

The Vigil

May 15, 2022

5th Sunday of Easter

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Mass Times:

St. Charles:

Sunday 11:30am

Friday 11:00am

Nativity

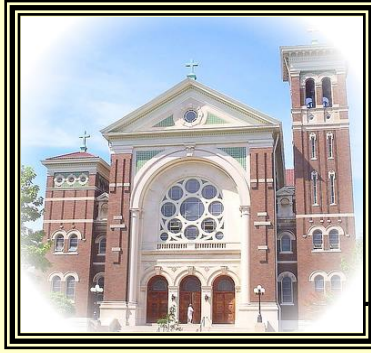
Sunday 9:30am

Thursday 11:00am

St. Augustine/St. Monica

Sunday 10:00am

Wednesday 9:00am



Pastor's Pen



Today's Readings

Acts 14: 21-27

(Conversion of the Gentiles)

Psalms 145: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13

(The Kingdom of God)

Revelation 21: 1-5a

(God's Dwelling)

John 13: 31-33a, 34-35

(The New Commandment)

"I give you a new commandment: love one another." ([Jn 13:34](#))

Commentary by Cyril of Alexandria:

"I give you a new commandment, said Jesus: love one another." But how, we might ask, could he call this commandment new?

Through Moses, he had said to the people of old: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

Notice what follows. He was not content simply to say, "I give you a new commandment: love one another."

Do you not see what is new in Christ's love for us?

He showed the novelty of his command and how far the love he enjoined surpassed the old conception of mutual love by going on immediately to add: "Love one another as I have loved you."

To understand the full force of these words, we have to consider how Christ loved us. Then it will be easy to see what is new and different in the commandment we are now given.

Speaking of Christ, Paul tells us that "although his nature was divine, he did not cling to his equality with God, but stripped himself of all privilege to assume the condition of a slave. He became as we are, and appearing in human form humbled himself by being obedient even to the extent of dying, dying on a cross." And elsewhere Paul writes: "Though he was rich, he became poor."

Do you not see what is new in Christ's love for us? The law commanded people to love their brothers and sisters as they love themselves, but our Lord Jesus Christ loved us more than himself.

He who was one in nature with God the Father and his equal would not have descended to our lowly estate, nor endured in his flesh such a better death for us, not submitted to the blows given him by his enemies, to the shame, the derision, and all the other sufferings that could not possibly be enumerated; nor, being rich, would he have become poor, had he not loved us far more than himself.

It was indeed something new for love to go as far as that!

Christ commands us to love as he did, putting neither reputation, nor wealth, not anything whatever before love of our brothers and sisters. If need be we must even be prepared to face death for our neighbor's salvation as did our Savior's blessed disciples and those who followed in their footsteps.

To them the salvation of others mattered more than their own lives and they were ready to do anything or to suffer anything to save souls that were perishing. I *die daily*, said Paul. "Who suffers weakness, without my suffering too? Who is made to stumble without my heart blazing with indignation?"

The Savior urged us to practice this love that transcends the law as the foundation of true devotion to God. He knew that only in this way could we become pleasing in God's eyes, and that it was by seeking the beauty of the love implanted in us by himself that we should attain to the highest blessings.

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

Clara Boltman
Anne Borushko
Mary Canaday
Joey Coutu
Maureen Coutu
Gus Cops, OFM, Cap.
Simone Eder
Vickie Figueroa
Edward Holley
David Laverty
William (Bill) Leto
Waletha McCrary
Charles Sheron
Pat Sprinkle
Anna Tyler
Rene VanZaelen

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. See detroitcatholic.com to learn more. Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and the Michigan Attorney General's office. Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting protect.aod.org.

Praying Today's Gospel John 13:31-33a, 34-35

As I have loved you, so you also should love one another...

Christ,
let us live out
your "one thing necessary":

the treasure of having and giving your love.

Not fair-weather love,
not hearts-and-flowers,
but your own radical
no-limits kind.

Make us yours,

giving
all we have:
all our wealth,
our body and blood,
our heart and soul,
hands and feet,
our precious
time.

Show us that
the one thing necessary
is to accept and to give your love.

Year of Priestly Vocations

Archbishop Vigneron has announced that the Archdiocese of Detroit will engage in a **Year of Prayer for Priestly Vocations** beginning on June 4 (the Vigil of Pentecost) and concluding on May 28, 2023 (the Solemnity of Pentecost). This Year of Prayer will be a time for everyone in the Archdiocese—priests, deacons, religious, and laity—to come to understand and embrace our need to be united in prayer, working toward a culture that fosters and celebrates vocations to the priesthood.

To begin this Year of Prayer, Archbishop Vigneron invites all the faithful to a Holy Hour at 10am June 4 at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit.

Please RSVP at <https://detroitpriestlyvocations.com/holy-hour/>

Archdiocese of Detroit News

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 a.m. to 5 p.m. or 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.

Stewardship Minute:

Stewards Love Others

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (JOHN 13:34)

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes the **Stewardship** of mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know or someone that doesn't look like you, the latter being the most infantile of excuses for poor judgment..

DID YOU KNOW...that it is illegal to carry a firearm onto any property or facility owned or operated by a church, synagogue, mosque, temple, or other place of worship, unless the presiding official or officials allow concealed weapons?

Free At-home COVID-19 Tests

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order #44 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. Order your tests now so you have them when you need them.

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<https://www.covidtests.gov/>

Rectory Hours: Mon and Tues, 10a to 3p Wed, Thurs, Fri, 10a to 4p

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Joyce Hurley	Paco Williams

May Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 15, 2022
Deceased Members of the Kelly Family

Friday, May 20, 2022
Irene Seyboldt

Sunday, May 22, 2022
Greg McCaffrey

Friday, May 27, 2022
Sister Teresa Avila IHM

Sunday, May 29, 2022
Carl Ayoub

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Tues., May 17: Acts 14: 19-28; Psalm 145: 10-11, 12-13ab, 21; John 14: 27-31a

Wed., May 18: Acts 15: 1-6; Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; John 15: 1-8

Thurs., May 19: Acts 15: 7-21; Psalm 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 10; John 15: 9-11

Fri., May 20: Acts 15: 22-31; Psalm 57: 8-9, 10 and 12; John 15: 12-17

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

Sun., May 22: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29; Psalm 67: 2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23; John 14: 23-29

Weekly Collection

05/08/2022

In-person Collection \$ 2,600.68
On-line Collection \$ 1,612.00
TOTAL \$ 4,212.68

Weekly Budgeted Amount \$5,800.00

Weekly Collection Vs. Budget
\$ -1,587.42

CSA 2022

FUEL THE MISSION

The St. Charles 2022 CSA Goal is \$35,260.00. Did you know that all funds raised above our goal, is 100% returned to the parish?

Your generous donations to the CSA campaign not only help the Archdiocese of Detroit provide many services to our brothers and sisters, but also help St. Charles to provide services and assistance to our neighbors!

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Donations can be made at <https://give.aod.org/>. You can also drop a check in our collection basket (please be sure to write "CSA-2022" on the memo line).

Religious Education News

June 5, 2022

Recognition Day for Youths and Teens who have participated in Religious Education and who have served the parish this year. Our Catechist will also be recognized for their service.

Save the Date:

Virtual Vacation Bible School
Dates: July 25, 2022 -29, 2022
Time: 11:00am-12:15pm
Grades: Pre-K-5th
Theme: Growing With Jesus

Virtual Vacation Bible School (VBS) for Teens
Date: July 25, 2022 -29, 2022
Time: 12:30pm-1:30pm
Theme: Praying from A-Z, A Prayer Guide for Teens

Registration for VBS will take place at the back of church on June 5, 2022.

JOURNEY with JESUS

Monday, May 16, 2022, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM *(Virtual Only)*

(SEE NOTICE WITH ZOOM LINK ON YOUR PARISH FACEBOOK SITE)

Join us for an inspiring evening when the following guest speakers will share from their faith journey.



DIANE SIMPKINS
MEMBER OF
ST. CHARLES PARISH



SISTER MARCIA HAGGINS
MEMBER OF
NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH



DEBRA FISSHAYE
MEMBER OF
ST. ELIZABETH PARISH

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On Mission to our Neighborhoods

Evangelization Training

Saturday, June 4, 1:30-4:00pm, Nativity Parish

Members of St. Charles Borromeo, Nativity of Our Lord, and St. Augustine St. Monica parishes are invited to come to be equipped to lead others to Jesus Christ.

Topics covered include: Sharing the Gospel, sharing testimony, praying with others, practical how-to's, being led by the Holy Spirit, follow-up and accompaniment. Presented by Genevieve Kocourek.



The afternoon will include about an hour of training and the opportunity to evangelize on home visits near Nativity parish (Be not afraid! First-timers will be paired up with more experienced evangelists.). Those who are not able to participate in the evangelization visits may stay back to pray for those going out.

Saturday, June 4, 1:30-4, Nativity Parish, 5900 McClellan (Gratiot&McClellan).

More information: Contact Genevieve Kocourek, St. Augustine St. Monica's at (313) 921-4107, or email sasmoutreach@gmail.com

Please help us out by signing up with your parish!

TAKE THE **MARY PLEDGE**



FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

PLEDGE - *“Blessed Mother Mary, I promise to honor you in a special way through my prayers and actions during the month of May.”*

CHOOSE YOUR WAY TO HONOR MARY:

PARISHES

- RECITE ONE “HAIL MARY” AT EVERY MASS
- PRAY A PARISH ROSARY
- HOLD A MAY CROWNING CEREMONY
- ORGANIZE A MARIAN PROCESSION
- SING MARIAN HYMNS DURING THE MONTH

INDIVIDUALS

- PRAY THE ROSARY: DAILY—WEEKLY--ONCE IN THE MONTH
- PRAY 3 HAIL MARYS EVERY DAY
- RECITE THE ANGELUS - 6AM, 12 NOON or 6PM
- GET A MIRACULOUS MEDAL or THE BROWN SCAPULAR
- BUY A ROSARY FOR YOURSELF or FOR SOMEONE ELSE
- DONATE FLOWERS FOR MARY’S ALTAR



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