
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
THE VIGIL

Sunday, May 11, 2025
4th Sunday of Easter (Year C)
Mother's Day





Sunday Food for Your Soul

Knowing from the Heart

Shepherds were extremely important to the well-being of a flock. They guided the sheep, made them safe, led them to food and drink. Today, Jesus said sadly that the people looked like "sheep without a shepherd."

Let us take this opportunity to reflect on animals and their humans.

Look at the endearing way domestic beasts recognize their owners. Dogs collapse into a frenzy of delight when you come home, even if you have been gone only for an hour. Hysterics are the least they can do.

Maybe you do recognize Jesus' voice when you hear it.

Somewhere there may be a cat like this, but most of them have the opposite reaction to the heartsick dogs. "Oh it's you again."

I know one exception. One of my cousin's cats models indifference with most people, but when I am in the house this cat makes a quiet bee-line to where I am sitting, making no secret of how it enjoys being petted by me. I am not sure whether to be complimented or not, nor can I explain it. There might be months between visits and still the cat makes its way to the petting machine, with both dignity and craving.

Did Jesus notice such things? He watched life around him carefully, judging from his stories. He certainly watched the relationship between shepherds and their flocks.

So what does he mean by his brief remarks about his sheep this Sunday?

In the Jerusalem of Jesus' day various flocks of sheep would arrive with their respective shepherds, only to be turned into the same sheepfold together. This made for a rather large gang of sheep, and there wasn't any practice of branding or marking to tell which was which. You can see the practical problem right away. Sheep, unlike dogs, do not rejoice themselves into knots when their shepherd shows up.

Then how does each shepherd get his own sheep back, in Jesus' day?

Two ways. One, the shepherd knows all his own sheep by heart. He has a special name for each character in the flock. And second, the sheep themselves know their master's voice unmistakably. When he calls out, they simply get up and come to him. They follow him out through the sheep-gate. No mistake about it.

And that is Jesus' reference in Sunday's short Gospel. "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me," he says. You and I are the sheep he is talking about. He says we "shall never perish," because he holds us in his own hands. In fact, it was the Father who gave us to Jesus, and no one can ever take us out of the Father's hands.

Think about it. Have you ever longed for someone who could make things alright, who could help lift the responsibility from your shoulders? Someone who knows you by name and cares about you?

Maybe you do recognize Jesus' voice when you hear it. It might be in the Gospel at Mass. Or when you receive the bread of everlasting life and the cup of salvation—not as a stranger might, but as a member of the well-fed and greatly cared for flock.

This Sunday, what about trying to notice how your spirit automatically inclines to Jesus? How you settle into his grasp for petting. How your soul seeks him.

And finds him.

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, May 11, Mother's Day – No Meal; May 18, 2025: National Jr. Honor Society of Our Lady of Martyrs; May 25, Memorial Day – No Meal**

Nativity Pantry News: We are so grateful for your continued support of the pantry. This week, we need **Mac & Cheese, Family Size Peanut Butter and Noodles.**

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
Anna Grabowski
Carol Herman
Sandra Hill
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
Barron Scott
Joni Scott
Fran Snider
Anna Tyler
Rene VanZaelen
Guillermo 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

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 Ayoub
Thom Mann
Fr. William Cunningham

June 1, 2025
Carl and Georgine Ayoub
Michael Ayoub
Deceased members of the Rovano
and Shook Family

PRAYERS, READINGS, & FINANCE

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41
(Preaching the Name)

Psalm 30: 2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
(Divine Security)

Revelation 5: 11-14
(The Throne of God)

John 21: 1-19
(Christ is Lord)

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

For working conditions

Let us pray that through work,
each person might find
fulfillment, families might be
sustained in dignity, and that
society might be humanized.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., May 12: Acts 11: 1-18; Psalm 42: 2-3; 43: 3-4; John 10: 14;
John 10: 1-10

Tues., May 13: Acts 11: 19-26; Psalm 87: 1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; John 10: 27;
John 10: 22-30

Wed., May 14: Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26; Psalm 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;
John 15: 16; John 15: 9-17

Thurs., May 15: Acts 13: 13-25; Psalm 89: 2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27;
Revelation 1: 5ab; John 13: 16-20

Fri., May 16: Acts 13: 26-33; Psalm 2: 6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; John 14: 6;
John 14: 1-6

Sat., May 17: Acts 13: 44-52; Psalm 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 8: 31b-32;
John 14: 7-14

Sun., May 18: Acts 14: 21-27; Psalm 145: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Revelation 21: 1-5a;
John 13: 34; John 13: 31-33a, 34-35

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE:

Joyful Stewardship

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (ACTS 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, Jesus fills his Stewards with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

COLLECTION INFO 05-04-2025

Collection \$4,613.16
Online \$1,477.00

TOTAL \$6,090.16



A Prayer for Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, and all those who stand in as mother figures

Heavenly Father, thank you for lavishing your love on us.

Today, I pray a blessing over mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and all the mother figures in our lives. Let your steadfast love and forgiveness uplift our hearts. May your peace anchor our souls as we read your Word. Send waves of refreshment through your indwelling Spirit.

Lord Jesus, thank you for pouring out your blood on the cross, to cleanse us of sin and win us for heaven. Reaffirm our identity, that before we were mothers, first we were your daughters. You knit us together in our mothers' wombs. You called us by name, and we are yours.

May the joy of our salvation glow brighter than any sorrow we may face. Jesus, as you were victorious over death and sin, so we are victorious through faith in you. Hallelujah!

Holy Spirit, rekindle the light and hope of Christ in our mothers, in their marriages, their children, and their families. In every broken place, we pray for healing and restoration, in Jesus' name. Where we have failed as mothers, we ask for your grace and power to bring beauty from ashes. Help us surrender our lives and our loved ones to you, Lord God. For you are our Healer, Redeemer, and Savior.

Remind us that Jesus is living. He is moving. He is powerful. He is LORD! And He is working all things together for God's glory and our good.

We stand on Your Word which lasts forever. We speak the truth of God's Word to renounce every lie of the enemy. Thank you that no weapon formed against your people will prosper. May Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, rule and reign over our hearts, minds, marriages, children, families, finances, relationships, jobs, and future.

Let each mother sense your Presence in a personal and profound way today. Let them hear your voice calling to come closer still. "For before you were a mother, first you were my daughter."

Hold every one near your Abba Father's heart of love, and let us rest this day in your heavenly peace.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. Proverbs 31:26

Melissa McLaughlin

ST. AUGUSTINE ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH

PRESENTS

Derric "HeavyD" Denard

FELLOWSHIP BOWL-A-THON

RAFFLES

50/50
RAFFLE

FOOD

PRIZES

IT'S ALL ABOUT
HOW YOU ROLL

\$25.00 Minimum PER BOWLER
Includes: 3 games and shoe rental

Optional Jackpots/Mystery

Sunday, June 8, 2025 - 3:30 - 7:00 pm

BONANZA LANES
24600 HOOVER RD, WARREN, MI 48089

For More Information Please Call 313-921-4107
or email events@saintamparish.org

All Proceeds Will Benefit Jazz on the Lawn August 17, 2025



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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PGC = Protecting
God's Children

St. Charles Borromeo

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <i>Mass in Rectory 11am</i>	3
4 11:30am Mass <i>Thom Mann Memo- rial & Mass Mob with Desserts</i>	5	6 <i>Blvd. Home Visits</i>	7	8	9 <i>Mass in Rectory 11am</i>	10 <i>Family of Parishes Meeting at Solanus Ca- sey Center 1pm-4pm</i>
11 Mother's Day 11:30am Mass <i>NO Community Meal</i>	12	13 <i>PGC Online 6pm</i>	14 <i>PGC—St. Kieran, Shelby Twp. 6pm</i>	15	16 <i>Mass in Rectory 11am</i>	17 <i>PGC—The Basilica of Ste. Anne Detroit 9am</i> <i>Diciploship Program 12pm-3pm</i>
18 11:30am Mass <i>Choir Rehearsal Religious Ed Class Community Meal State of Parish Up- date at end of mass</i>	19	20 <i>Blvd. Home Visits</i>	21 <i>PGC Online 6pm</i>	22	23 <i>Mass in Rectory 11am</i>	24
25 11:30am Mass <i>NO Community Meal</i>	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Mass in Rectory 11am</i>	31

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St. Charles Office Hours:

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.