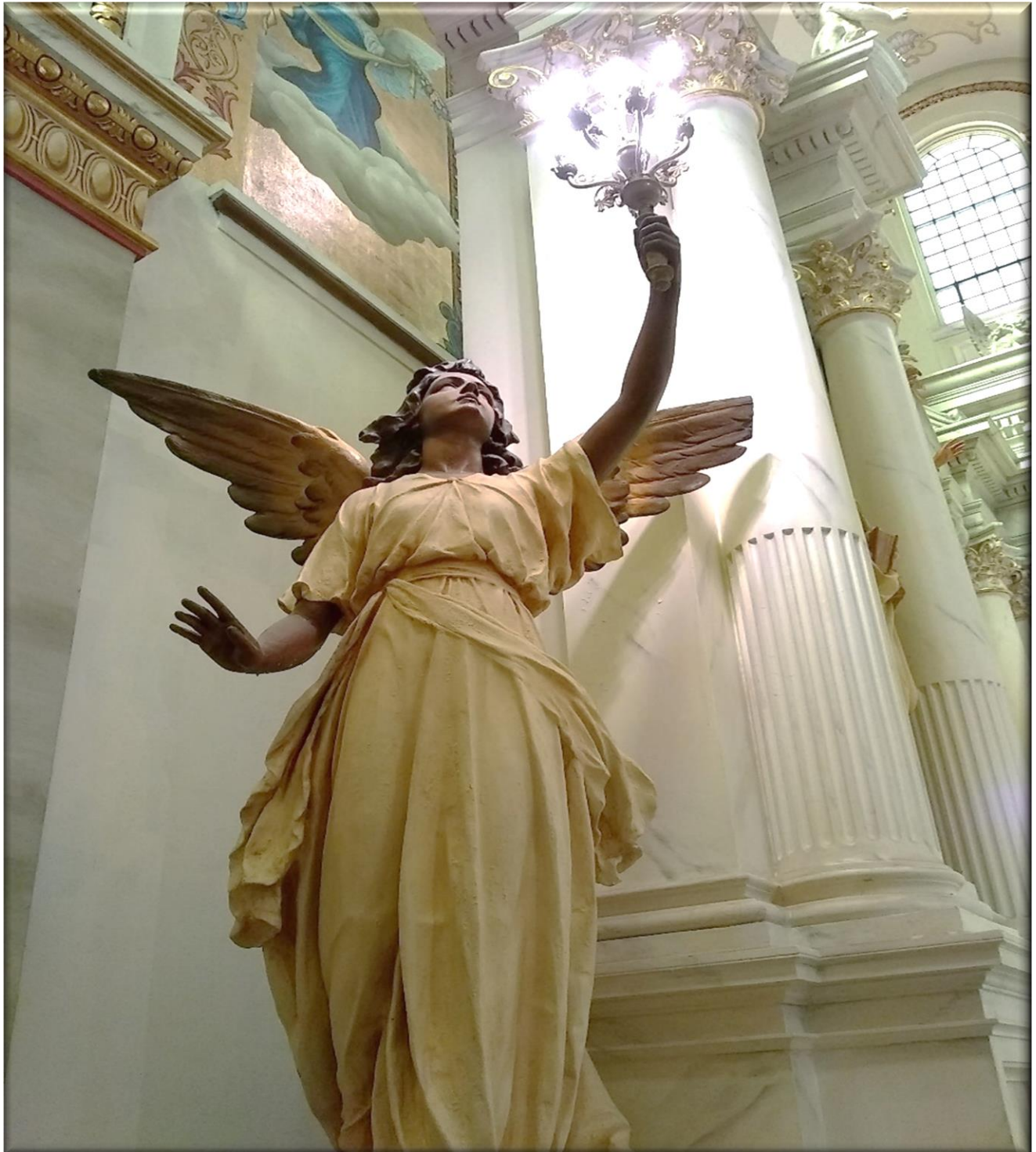

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

The VIGIL

Sunday, May 05, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)





Who Loves First?

Harriet and Harry Happyface, hearing the command to love their neighbor, went out to do good.

And burned out.

When a British journalist asked Mother Teresa how she could keep on going knowing she would never be successful in her efforts to meet the needs of all those dying in the streets of Calcutta, she replied, “I am not called to be successful, I'm called to be faithful.” The perspective implicit in her response provides an answer to the burnout problem in a way that is also caught in this Sunday's readings, as follows:

one does not find the power to love one's neighbor
simply by applying one's energy to service.

The whole Christian mission is a response to divine initiative. It is a movement responding to God's first move.

Everyone knows that Jesus summarized the Law of Moses in two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor. Many act as if simply doing the second one is the way to do the first. Today's readings beg to differ. They help us see that loving one another is not simply a matter of neighbor-directed good will. It is a matter of attending to the fact that *God has first loved us*. Though it is difficult to directly love God, whom “no one has ever seen” ([1 John 4:12](#); [John 1:18](#)), loving one's neighbor starts somehow with responding to God's love.

The Acts passage in the [First Reading](#) sets the tone by recalling the time when Peter was drawn into mission to the Gentiles by happenings he had to admit were acts of God: effects (tongue speaking and prophesying) that required a greater cause than his own preaching ability. The whole Christian mission is a response to divine initiative. It is a movement responding to God's first move.

The First Letter of John is straightforward in saying that the first move is God's: “In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another” ([1 John 4:10-11](#)). Finally, Jesus' words in the Fourth Gospel tie that divine initiative more radically to Jesus' laying down his own life: “This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends” ([John 15:12-13](#)).

The consequences of this teaching are eminently practical. One does not find the power to love one's neighbor simply by applying one's energy to service. One finds that energy for self-giving service by attending first to God's self-emptying love. That was St. Ignatius' strategy in helping people learn to love God in the Spiritual Exercises.

Pay attention, he advised, to the gifts of God in your life; that will evoke a gratitude which in turn will give you the ability to pass on that love to those who most need it. Indeed, that is the point in naming a community of Christians an *ekklesia* (“the called”), a group constituted by the very fact that they are responding to a divine initiative of love. The rest is passing on what has first been divinely given. This leads to emptying, yes, but not necessarily to burnout.

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, May 5, 2023:** Knights on Bikes; **May 12, 2024: No Meal (Mother's Day);** **May 19, 2024:** St Charles and Nativity Strangers No Longer Group; **May 26, 2024 – No Meal (Memorial Day);** **June 2, 2024:** Shawn Nethercott & Friends; **June 9, 2024 – Sponsor Needed;** **June 16, 2024 ; No Meal (Father's Day);** **June 23, 2024:** St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans; **June 30: Sponsor Needed.**

Nativity Pantry News: Your continued support of the pantry is truly a blessing. This week we need: Peanut Butter, Cereal, and Spaghetti Sauce. **If you are not a shopper, but would like to help the pantry, a check made out to Gleaners Food Bank with “Nativity Pantry 1116” in the memo line can be dropped in the collection baskets or mailed to the office. Your donation would help with our monthly bill.** *PANTRY FOOD FACTS:* (1) Each week the pantry pre-packs for 50 families; (2) Weekly we need about 50 boxes of cereal to pack.

The Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance will be having its second 2024 Quaterly meeting: Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 6pm, at Sacred Heart Activities Center (3451 Rivard St, Detroit 48207). Spaghetti dinner and refreshments will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact the DCPA at 313-922-1435.

A PRAYER FOR FINDING BALANCE IN THE HOLY LAND

~ 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.



PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE

- Patricia Alexander
- Doris Allen
- Paul Andrecovich
- 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
- Greg Pullis
- Cynthia Richardson
- Gregory Richardson
- 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

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
Dale Grace

May 26, 2024
Carl Ayoub
Victor Bianchi

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48
(God Loves All)

Psalm 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4
(Revelation to the Nations)

First John 4: 7-10
(God is Love)

John 15: 4a, 5b
(Indwelling)

John 15: 9-17
(Love One Another)

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of May 2024

For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., May 06: 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

Tues., May 07: Acts 16: 11-15; Psalm 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; John 15: 26b, 27a; John 15: 26 – 16: 4

Wed., May 08: Acts 17: 15, 22 – 18: 1; Psalm 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; John 14: 16; John 16: 12-15

Thurs., May 09: Acts 18: 1-8; Psalm 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 14: 18; John 16: 16-20

Fri., May 10: Acts 18: 9-18; Psalm 47: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 24: 46, 26; John 16: 20-23

Sat., May 11: Acts 18: 23-28; Psalm 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10; John 16: 28; John 16: 23b-28

Sun., May 12: Acts 1: 1-11; Psalm 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28: 19a, 20b; Mark 16: 15-20

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE: Stewardship Giving

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."
- JOHN 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your **Stewardship** giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

COLLECTION INFO

April 28, 2024

Collections	\$ 1,686.68
Online	<u>\$ 1,252.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,938.68

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

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 or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

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Rectory Hours:

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

Pastoral Team

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

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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

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.

St. Charles Borromeo

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i>	<i>2 National Day of Prayer</i>	<i>3 Mass in Rectory 11am</i>	<i>4 1st Confirmation Retreat</i>
<p>5 6th Sunday of Easter</p> <p><i>Cinco De Mayo</i></p> <p>11:30am Mass</p> <p>Community Meal</p>	6	7	8	9	<p>10</p> <p><i>Mass in Rectory 11am</i></p>	11
<p>12 Happy Mother's Day!</p> <p><i>Ascension of the Lord</i></p> <p>11:30am Mass</p> <p><u>NO Community Meal</u></p>	13	14	15	16	<p>17</p> <p><i>Mass in Rectory 11am</i></p>	18
<p>19 Pentecost Sunday</p> <p>11:30am Mass</p> <p>Community Meal</p>	20	21	22	23	<p>24</p> <p><i>Mass in Rectory 11am</i></p>	25
<p>26 The Most Holy Trinity—Youth Mass & Recognition of Children and Catechists</p> <p>11:30am Mass</p> <p><u>NO Community Meal</u></p>	27	28	29	30	<p>31 Urban Parish Retreat at Manresa</p>	