
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

The VIGIL

Sunday, May 7, 2023 (A Cycle)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER





Playing It Straight

Years ago on television, at the end of the George Burns and Gracie Allen show, Gracie would talk on and on and finally George would stop her dryly with the words, “Say good night, Gracie.” She would reply, “Good night Gracie.” Laughter.

George was her “straight man.”

In today’s Gospel, Philip and Thomas (of doubting fame) serve as straight men—not for a comedian but for Christ, who is explaining the very deepest meaning of Christianity.

“There are many rooms in my Father’s house,” Jesus says. “I will come back and take you there. You know the way to where I am going.”

Thomas asks rather naturally, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” He might as well have said, “Do your magic.”

The way to the Father is not a literal roadway but rather the person of Jesus!

So Jesus makes a play on “the way.” Thomas thinks these words mean a roadway or a pathway. But Jesus means something else. He says, Thomas, you already know The Way quite well. It is me. I am the Way and the Truth and the Light. I am the Pathway to the Father. If you know me then you know the Father.

The early followers of Jesus actually called their Jesus movement, “the Way,” instead of “Christianity.” All puns aside, what does “the Way” mean?

It is the way to real life. Jesus is saying that the Father has been shown forth completely, in himself, the Christ. Jesus called him “abba,” but he is the God all ages have sought for, the One who is all good and all loving and all powerful. God. Do you want to know God? Look at Jesus. Follow his way.

Philip does want to know “the Father,” but he completely misses Jesus’ play on the words, “the Way.” He replies, “Master, just show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.” We can’t understand your explanations, just give us the goods.

People throughout the ages had said the same thing. We want to know the gods. We want the favor of those exalted ones who have no suffering, no crop failures, no droughts, starvation, no aids, no genocide, no Covid. no death. We want what they have, a luxury, power, honor, and glory. Show us that Father, Philip says.

Maybe you and I say exactly the same thing! We are so attracted to the itches of our heart: to have exactly what we want, to avoid troubles, to live “the good life.” As television says, “it doesn’t get any better than this.” Oh doesn’t it?

Jesus’ response: “show you the Father? *What Are You Saying, Philip? I AM showing you the Father.* God is so present in my life (and death and resurrection) that to know me is to know the Father.”

Let the meaning in. Jesus seems to say that God is totally within him. They are one. You can see infinite love revealed!

Can you or I look at the Cross and the Resurrection and see God’s infinite love embedded there? Can we see a love that is stronger than death, stronger than honor, power, riches, stronger than a “trouble-free life”?

It is The Way to freedom.

~ John Foley, SJ

NEW INFO, RE: MASK WEARING: As of Sunday, April 30, 2023, if you choose to wear a mask, please do so and sit on the south (choir), side and if you choose to not wear a mask, that's ok too and we ask that you sit on the north (ambo) side. We will practice social distancing on the north (ambo) side as well.

Nativity Pantry Update... The Nativity Family would like to thank our St. Charles family for their continued support of the food pantry. As you know, prices at the grocery store have skyrocketed, especially on the staple items we generally keep on our shelves. Our families are struggling to make it month to month. Your help continues to help us keep basic staple items on our shelves to pack for families so that their limited resources can go further. We thank you for your continued support. **This week the pantry needs: Side Dishes, Tuna Fish and Macaroni & Cheese. Thank you for your continued support. That support helps to make our pantry ministry possible.**

Sunday Community Dinners... As one of our most important ministries to our members, neighbors, we have been blessed to have many sponsors, but as with most ministries, we are in need of more. If you and your group would like to learn more about sponsoring a meal or if you're ready to sign up, please call or email Georgia Kingsley at 586-206-2202, gfk111@aol.com.

MAY & JUNE DINNER SCHEDULE:

May 7, 2023 – St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans

May 14, 2023 – Mother's Day (NO MEAL)

May 21, 2023 – Sponsor Needed

May 28, 2023 – Memorial Day Weekend (NO MEAL)

June 4, 2023 – Joan Jacobs and Friends

June 11, 2023 - Shaun Nethercott

June 18, 2023 - Father's Day (NO MEAL)

June 25, 2023 – Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary

July 2, 2023 – Independence Day Weekend – No Meal

Easter Thank you!! It was a perfect day to celebrate the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday! Thank you to everyone that donated eggs, candy and their time with the Easter Egg Hunt after church on Easter Sunday. ~ Barbara Taylor



On **Sunday, April 23, 2023**, we welcomed Jaela Renee Brown, Milan Maria Pruitt, and Khole Marie Pruitt into the One Holy Catholic Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism! Congratulations to our newest members and their families.



**PRAY FOR THE
HEALING PRESENCE**

Mary Canaday
Joy Harris
Joan Jackson
Michael Martin
Jerry McFee
Tommy Nance
Dr. Bob Preuss
Alicia Smith
Anna Tyler
Rene VanZaelen
Alonda Walker
Jerry Walker
Theresa Williamson
Pam Young

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 6: 1-7
(Spiritual and Material Tasks)

Psalm 33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19
(Exult in the Lord)

First Peter 2: 4-9
(A Royal Priesthood)

John 14: 6
(Christ the Way)

John 14: 1-12
(Faith in God)

**The Holy Father's Intentions for the
Month of May 2023**

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

BE GOOD

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., May 08: Acts 14: 5-18; Psalm 115: 1-2, 3-4, 15-16; John 14: 26; John 14: 21-26

Tues., May 09: Acts 14: 19-28; Psalm 145: 10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Luke 24: 46, 26; John 14: 27-31a

Wed., May 10: Acts 15: 1-6; Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; John 15: 4a, 5b; John 15: 1-8

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

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

Sat., May 13: Acts 16: 1-10; Psalm 100: 2, 3, 5; Colossians 3: 1; John 15: 18-21

Sun., May 14: Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17; Psalm 66: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; First Peter 3: 15-18; John 14: 23; John 14: 15-21

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Patty Pulis
Keith Carson
Michael Carson

Sunday, May 14, 2023

All mothers,
grandmothers, aunts, and
those who stand in for
mothers

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Deceased members of
the Kelly Family

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Carl Ayoub
Nefatari Kuumba

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE:

Stewardship Cornerstones

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given **Stewardship** gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

4-30-2023

Collection	\$1,447.58
Online Donations	<u>\$1,742.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3,189.00

**DO
THE
MOST
GOOD**



Celebrating the Mass at Our Family of Parishes

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 7th 11:30 Mass livestreamed/ Presider and Preacher: Father David Preuss

Tuesday, May 8th [5 PM Mass at Sacred Heart SSAM: SVDP Food pantry, Men's Faith Sharing/6 PM Men's Faith Sharing]

Wednesday, May 9th [SSAM **NO** 8 AM Adoration, 9 AM Mass/ Presider: Capuchin Father, Preacher: Deacon Chris; Zoom Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott @ jscott820@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link]

Thursday, May 10th [Nativity, in the church **NO** 8 AM holy hour; 9 AM Mass; Emergency Food Pantry: Open 1:00-4:00 SSAM 8:15AM holy hour for priests and vocations]

Friday, May 11th St. Charles **NO** 8 AM holy hour/11 AM Mass Fr. David Preuss

Saturday, May 12th [No Saturday Holy Hour and 9 AM Mass this month]

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 14th 11:30 Mass livestreamed with social distancing/Priest and preacher: Fr. David Preuss

2021-2023 IGNATIAN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Do you know an emerging young adult leader? Are you one? Contemplative Leaders in Action (CLA) is a leadership program for young adults (age 24-39), rooted in the spirituality tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The world needs Ignatian leaders – passionate “contemplatives in action” discerning God’s movements in their lives and responding out of love as hopeful, joyful people with and for others. This kind of leadership flows from a deep spiritual life and inspired sense of purpose.

If you are a young adult, learn more about CLA and the application process contemplativeleaders.org/about-cla! If you are a seasoned adult, please nominate younger adults you know who would benefit from this national program at the email address below.

Apply by May 31.

To learn more, visit CLA-Detroit and our [FAQs](#).

Local Contact: Anthony Marciniak, cladet@ignatianyoungadults.org.

We are preparing to order envelopes for 2024 (from a different company than last year). If you want a box of envelopes, please sign up on the list on the back table. If you aren't in church, please send us an email or call the rectory to get on the list. **The order will be placed on Monday, May 15, so please don't delay in signing up.** Remember please, if you make donations by check, you can just drop your check in the collection basket, but if you donate by cash, we have no way of crediting your account without an envelope.

May 2023

St. Charles Borromeo

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 <i>8am Holy Hour</i> <i>11am Mass in church</i>	6
7 <i>11:30am Mass</i> <i>Community Meal</i>	8	9	10	11	12 <i>8am Holy Hour</i> <i>11am Mass in church</i>	13
14 <i>Happy Mother's Day</i> <i>11:30am Mass</i> <i>NO Community Meal</i>	15	16	17	18	19 <i>8am Holy Hour</i> <i>11am Mass in church</i>	20
21 <i>11:30am Mass</i> <i>Community Meal</i>	22	23	24	25	26 <i>8am Holy Hour</i> <i>11am Mass in church</i>	27
28 <i>11:30am Mass</i> <i>Community Meal</i>	29	30	31			

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

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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: Holy Hour – 8am; 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

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.

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.



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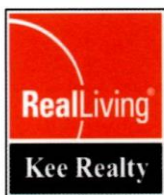
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