

# The Vigil

**May 24, 2020**  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church**

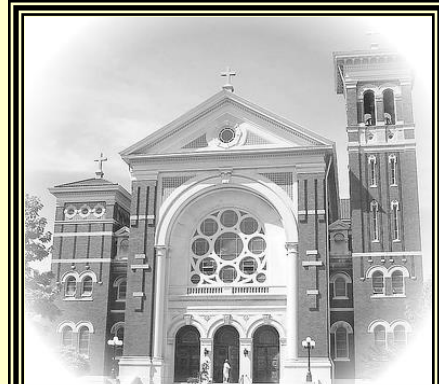
**Mass Times:**

**St. Charles:**

Wednesday 10:30am;  
Sunday 8:15am AND 11:30am

**Nativity:**

Thursday 11am; Saturday 4pm;  
Sunday 9:45am



## Today's Readings

Acts 1:1-11

*(Christ's Ascension)*

Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

*(Praise to the Lord)*

Ephesians 1:17-23

*(Glorification of Jesus)*

Matthew 28:16-20

*(Commission of the Apostles)*

**Pastor's Pen**



It is with great joy that we welcome to St. Charles our newest member, Michi Iliu Sawyer Lee. Michi is the daughter of Marcia Y Sawyer Lee and Ian Rei Sawyer Lee. Many of us remember the New Year's Eve Mass to celebrate the marriage of Marcia and Ian and now they have a beautiful daughter. This may be the first livestream baptism in the history of St. Charles or Nativity!! We are so grateful to welcome Michi to our community and pray that she experiences the power of Christ in the love of her family, in the goodness of this community and in the strength of faith and prayer she experiences when she is among us. May Michi always know how deeply she is loved by God by our love for her.

This will be a different kind of Memorial Day weekend. For most of us, there will be little traveling to families, no large barbecues or get-togethers. No, it will be a rather quiet day for most of us. Maybe, that is a good thing. Maybe it will give us a little time to remember sacrifices people have made to save others. We usually devote this holiday to our veterans and those who gave their lives fighting for freedom. They are heroes and deserve our praise and admiration. What seems to happen is that we forget, the sacrifices made and the holiday just becomes a time for food, family and some fun. This year is different, though. We have been through our own war these last months. We have seen victims fall from this terrible virus. And we have also seen tremendous heroes. I was thinking of the doctor in China who first blew the whistle on this virus and was silenced by the government. He later died from COVID 19. What courage it must have taken to stand up to a government who said he was lying. We have seen everyone from doctors and nurses, nursing assistants and EMTs, firefighters and police officers, grocery store workers and delivery people giving up their lives in this pandemic. As I think of young people going off to war, I often wonder how much they realized the terror and pain of what they were embarking on and how it may cost them their lives. Maybe today, we can take a few moments to call to mind in prayer all of those people who have faced the hell of war and pandemics and all kinds of battles and refused to run. On this feast of the Ascension when Christ promised to send the Spirit among us, may we cry out for that Spirit that led these heroes. They stood there firmly and did not let fear rule them but found that inner strength to keep going. May we thank God this Memorial Day for all of those heroes who have given up their lives so others might live. May they rest in peace.

***Next week our public Masses will be 9:30am at Nativity and 11:30am at St. Charles***

## 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 Van Zaelen  
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](http://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](http://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: Prayer**

"I am praying for them..." JOHN 17: 9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first and best option in any situation, not just the last resort.

Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.

## **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**  
St. Charles Borromeo  
1491 Baldwin St., Detroit, MI 48214  
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**St. Charles Web Site:**  
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### **Pastoral Team**

Brother Ray Stadmeyer OFM Cap., Pastor  
Joni Scott, Director of Religious Education  
Gayle Koyton, Boulevard Ministry

### **Council Members**

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| Steven Dearing | Linda Simpkins    |
| Rhonda Gilbert | Adrienne Strubank |
| Dan Hurley     | Gabrielle Taylor  |
| Joyce Hurley   | (youth rep.)      |
| David Nadeau   | Alonda Walker     |
| Diane Simpkins | Paco Williams     |

## May Mass Intentions

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 25:** Acts 19:1-8; Psalm 68:2-3ab, 4-5Ac, 6-7ab; John 16:29-33

**Tues., May 26:** Acts 20:17-27; Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21; John 17:1-11a

**Wed., May 27:** Acts 20:28-38; Psalm 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35BC-36ab; John 17:11b-19

**Thurs., May 28:** Acts 19:1-8; Psalm 68:2-3ab, 4-5ac, 6-7ab; John 16:29-33

**Fri., May 29:** Acts 25:13b-21; Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; John 21:15-19

**Sat., May 30:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Psalm 11:4, 5 & 7; John 21:20-25

**Sun., May 31:** Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3B-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

If you raise your voice  
Let it be in song.  
If you raise a fist  
Let it be in solidarity.  
If you turn up your nose  
Let it be against injustice.  
These things you must  
remember.

**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](http://krogercommunityrewards.com)

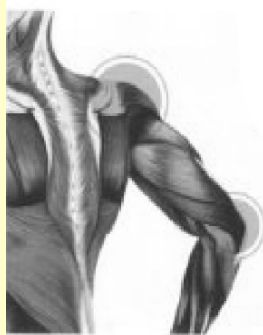
- Click "Enroll"
- Enter the required information
- Click Enroll
- On the next page, scroll to the bottom and click on "Community Rewards"
- Enter your contact information and click "Save"
- On the next page enter **QB361** or St. Charles Church and hit Enter
- Choose the correct organization; Click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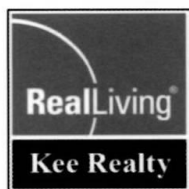
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## Making a Report of Sexual Abuse

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](http://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](http://aod.org) – more visible, transparent and clear.