine that produces the gift of life and salvation for His beloved disciples, the branches. In his First Letter, St. John urges us to follow Christ's directives and live in Him by loving one another. We can accomplish unity with Christ and one another by participating regularly with our parish communion in His gift of the Eucharist. In the Acts of the Apostles, St. Paul shows us that faithful disciples are not afraid to witness *in the name of the Lord*. Jesus invites us into a personal relationship with Him. If we open our hearts to this invitation, our joy cannot be contained. In turn, we will spread this joy by proclaiming Jesus to those we encounter, planting seeds to bear "good fruit" for the Kingdom. Please remember to share your love of the Lord with those you meet.

Ave Maria University Seeking Volunteer Football Scouts: Do you enjoy high school football? Would you like to help young Catholic men have an opportunity to attend an authentic Catholic university and play football? If so ... Ave Maria University (AMU) could use your help! AMU is developing a scout network in Michigan to help identify Catholic football players from all schools (public / private / Catholic) in this area. Generous scholarships are available. **For more details**, please contact Dr. Gary Jackson, Michigan Scout Coordinator, at gjackson@avemariafoundation.org or 734-516-9615.

Quebec Pilgrimage: You are invited to join *Prayer Pilgrimages*, July 1-7, for seven days & six nights, as we plan to visit twenty-two of the most prominent Basilicas, Cathedrals, National Shrines, & Churches in Montreal, Quebec City, Beaupre, & Trois-Rivieres. Includes Daily Mass with pilgrimage chaplain Father Daniel Zaleski, sacred music presentations, guided tours, & ample free time. Deluxe motorcoach departures & returns from Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish Center in Sterling Heights, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth, and St. Albert the Great Church in Dearborn Heights. Price per person (transportation, lodging, fees), are \$890 (single), \$595 (double), \$490 (triple), \$445 (quad). To reserve and/or more information including registration form & itinerary, www.prayerpilgrimages.com or contact Michael Semaan at (248) 250-6005.

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One of the longest running fund raisers for St. Charles is participating in the **Kroger Community Rewards** program? You can support this fund raiser by registering your Kroger Loyalty card and shop as usual. The best part???? It doesn't cost you anything extra!

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- Click "Enroll". Enter the required information. Click Enroll again. On the next page, scroll to the bottom and click on "Community Rewards"
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- On the next page enter 82843 or St. Charles Church and hit Enter
- Choose the correct organization and Click Enroll. You are now enrolled!
- If you are having an issue with your password and or email address please call 1-800-KROGERS, press 5 for customer service, press 5 to speak to a customer service representative.

Are you or someone you know a convicted felon looking for a job? There is help available.

The Resource Network offers short trades like a month or so and they have a placement component which places at over 90%. They have felony friendly employers they work with. 11816 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck 48212 p(313) 365-3700 Ext. 1207; f(313) 366-2820; c(313) 828-2289

Another source for felony friendly employment/employers:
exoffeders.net/employment-jobs-for-felons/

Upcoming Events / Meetings

The Grounds Committee will be doing the spring clean-up of the parish grounds on **Saturday May 19, 2018 beginning at 9am.** The committee would appreciate any and all help - regardless of how long or short you can help out.

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2018 ST CHARLES DINNER DANCE

Friday, September 21, 2018

Assumption Cultural Center
Cocktail Hour 6pm-7; Dinner 7pm

Ticket Information:

Early Bird (now thru Aug 1): \$55 per person OR \$500 for Table of 10

Aug 2, 2018 – Sept 9, 2018: \$60 per person OR \$600 for Table of 10
(To purchase a table of 10, all tickets **MUST** be paid for at the same time with one check or cash.)

Absolutely NO tickets will be sold after Sept 9, 2018

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SAVE THE DATE!
Ladies Night Out - May 11, 2018

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SAVE THE DATE!
VBS at Nativity of Our Lord and St. Charles
Dates: JUNE 25TH – JULY 20TH
Much more info to follow!

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

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April/May Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 29, 2018
Lisa Little

Wednesday, May 2, 2018
Tim Yoe

Sunday, May 6, 2018
**Fr. Edmund Borycz
Ed and Rose Borycz**

Wednesday, May 9, 2018
Gail Stoll

Sunday, May 13, 2018
**Deceased Mothers of
St. Charles**

Wednesday, May 16, 2018
Walker Simpkins

Sunday, May 20, 2018
**Deceased Members of
the Kell Family
Norma Szczesny
Theresa Miller**

Wednesday, May 23, 2018
George Sahadi

Sunday, May 27, 2018
Carl Ayoub

Wednesday, May 30, 2018
Anthony Seyboldt

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., April 30: Acts 14:5-18; Psalm 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; John 14:21-26

Tues., May 01: Acts 14:19-28; Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; John 14:27-31a

Wed., May 02: Acts 15:1-6; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; John 15:1-8

Thurs., May 03: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5; John 14:6-14

Fri., May 04: Acts 15:22-31; Psalm 57:8-9, 10 & 12; John 15:12-17

Sat., May 05: Acts 16:1-10; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 5; John 15:18-21

Sun., May 06: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Confirmation Preparation

May 12th (Sat.) Retreat at Mercy Center 9-3pm

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lilo Wendell Memorial Scholarship Fund... Application forms are now available online at www.aod.org for high school seniors who are Catholic daughters of single mothers and plan to attend a college or university full-time in the 2018-2019 academic year are eligible. Details are included in the application form. **Completed application forms must be sent to the Archdiocese of Detroit postmarked no later than May 31, 2018.**

See State Rep Stephanie Chang: Friday, May 25: Coffee Hour, 10-11am at Dilla's Delights, 242 John R. St. in Detroit.

Saturday, May 26, 2018 10am – 3pm: Become a Citizen Day
1927 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit

Saturday, June 2: District 6 Community Baby Shower, 10:30am – 1pm, CHASS Center (5635 W. Fort Street, Detroit 48209). **First Come, First Serve. Please RSVP! 313-841-2240.** Who can participate? Expectant Moms, parents with children under 1, supportive family members. There will be giveaways. Refreshments and raffle tickets included; Workshops for moms on safety techniques, positive parenting, and prenatal/postnatal care. Come connect with service providers who can help you as a new parent!

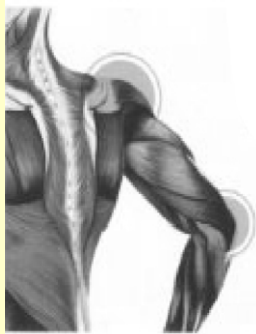
Elder Wisdom Circle... The dynamic and thoughtful sessions will begin again this Spring. Please watch this space for upcoming dates!

Weekly Collection 04/15/18

Envelopes	\$ 1,090.50
Loose	\$ 1,028.52
Christmas	\$ 100.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,219.02

04/22/18

Envelopes	\$ 3,340.50
Loose	\$ 648.08
Maintenance	\$ 50.00
Christmas	\$ 50.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,088.58



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