

The Vigil

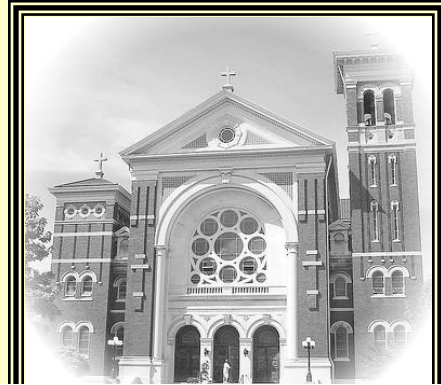
July 19, 2020
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Mass Times:
(revised for Corona Virus accommodations)

St. Charles:
Sunday 11:30am

Nativity:
Sunday 9:30am



Today's Readings

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
(*God's Mercy*)

Psalms 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
(*Kindness and Fidelity*)

Romans 8:26-27
(*Intercession of the Spirit*)

Matthew 13:24-43
(*Parable of the Weeds*)

Pastor's Pen



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the midst of these hard times and very, hot days, it's good, once in a while, to sit back, sip a cool drink and remember the wonder of God's love even in the difficult days. We had two weddings at St. Charles in the last three weeks. I suspect these couples will be telling their children that they were married during a pandemic when everyone had to wear a mask and be, at least, 6 feet apart from each other, and all the things that make up these days. Both couples had the same idea of how their weddings were going to be. Both expected many more guests and a lively reception with food, dancing, and lots of fun. It didn't quite work out that way and both have decided that being married was more important than a large wedding. I have been impressed by how well they adapted to this "new normal." They were able to separate the frivolous part of the wedding details from the joy of just being in love with their partner and getting excited about how their new lives will be. One said, "we will be able to concentrate more on the spiritual part of the marriage rather than all the details which we would have forgotten by next year, anyway." In the midst of the pandemic and the cry for equality for all people, these 4 people stand in the midst of fear, anxiety, anger, grief and, at times, a deep sadness for our world, and shout out that love conquers hate, that goodness prevails over selfishness and greed, that laying down one's life for a friend is the ultimate love and that there is an innate goodness in each of us that needs to be discovered and given back to the world.

The other moment that happened this week was on Friday. While getting things ready for the rehearsal, I opened the front doors of the church to try and get that small breeze in to bring the temperature down to 86 in the church! As I was moving some chairs, I heard a "hello" and saw our neighbor, Matt, with Belle, one of his twin girls. Belle had awoken from her nap and was a bit testy, so Matt decided to take a walk and came into the opened church. Belle was mesmerized by the fans and the lights and Matt just held her so gently and lovingly. He was the strong, tender father and it was inspiring to see. Again, these girls are spending their first year of life in the midst of an epidemic that we haven't seen in 100 years, but they are safe in their mother's and father's arms. And maybe that's our call on these hot, unpredictable and, often, scary days. We are called to love more deeply, be a comfort to those who are afraid, strength for those who are weak and hope for those who feel overwhelmed by life. Go spread some light and goodness this week! Be about kindness, joy, and goodness. Be Christ!!

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*

Everyone affected by the
Coronavirus.

Many hearts on 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.

RAISE YOUR VOICES

An Urgent Plea from Br. Michael Sullivan

As followers of St. Francis of Assisi, the friars of the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph strongly decry the killing of George Floyd. This violent act serves as a reminder not just of injustice in the present day, but of a 400-year history of white supremacy in the United States. We also object to the use of force, and the threat of military force in particular, against peaceful, unarmed citizens exercising their constitutionally-guaranteed right to freedom of assembly. All of this is fundamentally unjust, and it must end.

As Capuchin friars of the Province of St. Joseph, our work has long focused on racial justice. Our Capuchin brother, Servant of God Stephen Eckert, who ministered in Milwaukee in the early 20th century, was--and is--a model for us today on working for justice and equality. Today that work is continued by friars and partners in ministry throughout our province as we seek to prayerfully build sister-brotherhood in the world.

Together with people of goodwill around the nation, we unite in prayer and call for action in the pursuit of truth, reconciliation, and reparation for the sin of racism. So let us pray together, asking the intercession of Stephen Eckert, for an end to racial injustice. And let us encounter one another, appreciate one another, and accompany the oppressed in our communities. Together we can fight for a more just society. We do this remembering Our Savior's commandment to "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (*John 13:34-35*)

In sister-brotherhood, I wish you peace and all good.

Br. Michael Sullivan, OFM Cap.

Stewardship Minute:

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." (Matthew 13:24, 37-38)

As children of God, we are all "good seeds." We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others, and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

A lot of people say they want diversity, but they seem unready to experience it. The wonderful world is full of scents, flavors, sights, sounds, and peoples. It'd be a shame letting such excellence go to waste. Live to be a part of, not apart from, the truth of Life!

The Archdiocese of Detroit has been made aware that an organization located in southeast Michigan has published racist and derogatory language in reference to Archbishop of Washington D.C. Wilton D. Gregory. The organization in question is not affiliated with or endorsed by the Archdiocese of Detroit.

The following is a response from Archbishop Vigneron:

"Racist and derogatory speech wrongfully diminishes the God-given dignity of others. It is not in accord with the teachings of Christ. As our nation continues its important conversation on racism, it is my hope that the faithful will turn from this and all other acts or attitudes which deny the inherent dignity shared by all people."

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.

**AS THINGS
S L O W L Y
REOPEN
PLEASE CONTINUE TO
BE SAFE, UN-SELFISH,
SMART, AND
REASONABLE.
(and kind. always that.)**

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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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., July 20 Micah 6:1-4, 6-8;
Psalm 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23;
Psalm 95:8; Matthew 12:38-42

Tues., July 21: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20;
Psalm 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8;
Matthew 12:46-50

Wed., July 22: Songs of Solomon
3:1-4b; Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9;
John 20:1-2, 11-18

Thurs., July 23: Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19;
Psalm 102:13-14ab & 15, 16-18, 19-21;
Matthew 11:28-30

Fri., July 24: Jeremiah 3:14-17;
Psalm Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd,
13; Matthew 13:18-23

Sat., July 25: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15;
Psalm 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6;
Matthew 20:20-28

Sun., July 26: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12;
Psalms 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128,
129-130; Matthew 11:25; Matthew
13:44-52

THINGS to DO

Fight the power

Hold folks accountable

Seek knowledge

**Put yourself in a different mental
state from time to time**

Drink plenty of water

Breathe

Breathe again

Try to sleep

Dream well

Peace inward and out

Weekly Collection

June 21, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 465.00
Loose	\$ 170.00
Maintenance	\$ 50.00
TOTAL	\$ 685.00

June 28, 2020

Envelopes	\$4,075.00
Loose	\$ 198.00
TOTAL	\$4,273.00

July 5, 2020

Envelopes	\$1,440.00
Loose	\$ 220.00
Maintenance	\$ 35.00
TOTAL	\$1,685.00

July 12, 2020

Envelopes	\$1,179.00
Loose	\$ 80.00
Maintenance	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$1,279.00

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

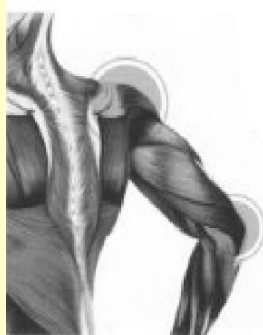
Did You Know..? One of the longest running fund raisers for St. Charles is participating in the Kroger Community Rewards program? You can support this fund raiser by registering your Kroger Loyalty card and shop as usual. The best part???? It doesn't cost you anything extra! Ready to go? Then follow these directions:

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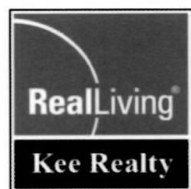
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Making a Report of Sexual Abuse

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.