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

**Sunday, May 25, 2025**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year C)**

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## Sunday Food for Your Soul

### Closer Away?

Your best friend is leaving town. There is no way to change things, it is certain. What do you do with your sorrow? This is the scene we find in the [Gospel](#) for the Sixth Sunday of Easter. Jesus is trying to comfort the disciples because he is moving not just to a different town, he is about to move away from the world and into the Father's arms.

### Christianity tells us that Word is the Holy Spirit.

Sounds like what we experience at a funeral. We are truly glad that our beloved no longer has the pains and shortages of this life. But what about us? We who are left behind do not get our burden lifted, we get more added to it. We are lonely for the one who has gone away.

Jesus dove into death and swam to the world's shore, but he could not stay on earth and be just like he was before. As he tells Mary Magdalene, he has to go to the Father. "If you loved me you would rejoice."

He had told the disciples something more, and it is puzzling. "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. I am going away and I will come back to you."

Going away but coming back? This is a strange formula, by which Jesus' absence will make him much, much closer to us than he was before.

How can this be?

It is hard to express in so few words, but of course your author will rush in. I cannot guarantee that it will not seem abstract, but let's give it a try.

(1) Start with the pre-Jesus world. God the Father had been with the people for all eons. The First Testament tells about this over and over.

Why is that not enough? Well, God the Father remained unknowable in very important ways. He told one of the prophets he would pass the mouth of the cave where that prophet was, but that the man must not look until God had gone past. (Really it says "you can only look upon my hindermost quarters.") To look directly upon God would destroy a human being (Exodus 33:20).

(2) To close this gap, God decides to tell the world everything about himself in a way it can understand. He speaks his very self to us, and he uses a Word that leaves nothing lacking. Humanity is the language, and Jesus is the Word spoken in that language. Now God can be known insofar as we know Jesus.

(3) Jesus dies, resurrects, and finally ascends to the Father from whom he came. Are we abandoned? No. Just as the Father had done, Jesus then spoke out his own very self in another Word that leaves nothing of himself unsaid.

Christianity tells us that this Word is the Holy Spirit. John's Gospel says it is a Word that is with God, and that *is* God.

It is the interior Spirit of a human being called Jesus, who is already the very interior Spirit of God. We are to be closer to Jesus and to the Father than the apostles were!

If you and I say yes to the Holy Spirit, we will know Jesus just as sheep knew the voice of their shepherd. In knowing him we will know the Father. We will be side by side with the closest presence of the God of love that is possible. We find Jesus in in the Great Sacrament, the Mass, in the people around us.

Was it too abstract? Well, it is the story of our very fleshly life with God. Let us put it into action.

John Foley, SJ  
Saint Louis University

**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 25, Memorial Day – No Meal; June 1, 2025: Torya and Eduardo; June 8, 2025: Rita Smith and Friends; June 15, 2025: Father's Day – NO MEAL; June 22, 2025: Secular Franciscans of St Clare; June 29, 2025: SPONSOR NEEDED**

**Nativity Pantry News:** We are so grateful for your continued support of the pantry. This week, **we need Vegetables, Mac & Cheese, and Tuna.**

Again, we thank you for all you do to help us.

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 Andreacovich  
Kathy Ayoub  
Mary Canaday  
Tammy Cherry  
Kyle Duker  
Doris Franklin  
Anna Grabowski  
Marian Harvey  
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 25, 2025**  
Thom Mann

**June 1, 2025**  
Carl and Georgine Ayoub  
Michael Ayoub  
Deceased members of the Rovano  
and Shook Family

**Sunday, June 8, 2025**  
Michael Goree

**Sunday June 15, 2025**  
All Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles,  
and Those Who Stand in For Fathers

**Sunday, June 22, 2025**  
Anthony Basta

**June 29, 2025**  
Rovano and Shook Families  
Carl Ayoub  
Michael Ayoub  
Fr. William Cunningham

## PRAYERS, READINGS, & FINANCE

### TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29  
(Settling a Dispute)

Psalm 67: 2-3, 5, 6 and 8  
(Praise of God)

Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23  
(The City of God)

John 14: 23  
(Divine Love)

John 14: 23-29  
(The Gift of Peace)

**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 26:** Acts 16: 11-15; Psalm 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b;  
John 15: 26b, 27a; John 15: 26 – 16: 4

**Tues., May 27:** Acts 16: 22-34; Psalm 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; John 16: 7, 13;  
John 16: 5-11

**Wed., May 28:** Acts 17: 15, 22 – 18: 1; Psalm 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14;  
John 14: 16; John 16: 12-15

**Thurs., May 29:** Acts 18: 1-8; Psalm 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 14: 18;  
John 16: 16-20

**Fri., May 30:** Acts 18: 9-18; Psalm 47: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 24: 46, 26;  
John 16: 20-23

**Sat., May 31:** Zephaniah 3: 14-18a; Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Luke 1: 45;  
Luke 1: 39-56

**Sun., June 01:** Acts 1: 1-11; Psalm 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Ephesians 1: 17-23;  
Matthew 28: 19a, 20b; Luke 24: 46-53

### STEWARDSHIP MINUTE:

#### Stewards Care

*"...Do not let your hearts be troubled or  
afraid." (JOHN 14:27)*

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. **Stewards** make God their first choice and not their last resort.

### COLLECTION INFO 05-18-2025

Collection	\$1,337.58
Online	\$1,942.00

**TOTAL      \$3,279.58**



## **ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO CHURCH**

1491 Baldwin Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48214

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### **Finance Committee Report May 18, 2025**

We need a church home to be able to gather together. Biblical tradition promotes tithing 10%, but most of us have charitable obligations beyond church, so church is a portion of our giving. Still, we must deal with the reality of paying for St. Charles. No one will pay the bills for us, we need to do this ourselves. God, however, will reward us for our generosity. "Do not rely on so uncertain thing as wealth, but rather on God, who richly provides us with all things for our enjoyment." 1 Timothy 6: 17 Jesus reminds us to keep our treasure in heaven where it is truly secure.

Through the first 8 months of the fiscal year, our church operating income is just under \$170,000. Expenses are \$221,000. We are running about \$1,000 short each week. We ask you to consider increasing your support. For those with a middle income, we hope you have a goal of at least \$100 each month. Those who are low income, we are happy to receive less, according to your ability to pay. If you are high income, we will need greater support, based on your ability, to cover our expenses. If you have not been making a contribution, please consider immediately making weekly contributions. If you miss a Sunday, please catch up. If you presently contribute, are you able to increase the amount?

We realize some of you have been generous with CSA. That has helped cover some of the deficit. However, most of the CSA money has been dedicated to church repairs that are in a category separate from our operating budget. We appreciate those who give to the CSA and encourage you to continue. We know that there are some who do not contribute much to the CSA or offertory collection, and we hope that you will reconsider.

We are very careful about how we spend money. No one is getting rich off St. Charles. We are appreciative that we have been able to keep afloat due to the generous gifts of many people. We are in a church environment where the Archdiocese of Detroit is in financial trouble and parishes that are not self-supporting will be closed. Our house is like your house and needs to pay the bills. We had been in a strong financial position and need to get back to it. The last 2 years we have been able to do over \$250,000 of emergency and critical repairs; helped by people in the parish and from the outside. We are here today because we were able to meet the challenge for a new heating system and exterior repairs. We have met our challenges in the past. With your help and God's blessing we can continue to thrive for many years to come.

## **Parish Nurse News and Notes**

### **Turning Awareness into Action for Mental Health**

Dear Church Family,

May is recognized nationally as Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to acknowledge the importance of mental well-being and to take proactive steps toward fostering a healthier, more compassionate community. This year's theme, "Turn Awareness into Action," encourages us not only to recognize mental health challenges but also to actively support those affected and to implement strategies that promote mental wellness.

Mental health conditions, such as anxiety and depression, affect millions of individuals across the country. Despite increased awareness, stigma and lack of access to care remain significant barriers. By educating ourselves and others, we can create an environment where individuals feel safe to seek help and support. Resources like the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) offer toolkits and information to guide communities in these efforts.

In our own community, we can take meaningful actions:

- **Engage in Open Conversations:** Encourage discussions about mental health to reduce stigma and promote understanding. National Council for Mental Wellbeing+1SAMHSA+1
- **Support Local Initiatives:** Participate in or volunteer for programs that provide mental health services and education.
- **Promote Self-Care:** Advocate for practices that enhance mental well-being, such as regular exercise, adequate sleep, and mindfulness activities.

As a faith-based community, we are uniquely positioned to offer compassion and support to those struggling with mental health issues.

Let us commit to turning our awareness into tangible actions that uplift and heal.

In Christ's Love,

Mary Catherine Wright,  
Parish Nurse

# St. Charles Borromeo Church

## Parish Office News

WE WILL BE

**CLOSED** *for*



**MEMORIAL DAY**

**REMEMBER AND HONOR**

**MONDAY, MAY 26 2025**



May 14, 2025

Dear Parishioners of St. Charles Borromeo,

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your warm reception and the opportunity to present and explain the vision and mission of St Clare of Montefalco Catholic School during the masses throughout the month of March. Your hospitality, kindness, and openness have been truly encouraging.

The collaboration between St Clare and the five Lower Eastside Family of Parishes in providing bus transportation for your children to attend St Clare is a testament to our shared commitment to fostering a nurturing and faith-filled educational environment. We are excited to welcome your children and to witness the growth and development that will come from this wonderful partnership.

As we continue to celebrate the joyous season of Easter, let us remember the sacrifice and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, which brings hope and renewal to our lives. May this Easter season fill your hearts with peace, love, and the blessings of new beginnings.

Thank you, once again, for your support and collaboration. We look forward to a fruitful and blessed journey together.

Sincerely,

Sarah Hensien

Principal, St. Clare Catholic School



# 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**

## Urban Parish Retreat



### Hope Does Not Disappoint

This weekend retreat in the tradition of St. Ignatius welcomes men and women from parishes in the metro Detroit area. Your time with us includes daily presentations and time on your own to pray, reflect and hear what God may be saying to you through the silence. Walk the nature trail or sit among the trees and gardens. Surrender to the solitude of your own room and enjoy delicious meals with others. Gain insight to help you grow in your relationship with God and one another. Leave refreshed and renewed in body, soul and spirit.

**Retreat Team:**

Fr. Robert Scullin, SJ who is a member of Manresa's Ministry Team, Allen Jones, Clarisa Piecuch, Joni Scott and Joyce Shelton

**Friday-Sunday  
June 27-29, 2025**

Arrive any time after 4:30 PM on  
Friday, with dinner at 6:00 PM.  
Retreat concludes Sunday after a later  
morning Mass.

**Retreat Cost:** Suggested donation of  
\$325. A non-refundable, non-transferable  
deposit of \$50 is due at registration.

To register, go to  
[manresa-sj.org/062725-mw](https://manresa-sj.org/062725-mw)  
or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.





## **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](https://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](https://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 &amp; 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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**Facebook:** St. Charles Borromeo Parish - Detroit MI

**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

Edward Cotton – Mission Support Director

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.