

The Vigil

May 17, 2020

6th Sunday of Easter

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

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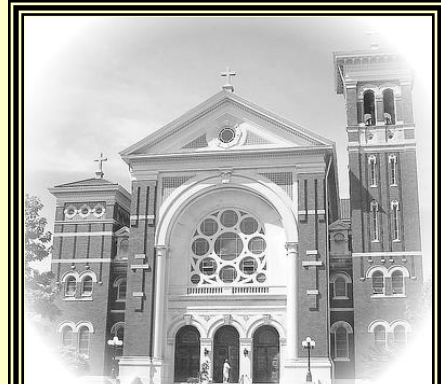
Wednesday 10:30am;

Sunday 8:15am AND 11:30am

Nativity:

Thursday 11am; Saturday 4pm;

Sunday 9:45am



Today's Readings

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
(*Reception of Holy Spirit*)

Psalm 66
(*Glorious Deeds*)

1 Peter 3:15-18
(*Life in the Spirit*)

John 14:15-21
(*Eternal Presence*)

Pastor's Pen



Sixth Sunday of Easter

As we realize this Sunday that we have been apart for two months now, let's stop to take stock of these weeks in quarantine. For some, it has been a time to rest a bit, renew our spirit and be with our family in a deeper way. For others, it has been more than enough parent time of being mother/father, teacher, negotiator, peacemaker, referee, arts and crafts teacher and all the jobs associated with being a parent in quarantine surrounded by the "angels." On a serious note, for some this has been the most difficult days in their lives. They have watched people they love fall ill to the virus. They have been unable to stay with them in the hospital and some have suffered the loss of ones they've loved without being able to say good-bye at the hospital or even give them a proper funeral. That is the heartbreak of this pandemic. For those who have suffered the deepest loss, our prayers are with you as you go through this most difficult moment.

For the rest of us, who may be bored and ready to move on, I ask us to consider what we have learned from this time. We may see it as just that "COVID-19 thing" that inconvenienced us for a while but really didn't cause us a lot of harm. Will we just go back to our lives as if we had a few snow days and continue with business as usual? If so, we will have missed the deeper lessons that may only come around with this force every 100 years. We are reminded by this pandemic that the smallest virus can uproot so many of us. We may think that we are invincible or invulnerable or in charge of our lives, but we are not. Our schedules, our meetings, our planners and all the ways we organize our lives to help us feel we are in control can be taken from us in a day, a week, or a month. How many of the 80,000+ folks who died from the virus had big plans for 2020? The grace of this moment is seen in the many acts of kindness and love shown to one another. I suspect that's what we're supposed to take from this time. The kindness and acts of love that we do today are the only things we really have control over. The rest is in God's hands. Maybe that's the greatest lesson we can learn from this pandemic. Look for the needs of our brothers and sisters, even before they ask and figure out what we can do. Whatever kindness we can do today, let's do it, and not put it off until tomorrow or next week or next month.

We have been through a sacred moment in these last months. It's a moment that may not occur for another century. May we learn from it and not squander the power of this moment.

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*

Steve Dearing
Pam Setla
Rene VanZaelen

Everyone affected by the
Coronavirus

Archbishop Vigneron's statement on Pope Francis' Global Rules for Reporting Abuse: "No One Above Civil or God's Law"

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 on May 9. **They go into effect June 1.** To learn more about the groundbreaking new church law, please go to detroitcatholic.com. 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.

Laudato Si

Pope Francis released his encyclical "Laudato Si" ("Praise be") 5 years ago this month. Pope Francis asks us to contemplate the beauty of the world, and reflect on our place in it, as a channel of God's love to all that lives, plant, animal, and human. Here is Pope Francis' prayer:

*Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love,
teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of you.*

*Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made.
Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.*

*God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love
for all the creatures of Earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.
Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the
sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the
weak, and care for this world in which we live.*

The poor and Earth are crying out.

*O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to
prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice,
peace, love and beauty.
Praise be to you! Amen.*

From "A Christian prayer in union with creation", Laudato Si, No. 246

Stewardship Minute: Cornerstones

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

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom on earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms as Christian Stewards. 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.

Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

(Adapted from [Vatican News](http://VaticanNews).)

Upcoming Events / Meetings

Get Out the Vote!

"In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" Pope Francis in Evangelii Gaudium.

Please let everyone you know who is of voting age: (1) REGISTER TO VOTE; (2) Anyone, no matter what their age or ability, can vote by mail now in Michigan. Visit the State of Michigan's website for information on **absentee ballots** and printable forms.

Moments, rest, meals, love, connections, gardens, songs, silence, stories: these are all things all of us can create as solid anchoring points during any and all storms, these and so many more wonderful expressions of Us. Take care of you!

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?

Rectory Hours: Mon-Thurs, 10a to 3p
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David Nadeau	Alonda Walker
Diane Simpkins	Paco Williams

May Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 17, 2020
Deceased Members of the Kelly Family

Wednesday, May 20, 2020
Norma Szczesny

Sunday, May 24, 2020
Carl Ayoub

Wednesday, May 27, 2020
Irene Seyboldt

Sunday, May 31, 2020
All of Our Loved Ones Who Have Died as a Result of the Corona Virus

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., May 18: Acts 16:11-15; Psalm 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A & 9B; John 15:26-16:4A

Tues., May 19: Acts 16:22-34; Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; John 16:5-11

Wed., May 20: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; John 16:12-15

Thurs., May 21: Acts 18:1-8; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 16:16-20

Fri., May 22: Acts 18:9-18; Psalm 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; John 16:20-23

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

Sun., May 24: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

**MAY THE LIGHT
YOU GIVE AND RECEIVE
STAY LIT DURING ALL
HARD WINDS.**

Cup a hand if you have to.

**Weekly Collection...WILL COME
WHEN WE RETURN!**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did You Know..? 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! Ready to go? Then follow these directions:

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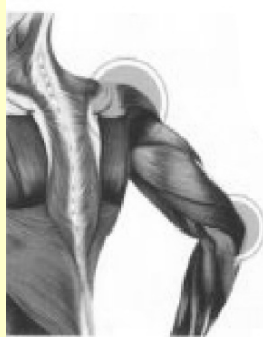
krogercommunityrewards.com

- Click "Enroll"
- Enter the required information
- Click Enroll
- On the next page, scroll to the bottom and click on "Community Rewards"
- Enter your contact information and click "Save"
- On the next page enter **QB361** or St. Charles Church and hit Enter
- Choose the correct organization; Click Enroll.
- 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.

You can now use your mobile device to make online contributions!

1. Go to <http://www.stcharlesdetroit.org>
2. Click on the blue link with three white lines in the right top corner, then click on "Donate"
3. Choose to Login or Create Account
4. Follow the directions on the screen to make your donation!

QUARANTINE CARE: Part of self-care is caring for others. Show your plants, carpet, car, spouse, children, pets, dirty mirror, garden, basement, books, toenails, body, mind, soul, ingredients that by rights should be a pie before the day is out, and/or teeth that haven't gotten a thorough brushing for longer than you're willing to admit... some love.



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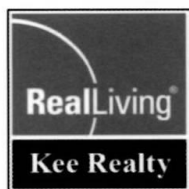
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Making a Report of Sexual Abuse

To inform the Archdiocese of Detroit regarding the sexual abuse of minors by priests, deacons and other Church personnel and/or to speak to the Victim Assistance Coordinator contact: **(866) 343-8055**. A caller will be requested to provide his or her name and telephone number. All calls regarding complaints of sexual abuse will be returned in a timely manner. This toll-free number has been established as part of an effort by the Detroit archdiocese to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. This line is for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within archdiocesan institutions and ministries only. Persons with such complaints are also encouraged to directly contact law enforcement authorities. The Archdiocese of Detroit stands with the brave survivors who seek to bring the crime of child sexual abuse by clergy and other Church representatives into the light, where those who sinned are confronted and those who were harmed can find healing. To those harmed by the actions and inaction of Church leaders: It is inexcusable, and we are sorry. **In an effort to consolidate our resources and respond to the faithful's questions about clergy sexual abuse, the Archdiocese of Detroit has created a new "mini" website at protect.aod.org.** This site highlights information about reporting abuse, victim assistance, investigations, training for clergy and lay employees and volunteers, and provides additional resources, including messages from Archbishop Vigneron. Our goal is to make this important information – already available on aod.org – more visible, transparent and clear.