
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
THE VIGIL

Sunday, May 18, 2025
5th Sunday of Easter (Year C)





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)

Psalms 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

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 <i>Mother's Day</i> 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.