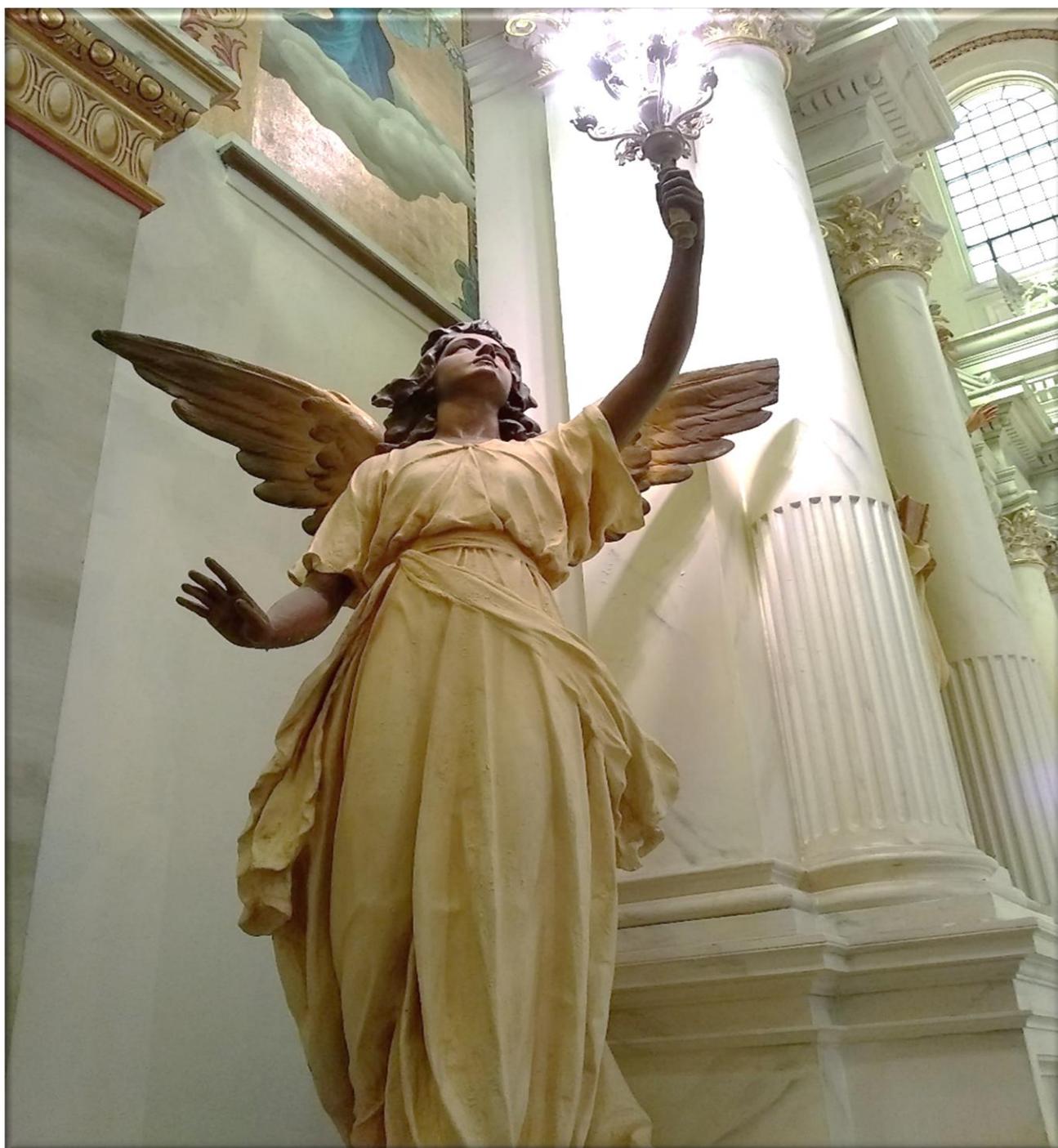


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**St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church**  
**THE VIGIL**

**Sunday, May 18, 2025**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year C)**

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Sunday Food for Your Soul

A Love We Can Understand

Glory.

We will hear about it in Sunday's [Gospel](#). God will be glorified and will glorify Jesus. But most of us admit that we do not understand what it means to “give glory” to God or to Jesus. Let's look.

**It is a small story, with no stadiums of people to give applause.**

The word glory has been defined as “very great praise, honor, or distinction bestowed by common consent.”

I was at a concert a number of years ago in which the audience gave unrestrained, wild approbation to three performers, all of it deserved. We thundered appreciation and shouted and whistled after every song in a two and a half hour concert. The performers were not much past twenty years old, but they had complete musical mastery. Half way through the concert I noticed that, without intending to, I had been smiling the whole time.

When at last they tried to close the concert, the audience threatened to mob them. One of the performers called out, “everyone deserves this experience! We are going to line up the whole audience and each of you gets to come up here and have everybody go crazy over you!”

Maybe so, but would we deserve it? Members of *Nickel Creek* (the group I have been speaking about) had written a song that might show the real meaning of glory. It is called “The Hand Song.”\* Here is the story.

A young boy breaks off some garden roses for his mother. Trouble is, she has been tending these roses with great care, and he has pulled them to pieces. The thorns dig into his hands as he brings his present to her. She lovingly extracts these thorny reminders of her roses,

and she knew it was love.  
It was one she could understand.  
He was showing his love  
and that's how he hurt his hands.

Some time later, held close on her lap, the boy listened to stories from the bible. He saw a picture of Jesus and cried out, Momma, he's got some scars just like me!

And he knew it was love.  
It was one he could understand.  
He was showing his love  
and that's how he hurt his hands.

Finally grown up, the young man was called by Uncle Sam. His “number” was drawn, and he threw himself in front of a friend to shield him from gunfire. He gave his life, a deed he had learned from the roses and the cross.

And they knew it was love.  
It was one they could understand.  
He was showing his love,  
and that's how he hurt his hands.

Did the boy/man earn “glory” in the usual sense of the word? He learned what love was and he gave it on the battlefield. It is a small story, with no stadiums of people to give applause.

And yet, isn't love the very essence of human life? Jesus says so in this Sunday's [Gospel](#):

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another.  
As I have loved you,  
so you also should love one another.

It is a love we can understand.

Jesus shows it without reserve on the cross. It hurts his hands, it takes his life. The beauty of the pain and death he undertook for others is filled with quiet glory.

Can we love each other in this way?  
We may hurt our hands.  
But we will be enclosed in his glory.

**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 18, 2025: National Jr. Honor Society of Our Lady of Martyrs; May 25, Memorial Day – No Meal; June 1, 2025 SPONSOR NEEDED; Hybe 8, 2025: Rita Smith and Friends**

**Nativity Pantry News:** We are so grateful for your continued support of the pantry. **This week, we need Cereal, Pork & Beans, and Snacks.**

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  
Guillerma 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 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 14: 21-27  
(Conversion of the Gentiles)

Psalm 145: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13  
(The Kingdom of God)

Revelation 21: 1-5a  
(God's Dwelling)

John 13: 34  
(Love Another)

John 13: 31-33a, 34-35  
(The New Commandment)

**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 19:** Acts 14: 5-18; Psalm 115: 1-2, 3-4, 15-16; John 14: 26; John 14: 21-26

**Tues., May 20:** Acts 14: 19-28; Psalm 145: 10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Luke 24: 46, 26; John 14: 27-31a

**Wed., May 21:** Acts 15: 1-6; Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; John 15: 4a, 5b; John 15: 1-8

**Thurs., May 22:** Acts 15: 7-21; Psalm 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 10; John 10: 27; John 15: 9-11

**Fri., May 23:** Acts 15: 22-31; Psalm 57: 8-9, 10 and 12; John 15: 15b; John 15: 12-17

**Sat., May 24:** Acts 16: 1-10; Psalm 100: 2, 3, 5; Colossians 3: 1; John 15: 18-21

**Sun., May 25:** Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29; Psalm 67: 2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23; John 14: 23; John 14: 23-29

### STEWARDSHIP MINUTE:

#### Stewardship Love

*"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 for **Stewards** – 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 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.

### COLLECTION INFO 05-11-2025

Collection \$1,470.58  
Online \$1,189.47

**TOTAL \$2,660.05**

**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](mailto: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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) (sponsor code: COTMB S) 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](http://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
				<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> <i>Mass in Rectory 11am</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i> 11:30am Mass  <i>Thom Mann Memorial &amp; Mass Mob with Desserts</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> <i>Blvd. Home Visits</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> <i>Mass in Rectory 11am</i>	<i>10</i> <i>Family of Parishes Meeting at Solamus Casey Center 1pm-4pm</i>
<i>11</i> Mother's Day  11:30am Mass  <i>NO Community Meal</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> <i>PGC Online 6pm</i>	<i>14</i> <i>PGC—St. Kieran, Shelby Twp. 6pm</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Mass in Rectory 11am</i>	<i>17</i> <i>PGC—The Basilica of Ste. Anne Detroit 9am</i>  <i>Diciploship Program 12pm-3pm</i>
<i>18</i> 11:30am Mass <i>Choir Rehearsal Religious Ed Class Community Meal State of Parish Up- date at end of mass</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> <i>Blvd. Home Visits</i>	<i>21</i> <i>PGC Online 6pm</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> <i>Mass in Rectory 11am</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i> 11:30am Mass  <i>NO Community Meal</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> <i>Mass in Rectory 11am</i>	<i>31</i>

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**YouTube:** [www.youtube.com/@st.charlesborromeodetroit](http://www.youtube.com/@st.charlesborromeodetroit)

**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](http://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.