

The Vigil

May 31, 2020
Pentecost Sunday

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

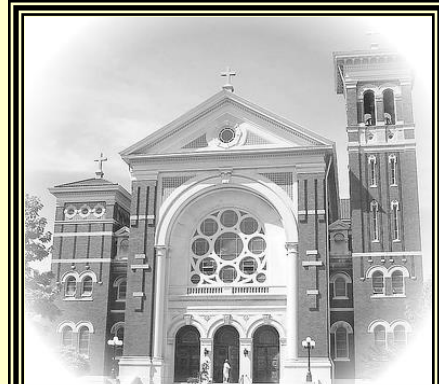
Mass Times:

St. Charles:

Wednesday Mass suspended
Sunday 11:30am

Nativity:

Thursday Mass suspended
Sunday 9:30am



Today's Readings

Acts 2:1-11
(Coming of the Spirit)

Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
(Renewal by the Spirit)

1 Corinthians 12:3B-7, 12-13
(Grace of the Spirit)

John 20:19-23
(Christ Imparts the Spirit)

Pastor's Pen



To those who have come to our first public Masses today, ***“Welcome Back.”*** Please know how good it is to see everyone. I have missed all of you. To those who are watching from bed, we miss you but are very glad you are being cautious and safe. As some of us return from being in our “upper rooms” for the last eleven weeks, we come to celebrate the feast of Pentecost. Just as the Spirit blew through that upper room and moved the disciples to go out to the people, so the Spirit comes to us today to renew us, enflame us with passion for the gospel and give us the gifts to be bold disciples in the world.

These last three months have been a time we have never seen before. I don't ever remember the church closing for any reason in my lifetime. There were heavy snows and power outages, but we kept the doors open and those who could venture out made it to Mass. During this Pandemic, we have been quarantined and homeschooling and working from home. Our routines have been displaced with new ways of going through our days. For some, it has been a welcome relief from the busyness of life while for others it has been sheer torture and loneliness. Wherever this Pandemic has taken us, the Spirit has been accompanying us on this journey. For some, these last months have seen loved ones ravaged by this disease and taken from them. It was there that the Spirit was the Comforter. It was that Spirit that inspired friends and neighbors, and maybe people you didn't even know, to rally around you with compassion and let you know you were not alone. For some who have had to be full time work at home employee, mom or dad and teacher, the days may have been filled with weariness and lack of patience. It was there that the Spirit gave you perseverance and allowed yourself to see the comical moments and be able to laugh with your children and spouse! For some, the Spirit has been there to give you the patience and gift of understanding to listen to a friend or relative who is afraid. For some, the Spirit has given you the ability to reverence the day. Maybe, as you have had a break from your daily routine, the Spirit has revealed the Divine in the beauty of a sunset or the stars shining brightly on a cloudless night. Whatever you've experienced these last months should not just be yours, they are to be shared. What have you learned as the Spirit blew through your life in these last months? What life lessons have you learned? Generations after us will be talking about the COVID 19 Pandemic. I would hope we would have more to say than how to quarantine. The Spirit is teaching us these days. What have we learned? I hope in the weeks to come we can learn from each other how the Spirit has blown through our lives during this sacred moment. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful!

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
Mother Earth

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: Holy Spirit

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."
1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

For Stewards to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, we must open our hearts and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.

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.)

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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May Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 31, 2020

**All of Our Loved Ones Who Have
Died as a Result
of the Corona Virus**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., June 01: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 87:1-2, 3 AND 5, 6-7; John 19:25-34

Tues., June 02: 2 Peter 3:12-15A, 17-18; Psalm 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 & 16; Mark 12:13-17

Wed., June 03: 2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12; Psalm 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef; Mark 12:18-27

Thurs., June 04: 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14; Mark 12:28-34

Fri., June 05: 2 Timothy 3:10-17; Psalm 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168; Mark 12:35-37

Sat., June 06: 2 Timothy 4:1-8; Psalm 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22; Mark 12:38-44

Sun., June 07: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

Compassion for the sufferer does not marry well with tolerance of the abuser. Find a way to right the wrongs (and we all know what's wrong in life). We know it because we know to look away from it, or excuse it, or—so sadly—commit it. We know in our souls what is right and what is wrong. Find your strength; marry your compassion with your will. People are counting on you.

**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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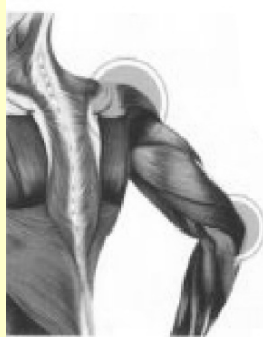
krogercommunityrewards.com

- 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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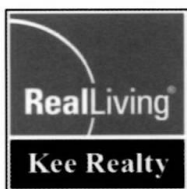
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Making a Report of Sexual Abuse

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.